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Amazing learning at home
and preparing to return
to school!



Dear parents and carers,

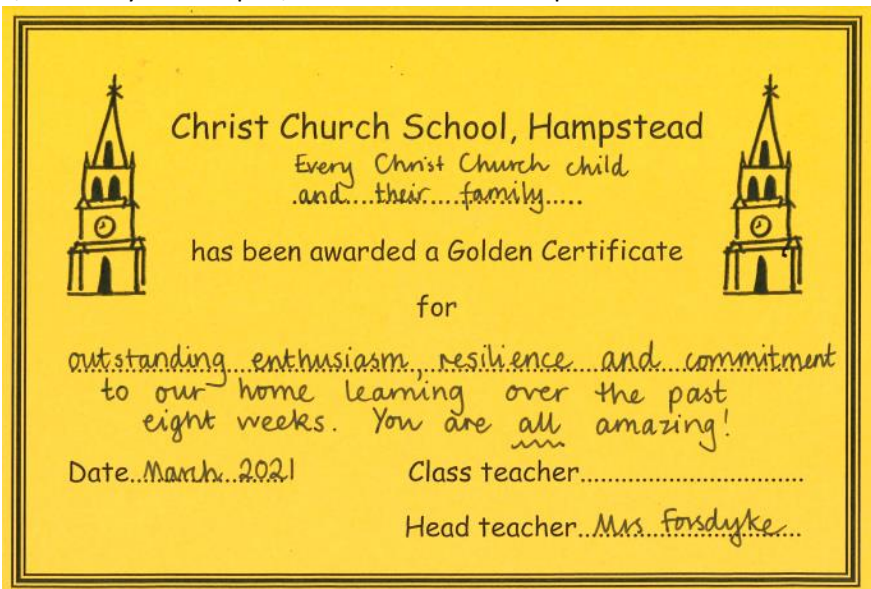
It is wonderful that we are now preparing to welcome all children back to school on 8th March – it will be super for children and staff to get back into classrooms and the playground and away from their screens.

We want to focus on supporting children to build back their friendships and games in the playground and their good learning habits in the classroom. Children are resilient and have constantly shown us over the last year how quickly they can adapt to changes and different ways of working, so I have no doubt they will quickly fit back into school and classroom life. However, we will be ready to support any children or families who find the return to school more tricky, so please let me or class teachers know if you have any concerns at all.

As one of their final home learning activities, teachers are going to ask children to review the time they have spent learning at home: the skills they have developed, how they have coped, what and who has helped them and what makes them feel most proud. The independence, resilience, ability to problem solve and, undoubtedly, the tech skills which many, many children of all ages have developed should be celebrated and continued as we return to school. Let's all try to take some positives from the last few months, too!

This newsletter celebrates lots of the fantastic learning which has taken place at home over the last half term – **thank you** to children, parents, family members and staff for their tremendous efforts during this period.

With best wishes and many thanks for your ongoing support,
Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher



Reminders for the return to school

In line with the latest government guidance, we are continuing with the same routines as before Christmas to help keep everyone safe at school whilst, at the same time, making sure school is as 'normal' as it possibly can be for the children.

These are the key reminders about our systems which were working well last term:

- Please **do not** send your child to school if they (or anyone in your household) has any COVID-19 symptoms. These are a high temperature, a new cough or a loss/change in sense of taste or smell. If your child has symptoms, please keep them at home, inform school and book a COVID test.
- We continue to keep children in class 'bubbles' with no mixing between classes or joint activities. The classes will continue to work with their consistent class adults, with any adults who work between classes keeping at a distance. Our staggered start, end, lunch and break times help to keep the classes as separate as possible.
- We continue with our regular handwashing, enhanced cleaning and ventilation and very limited visitors in school.
- In the event of a class closure because of a positive COVID test result, we would inform parents by email and then provide home learning for the period of self-isolation. We will also continue to provide home learning activities for any children who are self-isolating because of a contact outside school, though this will be more limited than current provision.
- **Punctuality is still important, please!** Although we are a little bit more relaxed about the start times at the moment to ensure distancing, please do still make an effort to be on time. Reception, Y2, Y3 and Y6 start learning at 8.40 and Y1, Y4 and Y5 at 8.50am.
- Please be patient and keep your distance from other parents/carers at drop off and pick up and please wear a face covering to protect others at these busier times. Please pass on this reminder to other carers who pick up or drop off your child.

Dates

March

Thursday 4th - World Book Day – home learning activities focused on reading and books

Monday 8th – return to school for all classes

Week beginning 22nd March – Parents evenings: times and details to be confirmed nearer the time

April

Thursday 1st
– Reception, Y2, Y3 and Y6 - collected for the end of term at 11.45am
– Y1, Y4 and Y5 (plus siblings from the other classes) – collected for the end of term at 11.55am

Monday 19th – Summer term starts

