



Christ Church School, Hampstead

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Eco day and much more

Dear parents, carers and families,
Welcome back to the second half of the summer term! The final half term of the year is filled with lots of special events at school – as always, please ask if you need further information about how things work and how to get involved. Please look carefully at the dates below and, coming up over the next month, support our Summer Fair which takes place on Sunday 30th June and join us for our fun afternoon of team events for our Sports Day on Monday 1st July. Look out for more information nearer the time about our music sharing ‘Performance in the Playground’, Open Afternoon and Summer Serenade which all also take place at the beginning of July. It will be a busy half term!

Thank you very much to parents who have been able to respond to my appeal for regular financial support for the school. It is this type of support and the fundraising carried out by the Friends, which keeps all the additional enrichment activities going, as well supporting our specialist teaching from teachers such as Mr Oliver and Mr Spadaccini. The link is [here](#) (or via QR code) and the information is attached again with this newsletter. With best wishes and many thanks for all your ongoing support, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher



Eco day and PSHE week – being a good citizen!

Our PSHE week focused on learning to be good citizens, supporting our local, national and global communities. Highlights included our Eco Day where we all learnt about biodiversity, Year 5 taking part in an event with local police to tackle speeding and Year 3 working with Heath Hands to maintain areas of the Heath for different plants and wildlife.

We also had a special assembly sharing reminders about how we can take action at school to support the environment and CREW have been busy planting vegetables around the school site, too!



Thank you from Mr Dunbar!

An enormous thank you from Mr Dunbar to families who supported his charity event in aid of Bowel Cancer UK. Mr Dunbar, his dad and his team completed their four non-stop rounds of golf, complete with 19.7 mile walk, in 12 hours 50 minutes and raised over £3500 in total. Thank you very much if you contributed and well done, Mr Dunbar!

Dates June

Week beginning Monday 3rd – KS2 spelling challenge (not Monday)

Wednesday 5th – Class photos

Friday 14th - School council's 'cosy clothes' non-uniform day, collecting donations for the Book Trust

Sunday 16th, 11am – School choir singing in Church

Wednesday 19th – whole school photo!

All children need to wear a red uniform T-shirt or jumper with the big school logo on the front. Please arrange to borrow one if you need to, and bring in any spares you have to share!

Thursday 20th – non-uniform day – bring a toy and filled jar for Summer Fair

Friday 21st – INSET day – no children in school

Tuesday 25th, pm – 2024 New Reception children and parents afternoon

Friday 28th – non-uniform day – bring a bottle for the Summer Fair

Sunday 30th, 12-2.30pm – Summer Fair

Attendance – what is good attendance?

When 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, just over 100 children have been in school for over 96.5% of the year! At parents evening, teachers spoke with parents of children who had been in school for under 93% of the year, making parents aware 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. If you have any questions or would like to know your child's current attendance level, then please ask in the school office.

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. **Even the last week of term is important** as children meet their new teachers, mark the end of the year in their current year group and with their current class teacher and take part in all our special end of term celebrations and fun!

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

Camden Biennale Art Exhibition

We are looking forward to the first Camden Biennale art exhibition which will be held at Central St Martin's in Kings Cross. Each school is able to exhibit six pieces – we are busy working on some collaborative pieces and we were lucky to have famous artist Christian Furr select some of our individual pieces to exhibit. Look out for information about how families will be able to visit the exhibition which takes place between 12-17th July.



Summer term class assemblies

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

- Friday 7th June – Year 1 class assembly
- Wednesday 12th June – Year 2 class assembly
- Friday 14th June – Reception class assembly
- Friday 28th June – Year 5 class assembly
- Friday 12th July – Year 6 memories and speeches assembly (9.45am start)



KS2 had a great morning at Parliament Hill track for our trials event for the Y3/4 and Y5/6 Camden athletics tournaments.

Information and reminders

Safety in and around the car park

Please do not walk through (or play in) the Church car park on your way in or out of school or hold the gate open for children and families to pass through. There are always cars moving around in the car park and there have been several near misses recently. **Please walk around the car park on the pavements – it only takes an extra minute.**

2024/25 term dates

Next year's term dates are attached, now complete with all the INSET days when children will not be in school. Please look carefully at these dates when booking holidays. Children return for the new school year on Tuesday 3rd September.

Updating our photo consent information

It is two years since we last asked parents to review their photo consent forms to allow us to use their children's photos in our newsletters and on our website. This means we need to remind you that you can review, change or withdraw your consent at any time. (New parents have been asked to complete the form when their child joined the school.) If you would like to be reminded of whether you gave consent previously or would like to make any changes to your form, please contact the school office. **If you do not contact us, we will assume you do not want to make any changes and continue to use the consent form you previously signed.** A copy of the blank form is attached with this newsletter for your information.

Policies

Governors and staff have recently reviewed and agreed the following school policies:

- Food Policy
- Gifts and Hospitality Policy
- Policy on Relationships Education, including a statement on our provision for Sex Education

You can find all our policies on our website or request paper copies from the school office.

If your child is leaving....

If your child is leaving Christ Church at the end of this year, please get in touch with Mrs Forsdyke or the school office as soon as possible.

Dates continued - July

Monday 1st, pm – Sports Day on the Heath – whole school

Meet us at 12.35 at school or 1pm on the sports pitch area of the Heath. All parents and family members very welcome for our afternoon of fun sports activities in mixed year group teams! **Children should wear sports kit to school with a t-shirt in their house colour.**

(reserve for rain: Tuesday 2nd)

Week beginning Monday 1st – last after school clubs this week

Wednesday 3rd, 2.15pm – CHANGED DATE Whole school Music 'Performance in the Playground' (reserve for rain: Friday 5th) – all families invited

Thursday 4th, 2pm – Open Afternoon – all parents and families welcome

Thursday 4th, 6pm – Summer Serenade in the Church

Sunday 7th, 11am – School choir singing in Church

Wednesday 10th – information will come home to parents about class teachers and staffing for next year

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th, 6pm – Y6 production

Friday 12th – annual reports home to parents

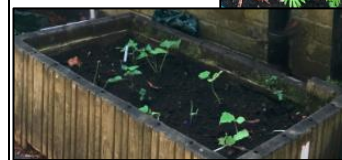
Friday 19th, 11.15am – End of year/Leavers Service – all families invited

Friday 19th, midday – Children collected for the summer holidays

September

Tuesday 3rd September – Children back to school for Autumn term

**CREW's vegetables
Let's hope they grow!**



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 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

How do we ensure children have this specific right met at Christ Church?

Examples include: our very wide curriculum with lots of opportunities for children to try different activities and share and develop their skills; enrichment of our curriculum through visits, visitors, clubs, whole school projects and opportunities to represent the school; our happy play times where all children have the opportunity to relax and play together



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2024/25 Term Dates

Please look carefully at these dates for the year, especially when you are booking holidays!

Autumn term 2024

INSET day: Monday 2nd September

First day of Autumn term: Tuesday 3rd September

INSET day: Friday 4th October

Half term: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Last day of Autumn term: Friday 20th December

Spring term 2025

First day of Spring term: Monday 6th January

Half term: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

Last day of Spring term: Friday 4th April

Summer term 2025

First day of Summer term: Tuesday 22nd April

Bank Holiday: Monday 5th May

Half term: Monday 26th - Friday 30th May

INSET day: Friday 20th June

Last day of Summer term: Friday 18th July

INSET days: Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd July

N.B.

Children are not in school for INSET days - these are used for staff training.