



# Christ Church School, Hampstead

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**End of term busy-ness!**

Dear parents, carers and families,

We have had a busy June and we have an even busier July ahead! We are looking forward to our **Sports Day**, music **'Performance in the Playground'**, **Year 6 production**, **Summer Serenade** and much more in the coming weeks. We will also be holding special assemblies to hear speeches from the Year 5 pupils bidding to be elected to lead our **School Council** next year, to share the winning entries in our annual **Writing Competition** and to announce and celebrate this year's recipients of our **Charlie Chesser Awards** for inclusion, friendship and kindness. There will also be plenty of leavers events for our Year 6 class as we say thank you and wish them well as they move on to their new schools.

Children have worked very hard on end-of-year assessments of all types over the past few weeks and teachers are now working hard on end-of-year reports! Children have made brilliant progress once again, with thanks to their own hard work, skilled teaching and motivation from staff members and, of course, endless support from home. Thank you to parents and family members for their support with reading at home, learning spellings and timestables and weekly homework activities – every moment of help you provide for your own child at home also supports every child in the school, so thank you.

The end of the year, and with the magnificent Summer Fair just over, is also an appropriate time to thank the Friends Association committee and class representatives for their hard work, time, energy and ideas. The Friends have raised thousands of pounds for the school through their events, donations, sponsorship and matched funding, all of which goes towards 'extras' such as our brilliant Joseph production, our fruit for KS2 break times, our additional time with Mr Spadaccini and Mr Oliver, and additional music and sports equipment (see below about our new sports team kit!). However, welcome and needed though the fundraising is, the Friends also do a wonderful job in bringing our school community together - which is even more important and valuable. The Friends have big plans ahead for a range of events next year, a crowd funding campaign to raise money to boost the technology and computing provision at the school and even something special to mark the school's 170<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2025. Look out for information next year! With all best wishes for the final weeks of the year, Katy Forsdyke, Head teacher



## 'Performance in the Playground' – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2.15pm

Everyone is very welcome to our informal 'Performance in the Playground' music event. Every class is involved and will be sharing songs or class band pieces they have been learning and rehearsing in music lessons with Mr Oliver. Please wait by the main gate just before 2.15pm. If the weather is awful, we will try again on Friday 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Open afternoon – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 2pm onwards

Parents are welcome to come into school from 2pm onwards on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> to collect your child and their books from their classroom to take a look at all their amazing work together. Please come to the main gate. If the sun shines, parents and children can sit in the playgrounds to share the work. Please return children's books to the classroom (you will get them all sent home at the end of term) and then you can sign your child out and take them home slightly early if you like.

Clubs will run as usual though and parents and children can still look at work after school at 3.20pm or after clubs, right up until 5.15pm.

All the children's entries for the annual writing competition will also be on display in the hall – please come and take a look at some brilliant writing!

There will also be a second hand, non-branded uniform swop available. Any donations very welcome to the school office.

## Summer Serenade concert – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July, 6pm, in Church

We have lots of performers lined up to share their musical talents at our Summer Serenade! Please join us in Church for a lovely evening of music – the main doors will open at 5.50pm.



## Dates July

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>, pm – Sports Day on the Heath – reserve for rain: Tues 2<sup>nd</sup>

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

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

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

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

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>, 6pm – Y6 production – tickets from office. All children will also see the production in school time.

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

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

**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**

## New Sports Team Kit!

Our Y5 and Y6 athletics team looked very smart in our new sports team kit at the recent Camden competition. This kit was funded by a previous Friends crowdfunding campaign and will be lent out to and worn by all children representing the school at a sports event.



## Staff news

A number of our Teaching Assistants are moving on to exciting new roles at the end of this year and we are busy starting to recruit for next year. Miss Ellis is starting her teacher training course next year, Miss Preece is moving to a role supporting children in another local school and Miss Beese is moving on to a more art-focused role (though we hope she might be with us for the beginning of next term to get us started!) Mr Warren is also starting a teacher training course, but will be continuing at Christ Church as he will be our School Direct trainee teacher for next year.

This year's trainee teacher, Miss Kaynak, has had a brilliant year in Year 4 and will successfully complete her course this month. She is looking forward to teaching her own class in another local school next year. Congratulations, Miss Kaynak!

We send many best wishes and thanks to all staff members moving on at the end of the year.

### Camden Schools Art Biennale

Art work from every school in Camden (primary and secondary) will be displayed at the Lethaby Gallery at Granary Square, King's Cross. Open to everyone 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> July 11am-6pm.

We will be taking all our classes to have a look, but families are encouraged to visit after school or at the weekend, too!



### Information and reminders

#### Healthy Schools Street update – no update yet

Parents will remember the Camden consultation took place in March on the proposed Healthy School Street traffic restrictions around the school. We have asked for an update to share with families but we have been informed that the council are still considering the responses to the consultation and any outcome will be published on their website in due course. We will let families know when we find out more.

#### Policies

Governors and staff have recently reviewed the following policies, which can be found on our school website or you can ask for a copy from the school office:

- Positive Behaviour and Anti-Bullying Policy
- School Travel Policy

#### 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.

### Leavers' destinations

As we do each year, we would like to share the destinations of our Year 6 leavers. Parents often find this helpful when thinking ahead about secondary school choices. We will be sending all our leavers our very best wishes as they move on at the end of term! They have been an amazing class!

Also, an enormous thank you to parents from this class for their support of the school over many years.

- Kimiya – North London Grammar
- Saoirse – St Marylebone
- Amelie – Norway
- Jacob – Maida Vale School
- Sofia – St Marylebone
- Bianca – Fortismere
- Alex – Denmark
- Yehor – South Chingford Foundation
- Shivendu – UCL Academy
- Theo – Haberdashers
- Scarlett – City of London Girls
- Thor – The Hall
- Leonie – South Hampstead
- James – Trevor Roberts School
- Emily – St Marylebone
- Gregory – Maida Vale
- Ale – UCS
- Daniel – St Anthony's
- Summer – South Hampstead
- Ferhad – Northbridge House
- Islay – SMSJ
- Ryan – The Oratory
- Matilda – St Marylebone
- Sayuri – St Paul's Girls
- Emilia – Highgate
- Rika – St Marylebone
- Nova – Holland Park School

### Parents book club

Next meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
Book: Anna Karenina, plus summer reading recommendations  
More info and venue via a whatsapp link – please ask the school office for info.  
An enormous thank you to Antonia who set up and has been organising the parents book club since 2018 – it is a thriving group with parents from every class!

### 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 1: Every child under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention**

**Article 2: The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, sex, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background**

We have been learning and thinking about how all the rights in the convention are:

**inalienable, inherent, unconditional, universal and indivisible**

