



Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Newsletter 11

Welcome back to school!



Dear parents and carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome back all the classes to school over the last month!

Thank you very much to all the staff team who have been so flexible, professional and committed, showing real dedication to getting children back to school by helping with the preparations in half term, taking on new tasks and roles, including a lot of daily cleaning and changing their usual working times and days and their own childcare arrangements in order to make this work.

It has been fabulous to see the smiles on the faces of the children, the staff and the parents as each class has come back in to school and it has been great to see the children getting quickly back into routines and learning in the classrooms and enjoying being with their friends again in the playgrounds. For those few children and families still at home, I hope our more limited home learning tasks and the information about what has been covered in school is supporting you to keep going with learning at home and we are all looking forward to seeing you in September!

I know that we all really hope we can get back to normal by September, but I am awaiting the latest updated guidance from the government about how schools can operate, before I can confirm our plans.

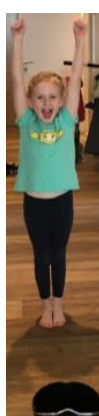
With many thanks to all parents for their support of the return to school,

Best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Staff news

We all send our best wishes to Mrs Manning-Bennett, whose maternity leave has just started. Thank you to Mrs Manning-Bennett for all her hard work with Year 5 home learning over the past few months - they can't wait for you to come to visit!

Good luck and thank you to our teaching assistant, Miss Jones, who will take up a teacher training position in a school in Muswell Hill next year – thank you to Miss Jones for all her hard work in Reception and other years groups over the past two years.



Sports day at school and at home – success for Du Maurier house!

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff at home and at school for joining in with our sports day last month. We picked a very rainy day but, judging from the photographs, everyone still managed to have a lot of fun! Well done to Du Maurier house (yellow) for collecting the most points and thank you to Mr Hollings and Mr Spadaccini for organising.



Secondary school destinations

Just as in previous years, we are sharing the secondary school destinations of our Year 6 leavers. **Good luck to all of Year 6 as they move on at the end of term!**

- Bea – St Michael's Catholic Grammar School
- Matteo – UCS
- Paolo – UCS
- Tish – UCL Academy
- Yugvir – Highgate
- Caterina - St Michael's Catholic Grammar School
- Enrico – Northbridge House
- Tara – St Marylebone
- Elika – Channing
- James – UCS
- Pablo – Alexandra Park School
- Seb – Highgate
- Pietro – Oslo International School
- Daniel – Wyomondham College
- Roman – Northbridge House
- Peter – St Anthony's
- Beckett – Portland Place
- Lucia – Channing
- Nicolas – Christs College, Finchley
- Violet – Weald of Kent Grammar School
- Paul – UCS
- Connor – The Gresham School, Holt
- Oliver – Knightsbridge School
- Bella – Belmont
- Neve – South Hampstead
- Elianah – Greycoat School

Summer reading challenge

**SUMMER
READING
CHALLENGE**

Local libraries and the Reading Agency are still running the summer reading challenge this year, even if they are closed. Children can join up online and borrow and read e-books through the



summer to reach their goal and collect their certificate.

This year's challenge is themed around the Silly Squad and is all about celebrating fun, happiness and laughter in books. Join up at <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> and get reading!

Science challenge

Well done to all the children in Years 4, 5 and 6 who carried out such amazing investigations at home for the Francis Crick Institute science challenge last month. Children investigated and researched sound proofing, pH levels and car designs and their reports and presentations were impressively professional and highly scientific. You can see more information and some examples of the children's work on the home learning page of the website: <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/home-learning/>



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Writing competition

Children in all classes have just completed their entries for our annual writing competition (in school or at home) and we will be announcing the winners this week. There have been some amazingly creative entries from children of all ages and an enormous effort has been made by everyone to present their stories brilliantly – well done!

Welcoming next year's Reception class

It was lovely to be able to welcome some of the new Reception class and their families last month, albeit on a rainy Saturday morning! We will be arranging the mini induction visits for siblings of current pupils before the end of term, too.



Friends 50km challenge – thank you!

Thank you to all families who have taken part in the Friends 50km challenge so far and thank you for **all** the generous donations the school and the Friends have received in the last few months. You can still donate via the Friends link on the website if you have completed the 50km challenge. Thank you to Charlotte and Isabel for keeping the Friends fundraising going so impressively over the past few months.



Cooking classes with Miss Willmer!

A message from Miss Willmer:

I had the pleasure of teaching at Christ Church School in Reception and Year 1 but left in 2016 when I had my second son. I hope you're all well!

Since then, I've moved to Devon, had another little one and started Time to Cook: online cookery classes for children. I run these classes with my mum,

Rosemary, who is an amazing cook and keen gardener! We run two online Clubs, the Time to Cook Club for children aged 2-6 years and the Time to Cook Club Juniors for children aged 7 years and upwards! We're also starting the Time to Cook Academy for adults in August!

Entry to the Club works on a calendar basis but you only need to sign up a month at a time. It costs £10 a month and you'll get access to a private members' area of our website. Two new recipes and two online class videos will get uploaded every week. The videos will be pre-recorded so you'll be able to enjoy them whenever you're free and to watch them as many times as you like! We post the ingredients lists in advance so you'll have plenty of time to source them!

We'll also give you access to a private Time to Cook Facebook group where you can post pictures of your child's bakes, ask any questions and meet parents with similar baking interests!

Here's a link to our brand new website! If you have any questions, please get in touch! www.timetocook.uk

Dates

July

w/b Mon 6th – annual reports emailed home to parents
Weds 8th – letter home to parents re classes and staffing for 2020/21

Friday 17th – last day of Summer term – morning and afternoon groups will operate

September

Thursday 3rd – First day of Autumn term for Years 1-6

Monday 7th – New Reception class starts – half days

All dates and arrangements for the Autumn term are still to be confirmed

Information and

reminders

School policies

These school policies have recently been reviewed by staff and governors:

- Health and Safety
- Positive Behaviour and Anti-bullying
- Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time
- Teaching, Learning and Assessment
- Provision for more able children
- SEN information report
- Relationships Education, including a Statement on our provision for Sex Education

Our Relationships Education Policy sets out our teaching for the new statutory relationships education which was due to become statutory in September, but has now been delayed until later in the year. The policy is based on the model developed by schools across Camden and also sets out our provision for Sex Education. As usual, we will invite parents to come to a parent workshop about this policy, our teaching in this area and how you can support this at home, before we teach any of this content.

You can find all policies on the school website or you can ask for a paper copy from the school office.