



Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Looking ahead to the
summer term...

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! We all enjoyed a super four weeks back at school together before the Easter break – it was wonderful to get almost everyone back to school (our last two pupils rejoin us straight after Easter), attendance was at 96% or above throughout the four weeks and, despite the ongoing restrictions, it felt like it got busier and busier as we managed to fit in more and more of our usual events. There are plenty of highlights below. Thank you to parents, staff and particularly children for their positive return to school!

We are now looking ahead to the summer term and this newsletter sets out some of the events we have planned, including some of those which would usually have taken place earlier in the year. Dates and plans for our end-of-term events are still necessarily tentative at the moment, so please look out for updates in future newsletters about these. Our after school and breakfast clubs are restarting at the beginning of the summer term and, in line with the latest changes in government guidance for schools, we are also now investigating local school trips and even swimming. I will let parents in relevant classes know about our plans as they develop – I'm well aware that some parents are very keen for everything to get back to 'normal' and that others are understandably anxious to know about our COVID safety measures for each activity as it is reintroduced, so I will try to keep everybody informed at each stage. Please do continue to raise any concerns or ask any questions; you can email or find me on one of the gates each morning.

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

Back together at school: Spring term highlights!



← Friends' World Book Day book sales – lots of happy readers!



← Planting for hope on the National Day of Reflection



PE at school and on the Heath – keeping everyone fit and healthy! →



'Wake and shake' for the end of term! →



← Wonderful hats and impressive fundraising for brain tumour research – thank you



Thoughtful and beautiful Easter learning and art work →
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We've managed to squash a lot into just four weeks back at school!

Information and reminders

Well-being tips

We continue to add to our simple well-being tips on our website:

<https://christchurchschool.co.uk/wellbeing-tips/>



Policies

Staff and Governors have recently reviewed the following policies:

- Food Policy (packed lunch guidelines attached with this newsletter)
 - Communication Policy
- You can view all our policies on our website or request a paper copy from the school office.

English classes for adults

Camden's ESOL services are advertising their classes for adults learning English as a Second Language and their free online activities. You can find out more on the attached poster or at www.camden.gov.uk/esol-activities

Spring Term Arts Project completed – what a beautiful tree of life!



This wonderful art work was put together by Miss Foster using every child's contribution to our Spring term Christ Church Arts Project, created at home in March. Reception, Y1 and Y2 created the beautiful papers which make up the bark, leaves and grasses, Y3 and Y4 made flowers, Y5 fish and Y6 birds. Thank you very much to Miss Foster for all her brilliant teaching videos for home learning and for putting it all together so impressively. The finished picture will hang in our school library.

Summer term plans:

PSHE week – good citizenship and living in the wider community

Our Summer term PSHE week will take place in May with children learning all about how to be a good citizen and to support their local community. We are planning whole school activities to support both Henderson Court Age UK centre and the Royal Free Hospital, as well as classes learning about democracy and elections, money and finances, how to support our local and global environment and about the work of local and national charities.

Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in a mini **careers event** as part of their PSHE learning – *if any parents would be prepared to give a five minute online talk about their job and to answer children's questions, we would love to hear from you!* Please get in touch with the school office.

'Try something new' week

We couldn't hold our usual Autumn term 'try something new' week this year, so we have moved it to the summer term! Children in all classes will get the chance to try several different activities over the week, aiming to build confidence to try new experiences and resilience when faced with a challenge. Trying new things is great for your positive mental well-being!

I TRIED
SOMETHING
NEW



Individual presentations and class assemblies

Look out for information coming home soon about our 'Have your say' presentations for Years 1 -6. We want to hear children's ideas on topics, campaigns and ideas they are passionate about, supporting their right to have their say on matters that affect them!

We are also planning to get children back used to presenting to an audience in our class assemblies over this term, with an assembly presented to just one other class at a distance in the hall and over zoom to the rest of the school. There can be no parent audience this term, unfortunately, but we hope to get back to our usual class assemblies squashed in the hall in the Autumn term. We have missed them!

Rights Respecting Schools – Article of the month

To remind parents and pupils that we are a UNICEF Rights Respecting School we are including a different article from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child in each month's newsletter. **Article 30** Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of people in the country where they live.



Dates –please keep checking for updates

April

Monday 19th –term starts

Monday 19th – Breakfast club starts – *there are no drop in spaces at present and limited places. Please contact the school office for more information.*

Week beginning 26th April – after school clubs start

May

Monday 3rd – Bank Holiday – school closed

Tuesday 4th – Friday 7th – Y1-6 'Have your say' presentations

Monday 17th – Friday 21st PSHE week – being a good citizen/wider community

Monday 17th – Friday 21st – Walk to school week

Week beginning 24th – KS2 times table challenge this week

Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June – Half term

June

Week beginning 7th – KS2 spelling challenge this week

Wednesday 9th – class photos

Monday 14th – Friday 18th – 'Try something new' week!

Monday 14th – Wednesday 16th – Year 6 school journey? – to be confirmed

Thursday 24th – whole school photo

Friday 25th and Monday 28th June – INSET days – no children in school.

Hopefully, by this point, families may be able to use this long weekend to see family and friends, but please do not ask for additional time away from school.

July

Week beginning 5th July – last after school clubs this week

Tuesday 6th, pm – Sports Day – to be confirmed

Wednesday 7th, pm – reserve Sports Day (for rain)

Thursday 8th, eve – Summer Serenade – to be confirmed

Wednesday 14th – letter home re staffing for 2021/22

Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th – Y6 production – tbc

Friday 16th – reports home to parents

Friday 23rd - children home for the summer holidays at 11.45/11.55am

September

Thursday 2nd – children back to school for Autumn term