



# Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Super show!

Dear parents, carers and families,  
Welcome back to the summer term! We have a *slightly* quieter first half term ahead, though it does include lots of trips, sporting events and the week of Year 6 national SATs tests. This is followed by a second half term filled with our usual end of year activities and events, including all our leavers events for Year 6, our Sports Day, Summer Fair and our Open Afternoon and both a Summer Serenade concert for individual musicians and our informal 'Performance in the Playground' event where classes will be sharing the music pieces they have been working on with Mr Oliver. Please make a note of all the important dates below and do ask if you have any questions about timings or how these events work – there are lots of ways for parents and families to support and get involved this term, as always! With best wishes for the summer term ahead,  
Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher

## Joseph production – what a performance!



We all had a brilliant and unforgettable time working together as a whole school to put on our musical production of Joseph! Thank you to families for all your support and we hope you enjoyed watching as much as we loved performing!



### Times tables champions and debating success!

Congratulations to Year 4 who won the Camden Spring Slam times table competition, sending in their scores from every class member each week and improving vastly over the term! And congratulations to the Year 5 teams who took part in the Primary School Debating Event at South Hampstead School, winning (almost) every mini debate they took part in and developing in confidence, debating skills and quick thinking along the way.

### Great gymnastics!

Well done to our KS2 team who performed brilliantly at the Camden gymnastics competition and brought back lots of medals!



### Brilliant poetry sharing

We loved hearing children sharing all the poems they had learnt for our poetry week. We heard poems in different languages, poems with actions, poems written or adapted by the children themselves and those by poets as diverse as Michael Rosen, William Wordsworth, A.A. Milne, John Foster, Benjamin Zephaniah and William Shakespeare!

### Dates

#### April

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 7.30pm and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>, 3.30 – 6.00pm – Parents evenings for all classes  
Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> 10am onwards – Church Jumble sale – bargain books, kitchenware, furniture etc  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – clubs start this week

#### May

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday – school closed

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATs tests this week

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, 11am – Fr Paul's last Sunday service at Christ Church before his retirement; school choir singing

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – PSHE week: living in the wider world

Week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Times tables challenge this week

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> – Half term

Week beginning Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – KS2 spelling challenge (not Monday)

#### June

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Class photos

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, 11am – School choir singing in Church – tbc

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> – whole school photo

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> – non-uniform day – bring a donation for the Summer Fair

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – INSET day – no children in school

## Welcomes

A very warm welcome to new pupils and their families joining Christ Church at the beginning of the summer term: Benjamin, Kiara, Nalin (Year 3), Magnus (Year 4) and Ognian (Year 5).

## Welcome back to Miss Innes!

A warm welcome back to Miss Innes from her maternity leave this month. Miss Innes re-joins the teaching staff team four days per week from later in April and then returns full time in July.

## Congratulations Mr Dunbar!

Congratulations to Mr Dunbar and his partner on the birth of their baby boy, Jamie, before the Easter break. Many congratulations and best wishes to the whole family!

## Information and reminders

### Attendance – in school right to the end of term please!

There were 36 certificates awarded for 100% attendance throughout the spring term – well done to these children!

If your child is well, they should be in school. Please do not book appointments in school time and please note that our summer term continues to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July. We have planned our term dates and INSET days so that our summer term finishes two/three days earlier than other local state schools *and* ends with a full week. This is to help families to plan holidays in school holiday time. **Please help us and your child to celebrate the end of the year, by making sure children are in school until the last day of term on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July.**

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

If your child is leaving Christ Church at the end of this year, or if you are even considering this at the moment, please get in touch with Mrs Forsdyke or the school office. This helps us to plan ahead and offer places to children on our waiting lists for September. Our funding for next year is determined by the number of children in our school in the Autumn term and the longer notice we have of children leaving, the more likely it is that we will be able to fill any gaps. Telling us at the last minute that your child is leaving makes things very difficult for us, so please let us know as soon as you can. Thank you.

### School Policies

Staff and governors have recently reviewed the following school policies:

- Communications Policy
- Charging and Remissions Policy

All our policies are on the school website [here](#). Paper copies available from the office.

## Summer term class assemblies

All parents and family members are warmly invited to our class assemblies which take place at 10am in the school hall.

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 class assembly

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 class assembly

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 class assembly – work sharing

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 class assembly

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 2 class assembly

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Reception class assembly

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 5 class assembly

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 memories and speeches assembly (9.45am start)

## June dates – continued

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>, pm – 2024 New Reception children and parents afternoon

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> pm – Whole School Music 'Performance in the Playground' (reserve for rain: Friday 28<sup>th</sup>) – all families invited

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>, 12-2.30pm – Summer Fair

## July

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, pm – Sports Day on the Heath – whole school (reserve for rain: Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> – last after school clubs this week

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 2pm – Open Afternoon – all parents and families welcome

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Summer Serenade in the Church

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>, 11am – School choir singing in Church – tbc

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Y6 production

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – annual reports home to parents

Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, 11.15am – End of year/Leavers Service – all families invited

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>, midday – Children collected for the summer holidays**

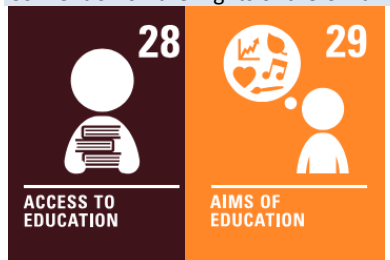
## September

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Children back to school for Autumn term**



## 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 28: Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child.**

**Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries to achieve this.**

**Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.**

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

Examples include: the high quality of education we provide for every child at Christ Church, with excellent teaching and support; the breadth of our curriculum, including arts, sports, music, trips, clubs and so much more; the way our behaviour system works to support children to behave respectfully at all times; the way we support charities and organisations which develop education around the world; all our work on celebrating and valuing difference (such as our international events and our individual presentations)