



Christ Church School, Hampstead

A village school in London inspiring *life in all its fullness*

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Newsletter 2

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to all parents and families for their support for a super and busy start to the year! It has been great to have so many mixed class and whole school events back up and running and to be able to welcome parents into school for our open classrooms, tours, meetings and workshops.

In order to fit everything back in, a few dates for this term have been updated and new dates have been added – please look carefully for any changes in the dates section below.

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

Thank you from Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen!

*Many thanks for the lovely harvest gifts of food that you provided for the Muswell Hill Soup Kitchen, which arrived today! They are much appreciated and will be used to feed people in London (and perhaps some other places) who could not otherwise enjoy healthy and warm food. Kind regards,
Rev. John Roberts, Pastor, Muswell Hill Baptist Church*



Thank you, also, for your generous donations to the children's cancer projects led by Great Ormond Street Hospital, as part of our 'colours and sparkles for Charlie' day. It was a wonderfully colourful and sparkly day in school and your kind donations will support many children.

Welcomes

A warm welcome to Mia who has joined our Year 4 class, to Firuze who has joined Year 1 and to Alba who joined Reception! Welcome, also, to two new members of our staff team, Miss Vitow and Miss Pearson.

Happiness Project – Try something new week!

Thank you for your support of our Happiness Project so far – we have, so far, had fascinating weeks thinking about how setting goals, giving to others and maintaining a healthy body all help our mental well-being. One of our upcoming weeks focuses on trying new things and how this helps build confidence, resilience and lessen anxiety about new experiences. Year 6 will be away on their school journey during this week trying lots of new things at a PGL adventure centre in Dorset. Other classes will get the chance to try kayaking (Y4, Y5), circus skills (Rec-Y3), survival workshops on the Heath (Y2, Y3), unusual fruits and vegetables (Rec, Y1) and art techniques such as batik (Rec-Y5). It promises to be an exciting week full of lots of new experiences!



Dates

Please check back in each newsletter for any updates or additions

October

Wednesday 6th – individual photos

Thursday 7th, 9.05am – parent tour for current Reception parents

Thursday 7th, 3.20pm – Friends Cake Sale – junior playground

Friday 8th October – INSET day – no children in school

Monday 11th– Friday 15th – Y6 school journey

Week beginning Monday 11th – Try Something New week

Week beginning Monday 11th – KS2 Times table challenge this week

Friday 15th – Camden KS2 Cross Country competition

Tuesday 19th – Nasal Flu Vaccinations – all classes

Wednesday 20th and Thursday 21st – Parents evenings

Friday 22nd – Friends non-uniform day – raising money for the Friends Association

Monday 25th – Friday 29th – Half term

November

Week beginning 1st November – KS2 spelling challenge

Sunday 7th, 11am – Children in Church service – school choir singing

Week beginning Monday 8th – PSHE week: Positive Relationships

Tuesday 9th, 9.50am – music assembly – **new date**



Friends Association

Congratulations and **thank you** to the new Friends Association committee: Michelle (Y3, Y2, Rec), Catherine (Y1, Rec), Aimee (Y1) and Jonathan (Y1, Rec). The Friends have lots of great community-building and fundraising events and ideas, so please support them in whatever way you can. Look out for information about their cake sale, non-uniform days, Christmas Present Sale and Christmas Fair this term!

Trips are back!

It has been great to get children out and about on trips again. At the very end of September, Year 4 took part in Stone Age workshops on the Heath and Year 6 visited the British Museum to learn about the Ancient Greeks. Year 1 (and then Reception) will shortly start their regular trips to Hampstead Heath and we also have class trips planned to the Globe Theatre (Y5), British Museum (Y3), Florence Nightingale Museum (Y2), St Alban's Cathedral (Y4), Thames Explorer (Y5), Transport Museum (Y1), Museum of Brands (Y4) – all before the end of term!

Class assemblies – Autumn term

We are looking forward to welcoming parents back to watch our class assemblies this term! Class assemblies will take place in the school hall at 10am on the following dates:
Thursday 7th October – Y5 class assembly
Wednesday 20th October – Y1 class assembly
Friday 22nd October – Y6 school journey assembly
Friday 5th November – Y4 class assembly
Friday 12th November – Y2 class assembly
Friday 26th November – Reception class assembly
To fit in the Camden Cross Country competition, we have had to move the Y3 class assembly – we will let parents know about a new date later this term.



Information and reminders

Punctuality – thank you!

Thank you for supporting your child to be on time to school every day. Punctuality has been very good so far this term. Please remember that the bells ring and learning starts straight away at 8.50am for all classes. If you do arrive late, please press the buzzer at the main entrance and come into the office to sign your child in.

Second hand uniform available

We have quite a bit of second hand uniform in school. If your child needs something specific, please let Mrs Connock know the size and the item and she will have a look in our supply. If you have any second hand uniform in good condition to donate, please send it in the school office. Thank you.

Secondary school application deadline – a reminder for Year 6 parents that the deadline for applications for the coordinated Pan-London scheme for state secondary schools is 31st October.

Happiness Project – October's themes



Resilience and bouncing back: we will be learning about how to build resilience when times are tough, and when we need to ask for help.



When we **try something new** we can build our confidence, increase our resilience and keep our minds interested and engaged.

We all experience different **emotions** all the time. Learning about how to identify and talk about our emotions helps us feel well, as does focusing on the good things!



Dates

November continued

Friday 12th – Anti-bullying day – wear odd socks!

Week beginning Monday 15th – PSHE week: Celebrating diversity and difference

Friday 19th November – INSET day – no children in school

Thursday 25th, pm – Art Project exhibition

Friday 26th – Non-uniform day – bring a toy for the Fair

Sunday 28th, 11am – Children in Church service: school choir singing

Week beginning 29th – last after school clubs and boosters this week

December

Friday 3rd – non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Fair

Sunday 5th – Christmas Fair tbc

Thursday 9th, 10am – Infant Nativity Play for parents – **corrected date**

Friday 10th – Friends Christmas Present Sale

Tuesday 14th, 6pm – School Carol Service in Church

Wednesday 15th – Christmas Jumper Day!

Friday 17th, 11.15am – Christmas Service in Church

Friday 17th December, midday – Children home for Christmas holidays

January

Tuesday 4th – Children back to school for Spring term

Photos on our website!

There are lots of photos of this term's activities so far on our website news page [here](#). This page will be updated through the term.