



Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to parents and families for all their support of our Summer events so far. A big thank you to the Friends Committee and all their wider team for organising a super Summer Fair and Music Festival last weekend – our first big in-person summer Friends event for two years! Thank you to all families who donated, helped out or simply came to have fun!

Last week, we all had a lovely afternoon in the playground singing and playing at our music performance. It was wonderful to see every child performing with such enthusiasm and so much musical talent and such fantastic ensemble skills on show. Mr Oliver, our music teacher, will be at school two days each week next year so there will be even more time for developing children's music skills! This sort of specialist teaching, from Mr Oliver and Mr Spadaccini for example, is funded in a small part by donations from the Friends each year. Your support of the Fair and other Friends events really does make a difference to what we can provide at school. At the performance, we also used just some of the new musical instruments that the Friends campaign has funded this term and there are plenty more to come – look out for the new drum kit in future performances!

There are details below or in my weekly emails of lots of other ways for parents to get involved in our end of term events, including our Open Afternoon, Summer Serenade, Year 6 production and Leavers Service - please do join in if you can. I look forward to seeing lots of families at our events over the next few weeks!

With best wishes for the end of term, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

Eco week highlights!

Reception found out about the impact of litter on the environment. They carried out a litter pick in our local area with Veolia and made sure they put what they found in the correct bin!

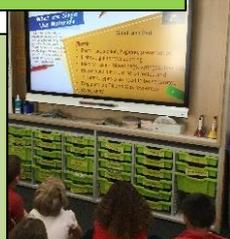


Year 1 learnt about where our food comes from and what happens to the food that we put in the bin. They looked in the food bins at school and found things that did not belong in there. They made posters to put on the food bins to tell people what can and can't go in them!



Year 2 found out about renewable energy and thought about ways in which we can save energy. They made their own model wind turbines and made posters to encourage everyone around the school to switch things off and cut down on energy use!

Year 3 learnt about single-use plastic. They thought about ways we can cut down on how much of this we use and found out about 'Plastic Free July'. We're encouraging everyone to give up an item of single-use plastic, for example cling film or water bottles.



Year 4 learnt about recycling and found out what can and can't go in our classroom recycling bins. Veolia visited to teach the class about the different numbers on plastic packaging. Year 4 looked inside the recycling bins around the school and found things that shouldn't have been there. They made signs to help people know what can go in these bins.

Year 5 found out about textile waste and the impact of fast fashion on the environment. They took part in a workshop where they upcycled old pieces of fabric to create bookmarks. Year 5 helped organise the successful clothes swap in the playground to promote 'swapping not shopping'!



Year 6 heard from a volunteer who works for WaterAid. They found out about places around the world where water is limited and thought about how fortunate we are to have easy access to clean drinking water. Part of the money raised by the current Year 6 businesses will go to WaterAid.

Dates

July

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 – red top or jumper with big Christ Church logo needed!

Thursday 7th, 2pm – Open afternoon

Thursday 7th, 6pm – Summer Serenade – main doors to the Church open at 5.50pm

Wednesday 13th, 6pm – Year 6 production – tickets on sale this week

Thursday 14th, 6pm – Year 6 production – tickets on sale this week

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

Sporting successes! This half term, many children in KS2 have had the opportunity to represent the school at local sporting events competing with other Camden schools. We are very fortunate that our school is in an area where both the local council and the CSSA (Camden School Sports Association) organise such super events! At recent events, Christ Church pupils have not only shown some excellent sporting talent but also some super sportsmanship, whether they have won or lost. Well done to everyone who has taken part (and there is a rounders tournament still to come!)

Year 3 and 4 athletics – our Year 3 team came third and our Year 4 team came fourth
 Year 5 and 6 athletics – our team were the Camden champions!
 Year 5 and 6 cricket - girls team: group stages; boys team: runners up



Trips to the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace

Year 6 were the first class to go on their Jubilee trip to the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace. They learnt about, and saw at first hand, some of the horses and carriages used in the royal processions for the Jubilees and Coronation itself. They also took part in a re-enactment of the Coronation ceremony! All the other classes will visit before the end of term to take part in similar Jubilee-themed workshops!



Information and reminders

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 8.40am 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 everyday would be ideal!

Uniform ordering

If you are ordering uniform for next year from the website, please leave enough time for it to get to you for September. The uniform suppliers are advising that orders should be placed before the end of this term for deliveries before the beginning of next term.

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 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](#).

Music performance in the playground – some super performances and we were very lucky with the weather!



Y6 Leavers' destinations

As in previous years, we thought it would be helpful and interesting to share where our Year 6 leavers are going on to secondary school next year. We wish all our leavers much luck and success as they move on at the end of term!

- Martha – UCL Academy
- Enes – William Ellis School
- Shivika – Guildford High School
- Asha – St Marylebone
- Adam – Maida Vale School
- Fosco – Fortismere
- Rose – South Hampstead
- Alessandro – UCL Academy
- Manon – Channing
- Coco – St Marylebone
- Raina – St Marylebone
- Bluebell – Westonbirt School
- Bea – St Michael's Grammar
- Agnes – Queen's College
- Dylan – Wymondham College
- Marta – Heathside
- Max – Jewish Community Secondary School
- Erika – Henrietta Barnett
- Saba – St Augustine's
- Isabella – St Michael's Grammar
- Elliott – St Mary's and St John's
- Ella – South Hampstead Collegiate
- Aanya – North London
- Lily – Queen's College
- Iris – St Marylebone
- Zachary – St Mary's and St John's
- Charlotte – Heathside

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr Smith and Miss Macdonald who have been completing their teacher training with us at Christ Church this year. They are just about to finish their courses and we wish both of them well for the future!

Royal Institute Science trip

A group of Year 5s and 6s spent a fascinating morning at the Royal Institute to watch a Science on Stage show. Amongst many highlights, they saw at first hand the effect of liquid nitrogen on a rose and a tennis ball!

