

Christ Church Contact



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

This month the children are learning about the value of courage, which was actually chosen by you in the survey we sent out last July. The value will be explored in our assemblies and through a variety of activities in lessons. We have also started a new display where staff and children have the opportunity to share their own thoughts, ideas, quotes and photographs linked to the value discussed.

I hope that you will be willing to contribute to the display. I am sure the children would love to see their parents' thoughts and ideas. Since we are talking about courage and it is Remembrance Sunday this weekend, you may wish to share some information regarding the involvement of your child's relatives in any war.

It would be great to have a display full of ideas coming from the children, staff and parents. The children would really enjoy it. So please do not forget to contribute.

Ania Vaughan
Head Teacher

Dates for week commencing 9th November

Thurs 12th Nov - Open Evening for Prospective New Parents - 6.00pm - 8.00pm

Fri 13th Nov - Hargreaves Class Assembly & JML - 9.15am

Fri 13th Nov - Children in Need - Come dressed to school as a Cowboy / Cowgirl in exchange for a donation to Children in Need

Golden Book

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

Harley R S - Horowitz Class
Zoe K - Horowitz Class
Isabella A - Shakespeare Class
Archie A - Shakespeare Class
Nate C - Shakespeare Class
Ronja P - Horowitz Class
Fraser S - Lewis Class
Lucas D - Shakespeare Class
Evie G - Shakespeare Class
Julian S - Shakespeare Class
Joshua T - Shakespeare Class
Oliver E - Shakespeare Class
Kiera B - Butterworth Class
Jack H - Butterworth Class

Stanley K - Butterworth Class
 Ruby C - Butterworth Class
 Sam K - Potter Class
 Martha S - Hargreaves Class
 Isabella M - Hargreaves Class
 Daniel R - Fine Class
 Daniel C - Fine Class
 Hollie P - Fine Class
 Rebecca M - Fine Class
 Charlotte L - Fine Class
 Abigail P - Fine Class
 Emily N - Fine Class
 Luca P - Fine Class
 Eddie B - Fine Class
 Zachary S - Fine Class
 Jamie M - Fine Class
 Charlie S - Fine Class
 Skie C - Shakespeare Class
 Ashton W - Shakespeare Class

Operation Christmas Child

We have already received numerous filled shoe boxes supporting Operation Christmas Child and would like to thank you for your support. There is still time should you wish to participate. The last date for them to be brought to the school office is Thursday 12th November.

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for some volunteers to regularly listen to some of our Year 6 children read. If you are able to help please register your interest with the school office.

New Payment a& Messaging System

We're making communication easier, faster and more effective.

I'm pleased to advise that we are introducing a new service - 'School Gateway'. This means that we can communicate with parents more quickly via email, text, online and smartphone app.

You will also be able to make payments via credit and debit card, view lunch balances and give online consent for activities such as school trips.

What you need to do now

Download the app: If you have a smartphone or tablet, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can send app messages to the school for FREE - this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

Visit the website:

www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

Can't activate your account?

If you're having trouble activating your School Gateway account, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

We hope that you will find School Gateway a valuable way to keep up to date.

Children's' Christmas Card Designs

We hope that you enjoyed seeing the children's lovely Christmas card designs. Just to clarify they will have 2015 printed on the back. Orders must be placed by Friday 13th November with cheques made payable to 'Christ Church PSA'. Thank you.

EpiPen® Users

Did you know that you can sign up to the EpiPen® 'Expiry Alert Service' and receive texts or emails notifying you when your / your child's EpiPen® is due to expire:

- 4 weeks before expiry
- 2 weeks before expiry
- The day after expiry

To sign up please visit www.epipen.co.uk

It is important to keep an EpiPen® in date because the adrenaline inside may not work effectively after the expiry date, potentially putting you at risk during an anaphylactic reaction.

Date for the Diary - Year 1 & 2

We would like to advise you that we have confirmed a booking for Years 1 and 2 to visit Stansted Mountfitchet Castle and Toy Museum on Thursday 31st March 2016. We expect the cost of the trip to be £17 per child.

Safety on the Playground

Since we all want to stay safe all the time please remember there is no cycling or scooting permitted on the school playground before or after school, by pupils, parents or younger siblings.

Change of Time - Foundation Stage Production

Please note that we have changed the time of the Foundation Stage (Nursery & Reception) Production on the 1st December to 10am.

Christmas Dinner - 9th December

Please look out for Christmas dinner letters that will be sent home today via the School Gateway and Parentmail.

Please remember that we require all children to return the slip to the school office by Friday 13th November.

Thank you.

Re-Arranged - Drop in Session with the Head Teacher

Due to other commitments we have had to re-arrange the Drop in Session with the Head Teacher that was scheduled for Wednesday 11th November. This will now take place on Tuesday 8th December at 9.00am.