



# Christ Church School, Hampstead

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## Marvellous music!

Dear parents, carers and families,

As we approach the end of term, a big thank you to parents and families for their support and involvement in all our Spring term activities. Thank you for your support of the Readathon, our Debating week, our poetry presentations, our PSHE week, the many, many trips which have taken place and for coming to our parent workshops, class assemblies and our Music concert last week. This week, the Friends Easter event takes place on Wednesday after school and then the final event of the term is our Easter service in church at 11.15am on Thursday. All families are very welcome.

The Celebration of Music concert last Friday gave so many of our children their chance to shine as well as develop instrumental, singing and performance skills that they never knew they had! The feeling of togetherness, school community and sheer joy in singing and performing together was quite amazing throughout our rehearsals and the performance itself – the children should all be really proud of themselves! An enormous thank you to Mr Oliver, Mr Hollings and all the staff team for their help with all aspects of the concert. And thank you to all of you for coming!

This newsletter includes some key dates for the summer term to put in your diaries now, but please do keep checking future newsletters for any changes or additions.

With very best wishes for a restful and sunny Easter break, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher



## What a Celebration of Music!



Well done to all the children for a truly outstanding celebration of music concert – we loved all the class band performances and the singing was just brilliant! Thank you to so many parents and families for coming to watch and listen!



### Staff news

We all send our very best wishes to Miss Innes who starts her maternity leave at the end of the spring term this week!

A belated warm welcome to two new teaching assistants, Mr Daly and Miss Ellis, who are supporting in classes across the school.

### Friends Committee

The Friends Committee are looking to hand over the reins to a new group of parents next academic year and would love to hear from anyone who is interested in getting involved. The current committee, who have done a brilliant job over the last two years, would be very happy to show a new committee how things work through the summer term and then continue to support next year. If you are interested, please get in touch with Mrs Forsdyke or with the current committee via [friendsofccschool@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofccschool@gmail.com)

### Impressive debating skills!

We all enjoyed sharing our opinions and putting our points across in our debating week, whilst showing respect for and listening to others. We were very impressed by the 'show debates' shared by the Year 5 and Year 6 groups at the end of the week and loved our thought-provoking lunch time debate questions, too!



### Dates

#### April

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>, after school – Friends Easter event, 3.20 – 5pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, 11.15am – Easter end of term service in Church – all families very welcome

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>, midday – children collected for Easter Holidays

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – children back to school for the summer term

Congratulations to members of our after-school **chess club** for taking part in their first English Primary Schools Chess Association match. Well done to William and William (Y2), Theo and Eric (Y4) and Matilda and Sofia (Y5)!

### Great gymnastics!

Well done to our KS2 gymnastics team who all came back with individual medals from the Camden gymnastics event!



## Well done!

### Mini Engineers!

A group of KS2 pupils have submitted some brilliant and imaginative inventions to a national young engineers competition. They were able to meet with an engineer to discuss their ideas and have come up with ideas for a convertible mushroom chair, a sustainable alternative to plasters, a new way to wrap presents, a machine to suck up exhaust fumes, a foldable football goal and a 'nature helper' bracelet!



**IF YOU WERE AN ENGINEER  
WHAT WOULD YOU DO?**

**Summer term dates** – please check back in future newsletter for any updates

### April

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – children back to school for the summer term**

### May

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> - Bank holiday – school closed**

Week beginning Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – after school clubs start this week

Friday 5<sup>th</sup>, 11am – Church service celebrating the Coronation, attended by the Mayor of Camden – all families very welcome

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Bank holiday – school closed**

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 SATs tests this week

Week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – PSHE week (Living in the Wider World) and Eco week – lots of events planned, look out for more details next term

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>, 11am – school choir singing in Church

Week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – KS2 times table challenge this week

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Half term**

### June

Week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> – KS2 spelling challenge this week (not Monday)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> – class photos

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>, 11am – Confirmation Service in Christ Church – school choir singing

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – non-uniform day, bring a donation for the fair tbc

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June – INSET day – no children in school**

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> – non-uniform day, bring a bottle for the fair tbc

### July

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Summer Fair

Week beginning 3<sup>rd</sup> – last after school clubs this week

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>, pm – Sports Day on the Heath – whole school

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> – reserve sports day for rain

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> pm – Open afternoon

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 6pm – Summer Serenade

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Year 6 production

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Annual reports home to parents

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am – school choir singing in church

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, 11.15am – Leavers and end of term service – all welcome

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, midday – all children collected for the holidays**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – children back to school for the Autumn term**

## Information and reminders

### Please think about safety

Please think about safety if you are driving to school and parking on Christchurch Hill. Local residents have asked us to remind parents about this after several near misses with pedestrians and other drivers at drop off and pick up times. If you can, please walk to school or, if you need to drive, try to park at a distance and then walk the final section to school. Thank you.

### If your child is leaving....

If your child is leaving Christ Church (or this is a possibility) please let us know as far in advance as possible. This helps us to offer places to families on our waiting lists, some of whom need to give notice to their current schools.

### Easter works on junior playground bank

There will be some work taking place over the Easter holidays renewing the wooden terracing on the banked garden area in the junior playground. The previous wooden sleepers, installed at least twenty years ago, have finally rotted through so the work is definitely needed. There will inevitably be some loss of plants due to the works but we are hoping that the combined efforts of our gardeners, who are former parents at the school, and the children, adding their own planting efforts, will soon get it looking brilliant again!

### Phones and smart devices – a reminder of our policy

If children in older year groups, who are travelling to and from school on their own, need to bring a mobile phone, these must be given in to the school office as soon as children arrive and collected as they leave (this includes at the end of after school clubs).

Children should not have any smart watches/other smart devices in school which are internet enabled or which can take images or recordings. If children are found to be bringing these to school, devices will be stored in the school office and then handed to a parent/carer at the end of the day.

### Policy updates

The following policies have recently been reviewed by school staff and governors:

- Curriculum statements for English, Maths, History, Geography, Science, Art, DT, Music, PE, Languages and Computing.
- Maths Calculation Policy
- Attendance and Punctuality policy
- Complaints Policy
- Health and Safety Policy
- Positive Behaviour and Anti-bullying Policy

You can access all our school policies on the school website [here](#) or you can ask for a paper copy from the school office.

### Summer Term Class Assemblies

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

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 class assembly

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Year 1 class assembly

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June – Year 6 class assembly

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 class assembly

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 class assembly

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Reception class assembly

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 class assembly

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 memories assembly