

Christ Church Contact



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

I always expect every school year to be busy, exciting and full of surprises. This year, however, I have had to cope with more than I normally bargain for. Although my illness was totally unexpected and the recovery far too long, I consider this year to be successful and positive overall. I am also very proud of how effectively my staff coped with my absence.

This year, as always, there has been a range of academic, sporting and artistic successes. This was possible thanks to the hard work and commitment of the children, staff and the many volunteers whose support we value enormously. Without the PSA, Sports and Performing Arts Committees and governors, the children would have never experienced such a rich and exciting curriculum. My special thanks go to all of you who have helped us during the year.

Finally, I would like to add that I was quite overwhelmed by the strong support given to me by the children, you and the wider Christ Church community during my illness; it made it definitely easier for me to cope with this unpleasant experience. It just shows how strong our community is and I feel very privileged to be a part of it.

Now, I am looking forward to the summer holidays; let's hope the warm weather continues and all of us will have a well-deserved break.

Ania Vaughan
Head Teacher

Golden Book

Congratulations to the children who have been entered into the Golden Book this week.

Lucy B - McGough Class
Abigail P - McGough Class
Poppy G - Carle Class
Ariana L - Butterworth Class
Catherine R - Horowitz Class
Stanley h - Potter Class
Daniel R - McGough Class
TB - McGough Class
Finlay C - McGough Class
Nate C - McGough Class
Grace F - McGough Class
William K - McGough Class
Luca P - McGough Class
Hollie P - McGough Class
Riley H - McGough Class
Isabella A - Potter Class
Alfie H - Potter Class
Anna K - Potter Class
Emily R - Potter Class
Finley K - Potter Class
Jack FN - Potter Class
Jessica D - Potter Class
Radigan H - Potter Class
Katie H - Potter Class
Layla B - Potter Class
Lucy W - Potter Class
Lois S - Potter Class
Maisie W - Potter Class
Tilly C - Potter Class
Phoebe M - Potter Class
Faith C - Potter Class
Rebekah A - Lewis Class
Jessica W - Lewis Class
Emily S - Lewis Class
Gracie-Mai G - Lewis Class

Dates for week commencing 20th July

Mon 20th July - Potter Class - Dress in Gambian Colours (Red, Blue & Green) - Donation of 50p

Monday 20th July - 3.15pm - 4.00pm
McGough & Fine Class Fete - Hook a Bag, Cake Sale, Arts & Craft, Jumble Sale etc.

Monday 20th July - 3.15pm
Potter Class - Name the Teddy - 50p, How Many Sweets in the Jar? - 50p

Tues 21st July - Year 5/6 Production - 2.00pm & 6.00pm

Weds 22nd July - Leavers Service - Christ Church - 9.30am

Weds 22nd July - End of Term - 2.00pm

Music Day Success

Two weeks ago the whole school took part in a music day where the focus was on creative responses through art, dancing, musical instruments etc. All the children had a very enjoyable time and the day was a great success.

Bug Club

Bug club is back up and running. You now need to visit www.activelearnprimary.co.uk and the new school id is cccp. Your user name and password should be the same. Bug Club have made these changes to enable the site to be used on mobile devices. Happy reading!

School Attendance - Update

As you know regular attendance at school is vital if children are to make the best possible

progress - all children should be aiming for at least 95% attendance.

We have updated our Attendance Policy which is attached to this newsletter.

Please take time to read some important information about attendance:

At the moment the figure at which a child is considered persistently absent is 85%. It is at this point you may well be contacted by the Attendance Improvement Officer (AIO). This is the equivalent of missing 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ days of school in a year, or nearly 6 weeks - you can imagine what impact that has on learning.

We have been told that this will be rising to 90% in September. This is the equivalent of missing nearly four weeks of school, which is why the recommendation is 95%.

Your child's place at any school can be put at risk if your child is absent beyond the date you have told the school you are returning from a holiday.

There are sometimes good reasons why a child's attendance can slip - usually a prolonged illness or other medical reasons, but when a child is repeatedly off school it damages their learning because they miss vital steps or building blocks for new concepts. The figures below show this really well.

Primary school: Likelihood of achieving expected level in Year 6:

- Attendance of 80 - 85% gives only a 58% chance
- Attendance of 85-90% gives a 74% chance
- Attendance of 90-95% gives an 80% chance
- Attendance of 95+ gives a 90% chance

From September 2015 we will be publishing children's attendance in their end of year reports.