



# Christ Church School, Hampstead

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

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Dear parents, carers and families,

The last few weeks have been very busy with rehearsals for our upcoming whole school production of 'Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat' and the sense of excitement is definitely building as we enter the month of the performances! I hope that lots and lots of family members will be able to join us in the audience at one of the two performance dates and thank you for all your support and enthusiasm for this big project so far.

We have managed to fit in quite a few other events and a lot of class assemblies over the past month as well – see below for details and highlights, including a super whole school PSHE week. We have had a fantastic turn out for our three parent workshops this term as well. I hope parents in Years 2, 3 and 4 have found our maths and writing workshops helpful in understanding our curriculum and how to support at home. The slides are on the website [here](#). Please also read the important information below and attached about the increasing number of measles cases nationally and across London and consider checking your child's vaccination protection.

With best wishes, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

## Keeping Healthy and Safe – PSHE week highlights



Meeting Police Officers in Reception and finding out how they help to keep us safe.



Fitness workshops in the playground



Bike and scooter safety workshops



Water safety workshops led by the Canal and River Trust



Year 5 out and about in Hampstead for pedestrian skills training



Life-saving First Aid workshops for Year 4 and Year 6



All classes also focused on keeping safe online, too. Please ask the office if you would like us to resend you the link to the online safety parent information session.

### Dates March

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> March – parents and family members invited to read books to classes

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – dress up as a book character. (We don't dress up every year, so if your children like to dress up, please make the most of it!)

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friends second hand book sale

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, 3.20 – non-branded uniform swap – junior playground

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> March – last after school clubs this week (no clubs/music Weds and Thurs)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 2pm and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 6pm – Joseph production performances!**

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> – Children in Church, school choir singing – Palm Sunday

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Wear a hat day! raising money for Brain Tumour Research Charity

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, after school – Friends Easter event tbc

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, 11.15am Easter Service - Fr Paul's last school service before his retirement - all families very welcome

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>, midday – children home for holidays**

**April - Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – back to school for the summer term and Y3 swimming starts**

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, 3.30 – 7.30pm and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, 3.30 – 6.00pm – Parents evenings for all classes

## Information from Camden's public health team

### Measles cases are increasing in London

#### What is measles?

Measles is a very contagious disease that makes children seriously unwell if they're not fully vaccinated. Measles is also very serious in pregnancy and for people with weakened immune systems. There is no cure for measles and it can lead to complications like pneumonia and in rare cases can lead to long term disability or death.

#### Getting a free MMR vaccine

- Check if your child is up to date with their measles vaccinations by looking in the Red Book (or vaccine record). If you're not sure, contact your GP or book a free vaccine appointment.
- If your child is at primary or secondary school in Camden you can book a vaccine appointment with the School Aged Immunisations Service by calling 020 3317 5076 from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.



#### School Council at St Paul's Cathedral

Our KS2 school council representatives visited St Paul's Cathedral to represent the school at the annual LDBS (London Diocesan Board for Schools) service for all Church Schools in London. They took part in the service with over a thousand other children.

#### Well done to our girls football team!

They have been competing since November, made it through the league and the play offs and all the way to the finals day where they narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals. Well played, girls!



#### Maths Champions!

Congratulations to our Y6 Maths team of Sayuri, Ale, Theo and Matilda, who took part in a day of tricky maths problems working at speed against teams from other Camden schools in the Y6 Camden Maths Challenge and were crowned champions! A superb achievement!

#### Information and reminders

##### School Policies

Staff and governors have recently reviewed the following school policies:

- Health and Safety Policy

You can see all our policies on the school website [here](#). You can also ask for copies from the school office.

##### Punctuality please!

**School and learning starts at 8.50am.** Please make sure children are in the playground when the bell rings at 8.50am and not still rushing up the hill or in the car. Coming in after the bell has rung, even if the gate is still open, is still a late arrival. Children take part in morning work as soon as they enter the classroom, which helps them recap and review learning from previous days or prepares them for new learning to come. If children miss this part of the day, they are really missing out.

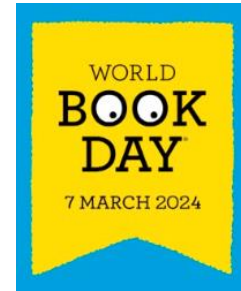


#### Welcomes

Welcome to Millie and to Louis who have joined our Year 3 class – a very warm welcome to these new pupils and their families!

#### Congratulations Mr Oliver!

Congratulations to our music teacher, Mr Oliver, and his partner on the birth of their baby son, Lyle. Many congratulations to the whole family!



World book day events – Thursday 7th March

**Second-hand book sale**– children should bring in any children's books they are able to donate (3-5 books would be great, but you can bring any number) and five pounds in coins to buy different books. Money raised goes to the Friends Association.

**Dressing up as book characters** – children are welcome to dress up if they would like to! Plus, it would be great if they could bring in a copy of the book they are inspired by to explain it to their friends. (We don't dress up every year, so if your child loves dressing up, please make the most of it!)

**World book day vouchers** will be sent home with every child to buy more books!

Parents and family members are invited into school to read to their children's classes this week – **perhaps you have a favourite picture book or chapter you would be happy to share?**



#### 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 12:** Every child has the right to have a say in all matters affecting them, and to have their views taken seriously.

**Article 13:** Every child must be free to say what they think and to seek and receive all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

#### How do we ensure children have these specific rights met at Christ Church?

Examples include: adults being available and approachable for children to share any concerns; listening to children's ideas in lessons; our pupil voice sessions about the curriculum and wider school where children talk about their learning and give ideas for changing the school; school council; democratic voting for class and school roles