



Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Jubilee celebrations!

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of the year!

Thank you to so many parents and family members for coming to our Jubilee Church Service before half term – it was wonderful to see the Church so filled with our school community! We all had a wonderful day celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with plenty of cakes, crowns, strawberries, dancing and games: there are some highlights below and lots more photos on the news page of our website. Thank you to parents for all their support of our Jubilee events.

There are plenty of other events for parents to get involved with before the end of term. This month, look out for information about our Eco Week events, including a clothes swap and a food refill truck, and the build up to the Summer Fair, as well as plenty more class assemblies. Next month, there will be the Fair itself, our informal music performance in the playground on 1st July, our Sports Day, Open Afternoon, Summer Serenade, Year 6 production and our Leavers/End of Year Service on the last day of term. It would be wonderful to see the Church so full again for our service on the last day of term (11.15am on Friday 22nd July, before the end of term at midday). Please look out for details of these events or ask if you need more information – we know that some of them are new to many families as they haven't all been able to take place over the past couple of years. It will be great to bring them all back this year!

Best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Jubilee Celebrations!

We were proud that the Mayor of Camden, Cllr Ali, attended our Jubilee Service and we presented him with one of our commemorative jubilee mugs!



We enjoyed sharing our art work, coasters and research about the Queen and her jubilee.



We had a brilliant party in the sunshine with cakes, strawberries, crown parades and even some 1950s dancing!



Thank you to the Friends for providing the party food and to the Governors for funding the commemorative mugs for every child.



Welcome!

Welcome to Nova, who has joined our Year 4 class, and to Roman, who has joined Year 6 – a warm welcome to both of these new pupils and their families!

Staff news

We will be saying good bye and good luck to Miss Brenta at the end of this term – she is moving to a new house and a new teaching and curriculum leadership role outside London. Thank you very much to Miss Brenta for all her hard work at Christ Church over the past six years – she will definitely be missed from our team next year! Information about class teachers for next year will be sent home to parents on 13th July.

If children are leaving...

If families are moving or considering a move for their children at the end of this school year, please let us know as soon as possible as this helps us offer places for next year in good time. Please get in contact with the school office if this is the case or even if this is a possibility at this stage. Thank you.



Music fundraising and Music Performance on 1st July

Thank you very much to parents and friends for their magnificent support and generous donations towards the Friends Music Fundraising campaign. You can still donate until the end of June and all the money raised will go towards buying musical instruments, music technology and extending the music curriculum at school. <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/CCmusic>

There will be a celebration of some of our music making at an informal 'performance in the playground' at 2.15pm on Friday 1st July, where each class will be performing at least one of the songs they have been learning with Mr Oliver this year. Please come and join us in the junior playground, if you can!

Attendance – what is good attendance?

When annual reports come home to parents in July, these will include each child's attendance record for the year, setting out the percentage of the year they have been present so far. But what do these percentages mean and what is good (or poor) attendance?

Our target is for all children to be in school for *at least* 96.5% of the year (this allows for only 8 days absence for any reason over the year) and many, many children will achieve this target this year.

Currently, over 70 children have been in school over 96.5% of the year. At the beginning of this term, letters were sent to parents of 23 children who had been in school for under 90% of the year, making parents aware of this and offering support to improve attendance. Attendance of under 90% is very low attendance and means a child has missed the equivalent of half a day each week or at least 19 days in total over a full year. In the end of year reports, teachers will highlight the level of attendance as in the box above.

It has been a tricky year for attendance as we come out of the COVID pandemic, with understandably changing messages from the government about when children should and shouldn't be in school. Our school message is: if children are well, they should be in school learning and playing with their friends. This is where they make good progress and make and maintain friendships. If you have any questions or would like to know your child's current attendance level, then please ask in the school office.

Attendance:
98% or above = Excellent
96.5% - 98% = Good
94% - 96.5% = Satisfactory
90% - 94% = Low
Under 90% = Very low

Information and reminders

School policies

School staff and governors have recently reviewed the following policies; you can find them on our website or you can ask for a paper copy from the school office:

- Positive Behaviour and Anti-bullying Policy
- Health and Safety policy

Smart watches and devices

In general, any smart devices that can receive/send messages or take pictures should not be brought in to school. If children need their phone (or other device) so that they can safely travel home alone, then they should be brought into the office as soon as children arrive and collected again as children leave school.

Punctuality reminders

Thank you to the many, many families who are always in the playground waiting for the bells to ring at 8.50am. Please remember our gates open at about 8.35am so you can be here early, but that there is no supervision in our playgrounds before the bells ring, so children should remain with their adults. Aiming to be in the playground at 8.45am every day would be ideal!

Summer Term Class Assemblies

Dates for the rest of this term's class assemblies are below – they are all at 10am in the school hall and parents and family members are very welcome!

- Friday 10th June – Y4 class assembly
- Wednesday 15th June – Y5 class assembly
- Friday 17th June – Y1 class assembly
- Monday 20th June – Y6 class assembly
- Friday 8th July – Y2 class assembly
- Friday 15th July – Y6 memories assembly

There are some super photos of the class assemblies which have already taken place on our [news page](#).

PSHE week – supporting the wider community with our work with Henderson Court AgeUK Centre



As part of our PSHE week earlier this term, several classes took part in activities to support the elderly visitors to the local AgeUK centre, Henderson Court. Year 4 did some gardening to brighten up the centre, Reception and Year 1 entertained with some singing and Year 3 talked about and shared Jubilee memories and poems!



Dates

June

Week beginning Tuesday 7th – KS2 spelling challenge this week

Wednesday 8th – class photos

Monday 13th – Friday 17th – Eco week

Sunday 19th, 11am – School choir singing in Church

Friday 24th – INSET day – no children in school

Monday 27th – non uniform day – bring a donation for the Summer Fair – details tbc

Tuesday 28th, pm – New Reception class induction afternoon

July

Friday 1st – non uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair – tbc

Friday 1st, 2.15pm – informal music performance/sharing for parents in the playground - tbc

Sunday 3rd, 11am – School choir singing in Church

Sunday 3rd – Summer Fair

Week beginning Monday 4th – last after school clubs this week

Monday 4th, pm – Sports Day – whole school (reserve for rain: Tuesday 5th)

Wednesday 6th – whole school photo - CHANGED DATE

Thursday 7th, 2pm – Open afternoon

Thursday 7th, 6pm – Summer Serenade

Wednesday 13th, 6pm – Year 6 production

Thursday 14th, 6pm – Year 6 production

Friday 15th – Annual reports sent home to parents

Friday 22nd, 11.15am – Leavers/End of year service in Church – all families very welcome

Friday 22nd, midday – all children home for the holidays

September

Monday 5th – Years 1-6 back to school

