



Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Newsletter 5

Happy New Year!

Dear parents and carers,

Happy new year and welcome back to the new term at Christ Church! Thank you very much from all members of staff for the very kind Christmas cards and gifts at the end of last term.

We have lots planned for the term ahead, including a busy PSHE week in February focused on Keeping Healthy and Safe (details below), a Tech week in March and lots of dancing for our Arts Project this term (more details to come later in the term). There are plenty of dates for this term, including class assemblies and parent workshops, included below – please have a look and add them to your diaries.

We are running our annual online parent survey for the next two weeks; please use the link below to give us your views before 20th January. Parents' views are really important to us, both in this annual survey and more informally - you are always very welcome to find me in the playgrounds at the beginning or end of the day or make an appointment to talk to me about any aspect of the school.

With very best wishes for 2020,

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Annual parent survey

Please use this link to take part in the annual parent survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChristChurchparentsurvey2020>

Your views are really important to us. There are 16 questions and it will only take you a few minutes to complete. The questions are based very closely on the Ofsted Parent View questions which parents would be asked to complete if we were notified we were being inspected. The survey will be open until midday on 20th January.

Children's views are even more important to us and last term we started a termly 'children's voice' session where a third of the school at a time talked to teachers about different aspects of the school. We have already made changes because of the responses children gave, for example, to our teaching in English and to our clubs offer.

Christmas charities – thank you!

Thank you very much for your generous donations at the end of last term to our Christmas Charities. We collected donations at our Nativity, Christmas Jumper Day and Carol Singing and raised just over £1000 to split between World Vision, Great Ormond Street Hospital and Toilet Twinning. Wow! Thank you very much.



Punctuality and the beginning of the day

Thank you very much to everyone for their efforts in making the start of the day run smoothly - this has made a real difference to Year 3 and Year 4 in particular in keeping the hall clearer in the mornings.

Please make it your new year's resolution to make sure your child is in the playground and ready to line up at 8.50am. Thank you!

Welcome!

A warm welcome to Luca who has joined our Year 3 class.

Spring term class assemblies – all at 10am in the school hall

Fri 17th January – Y6 class assembly

Fri 24th January-Y4 class assembly

Fri 31st January-Y3 class assembly

Weds 12th February–Y2 class assembly

Fri 14th February – Y1 class assembly

Weds 18th March – Y5 class assembly

Fri 20th March – Rec class assembly

Parent workshops

We are holding three whole school parent workshops this term, linked to our particular curriculum weeks.

In our PSHE week, focused on keeping healthy and safe, Ms Miller will run a workshop on the **importance of sleep for growing children:**

Monday 3rd February, 9-9.45am

There will also be a **basic First Aid workshop for parents**

Tuesday 4th February, 3.30 – 4.30pm.

We will look after children who are not in a club while parents take part. There are limited places and there will be a signing up sheet nearer the time.

In our Tech week, E-safety experts from the Camden City Learning Centre (CLC) will run an **online safety workshop for parents**

Wednesday 4th March, 9-10am

Parents from all classes are very welcome to attend any of these workshops this term.

Keeping Healthy and Safe week - 3rd- 7th February

Our PSHE week for the Spring term focuses on learning how to keep healthy and safe. Miss Innes, our PSHE leader, has planned a very busy week of workshops and visits, to support the learning which will be taking place in all classes that week.

Over the week we will have visits from

- The Canal and River Association talking about water safety
- The Fire Brigade
- St John's Ambulance for first aid training
- Parents who are doctors teaching about safety with medicines
- The Dogs Trust talking about how to be safe around dogs
- Camden's travel team teaching scooter safety and pedestrian safety
- Cook School running healthy cooking workshops, and
- A-life who run workshops for schools on drug awareness and healthy lifestyles

Classes will also be going out on visits to the kitchen at Fitzjohn's Primary School for more cooking opportunities.

To promote the importance of exercise as part of a healthy lifestyle we will also be holding 'wake and shake' in the junior playground every day during the week – please come and join in!

At the end of the PSHE week look out for a folder of work and information coming home with your child. Keeping healthy and safe is such an important topic we really want the messages from the children's learning in school over the week to be shared with parents and family at home. Once you get the folder home, please do take some time to look at your child's work and talk about what they have learned.

Information and reminders

Just in case of snow....

If there is snowy weather over the coming weeks, please assume the school is open as usual – we do not often close! In the very unlikely event that we did have to close, we would put a message on the front page of the school website at around 7.30am and also pass a message to the Friends reps and via classlist. We would only close if we didn't have enough adults able to get to school to safely look after the children or if we couldn't safely access the site. Let's hope it doesn't happen!

SIAMS inspection report

Our SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection report was published and sent out to parents in December. In case you missed it, it is now on our website: <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/home-page/inspection-reports/>

We were very proud to be graded as 'excellent' in all areas.

New End Healthy School Street scheme and please turn off your engines!

The trial of the traffic restrictions around New End School is scheduled to start from the beginning of January. Please pay careful attention to new street signs and restrictions on access and parking.

We continue to encourage as many children as possible to walk to school or to travel in other sustainable and healthy ways – children are very keen to collect each month's walk to school badge! If you are waiting outside school in your car – please turn your engine off! It is causing lots of unnecessary pollution. Thank you.

Website updates

We are frequently updating our website with photos and information about our news and events. Have a look at what we did in the Autumn term!

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/events-autumn-2019/>

We also have a lot of information about our curriculum on our website:

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/key-information/curriculum-subjects/> and

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/key-information/curriculum/>

Attendance

Well done to the 49 children who received 100% attendance certificates for the Autumn term. The whole school's attendance for the Autumn term was 96.7% – this is good so far, please help us to keep this up over the next two terms!



Dates

January

Monday 6th – back to school

Monday 13th – after school clubs start

February

Sunday 2nd, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing

Monday 3rd – Friday 7th – PSHE week: keeping healthy and safe

Wake and shake every day this week

Friday 7th, eve – Friends Disco tbc

Week beginning 10th February – KS2 times tables challenge this week

Monday 17th – Friday 21st – Half term

Week beginning 24th February – KS2 spelling challenge this week

March

Sunday 1st, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th – Tech week, including digital citizenship and online safety

Tuesday 10th, pm and eve – Camden Music Festival at the Royal Albert Hall – children in the choir who are taking part have not been confirmed yet

Friday 13th – Dressing up for World Book Day and Friends second hand book sale (we know this isn't on quite the right world book day date!)

Saturday 14th, eve – Friends Around the World International event – tbc

Tuesday 17th, 9.50am – Music assembly

Monday 23rd – Friday 27th – last after school clubs this week

Friday 27th, pm – Arts Project sharing event for parents – more details to come

April

Wednesday 1st, 3.45 – 7.30pm – Parents evening

Thursday 2nd, 3.45 – 6.00pm – Parents evening

Sunday 5th, 11am – Children in church, school choir singing, Palm Sunday

Thursday 9th, 11.15am – Easter Service in Church, all welcome

Thursday 9th, midday – all children go home for Easter holidays

Monday 27th April - all children back to school for the summer term