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Newsletter 10

Home learning highlights



Dear parents and carers,

As I write this, although we have our plans in place, it is still not quite certain whether we will be able to welcome some of our classes back to school in the coming half term. I hope we can, whilst making it as safe as possible for children and staff. For some classes, though, it is clear that our home learning will continue for at least a little while longer.

I want to use this newsletter to share some of the recent highlights of our home learning as well as some of our plans for this half term – whether at home or at school.

With very best wishes to all families and many thanks for your support of all our activities at home,

Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Whole school art project

Miss Foster's whole school art activity has been a great success so far – thank you to Miss Foster for her brilliant idea! Each child and adult in the school has created a paper 'cube' at home with illustrations representing our school vision and values. We will cut out and join all the pieces to create one enormous artwork once we are all back at school. It will become a permanent reminder of how our school community stayed together and our school values remained important in these different times.



Friends 50km challenge

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. There have been lots of imaginative ways that families have been covering the 50km challenge – by foot, bike or scooter and doing laps in local streets or on the Heath, round your gardens or in on big journey. Remember that the first £5000 raised by the Friends will be matched by a generous donation to the school so your donation will be doubled!



Dates

June

Mon 1st – second half of summer term starts, first home learning activities set for all classes

w/b 1st – possible return to school for groups in Rec/Y1/Y6 this week - to be confirmed

Friday 19th – INSET day – no children in school (except critical worker group), no home learning set – this INSET day was set at the beginning of the year and will be used for whole staff remote training

July

w/b Mon 6th – annual reports sent 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

Eligibility for Free School

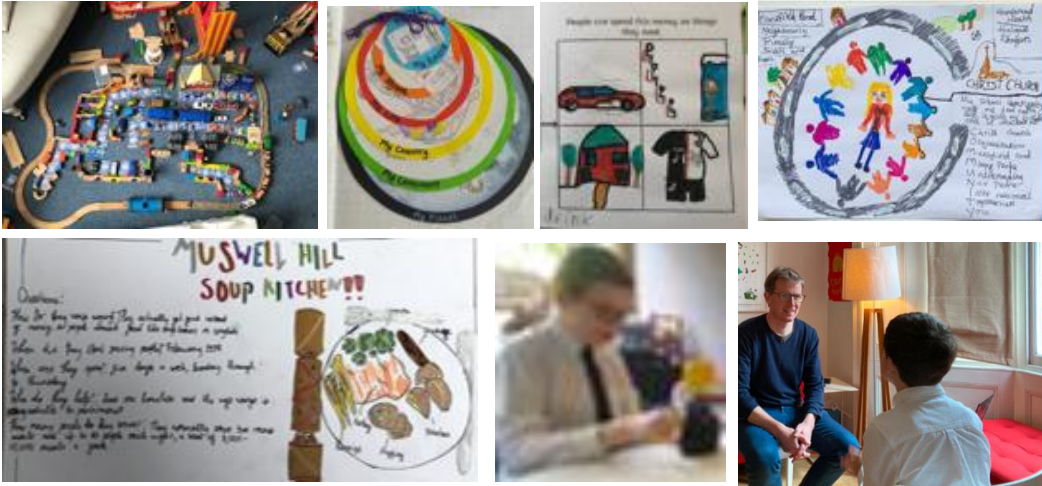
Meals – have your circumstances changed?

Families whose children are eligible for free school meals (due to income levels, not the universal infant free school meals) continue to receive support while schools are closed, in the form of weekly e-vouchers for food shopping. New applications for free school meals can also still be made. If your circumstances have changed, for example if you are now claiming benefits of some kind, please contact the school office by email and Mrs Connock will be able to explain how to apply.

PSHE week – Living in the wider world

One week of our home learning last half term was dedicated across the school to our PSHE work about being a good citizen and learning how to live in the wider world. Highlights from each class included

- Reception class creating their own communities,
- Year 1's beautiful community necklaces,
- Year 2 thinking about where money comes from and what we need it for,
- Year 3 using lots of imaginative ways to represent all the groups they are part of,
- Year 4 researching human rights and local charities,
- Year 5 learning about how the UK Parliament works and
- Year 6 thinking about careers and even taking part in mock interviews at home!



Lots of classes also took the opportunity to take part in well-being activities including mindful colouring, yoga and creating jars filled with things they were looking forward to. Some classes also took the opportunity to thank others in our community with letters and notes to our postmen and women, refuse collectors, NHS staff and shop workers. We also took part in two whole school activities creating our Kindness Stones and our whole school version of 'Count on me'!

<https://www.wevideo.com/view/1718648646>



Happiness Project activities this half term

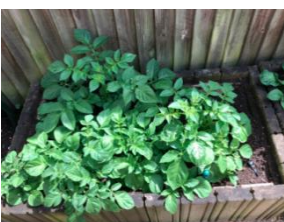
Whether at school or through home learning, we will be re-introducing our ten Happiness Project themes this half term in preparation for a greater emphasis on this in the Autumn term. Our Happiness Project aims to equip children with ways to help to keep themselves and others happy and you can find out more information about our most recent project here: <https://christchurchschool.co.uk/happiness-project-2018/>

Things are still growing at school!

We haven't been able to grow all our usual vegetables at school this year, but we did still plant some potatoes a few weeks ago and they are doing brilliantly! We hope some

children will be able to harvest the potatoes in September.

The flowers in the junior playground have also been looking the best they ever have – that's because there aren't so many footballs and hoops flying towards them every day!



Information and reminders

Welcoming next year's Reception class

The Reception admissions offer and acceptance process is almost over and we will be contacting our new 2020 Reception class very soon. We are working out how we can introduce Reception children and parents to the school, but these processes will need to look a bit different this year.

If you are leaving...

If you are planning to move at the end of the year and your child is leaving Christ Church, please let us know. It's really helpful for us to know as soon as possible so that we can offer places for next year. Thank you.

Please keep in contact with us – weekly check-ins

It's really important to us that we stay in touch with all the children and families at Christ Church even while the school is closed. Please keep in touch with class teachers and be aware that the school office will be contacting families who haven't been in touch at least once a week to check that all is well.

Important documents for home learning

We have gathered all the information about our home learning on one page of our website. This includes our 'dos and don'ts' document for parents and staff members and some helpful online safety tips.

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/home-learning/>

Home learning highlights!

Lots of photos at:

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/home-learning-news/>