



# Christ Church Contact

## Message from Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

Every term brings in new exciting ideas and initiatives so I thought I would give you a short summary of what our plans are for this term.

On Tuesday's INSET day, Mrs Adams and Mrs Anstead, our Maths Subject Leaders, introduced the staff to a new way of teaching and learning in Mathematics, called Mastery in Maths.

Countries at the top of the international tables for attainment in maths, employ a mastery approach to teaching this subject. A mathematical concept or skill has been 'mastered' when a pupil can represent it in multiple ways, has the mathematical language to communicate related ideas, and can independently apply the concept to new problems and unfamiliar situations.

The mastery approach means that teachers reinforce an expectation that all pupils are capable of achieving high standards in mathematics (the mindset approach, we are so keen on at Christ Church). It also means that there is no 'weaker/lower' ability mathematician or 'higher' ability. Every child has access to the same curriculum content at the same pace, allowing them full access to the curriculum by focusing on developing deep understanding and secure fluency with facts and procedures.

As you can see it is an exciting initiative, which my staff, I am sure, will embrace with their normal enthusiasm and energy. Please contact Mrs Adams or Mrs Anstead for further details.

Another initiative taking place this term will be work focused on building and strengthening children's mental resilience, so they can face life problems confidently, or if necessary learning where to seek appropriate help. In June, we are going to hold a Wellbeing Week for the children, during which there will be plenty of opportunities to support our pupils understanding of their emotional, social and mental health. Visit from an outside speaker, mentoring for Year 6 from Year 8 pupils and several focused lessons on wellbeing.

Additionally, as usual there will be SATS for Year 2 and 6, phonics screening for Year 1, Sports Day, Dance and RE workshops, class assemblies, trips and plays.

Finally, the highly anticipated opening of the refreshed library is taking place on 24th April. As you can see, there is plenty to look forward to and enjoy this term.

Ania Vaughan, Head Teacher

## Golden Book

Congratulations to the children that have been entered into the Golden Book this week:

Rhys S—McGough

Emily D—Hargreaves

## Dates for w/c 24th April

**Mon 24th**—New Library Opening—see schedule below for details.

**Tues 25th**—Book Signing 3.30pm with Alice Hemming

**Fri 28th**—Non Uniform Day

**Fri 28th**—McKee Class Assembly 9.15am, Parents Welcome to attend.

## Library Opening Schedule

Further to the recent letter regarding the launch of our New Library, we would like to advise you that there will be opportunities for the children to visit the Library, with a parent, during the week of the launch.

The schedule for visits is set out below, and the Library will be open 3:15pm to 4:15pm. There is no need to book, just come along with your child on the appropriate day.

**Monday 24th - Nursery & Reception**

**Tuesday 24th - Year 1 & Year 2**

**Wednesday 25th - Year 3 & Year 4**

**Thursday 26th - Year 5 & Year 6**

**Friday 27th - Open to all**

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## **PSA Pamper Evening**

The PSA is very excited about the upcoming Pamper & Shopping Evening on Friday 12th May. There are many treatments on offer from massage to gel nails to callus peels (!) , and some fantastic stalls including Hoot Toys, Star Designs, Phoenix Cards and many more. Obviously the Prosecco stall will also be making an appearance!

Booking forms will be out early next week, so make you sure you return them promptly to get the treatments that you want! More details on all the stalls and treatments are available on the Christ Church PSA Facebook page. Anyone just interested in shopping is more than welcome too! Entrance tickets for all are £2 and available both in advance and on the night! Looking forward to seeing you and your friends there!

Becky Walsh, PSA Event Organiser

## **Messy Church**

Messy Church will be meeting this Sunday, 23rd April, from 4-6pm in the Church Centre. It's for all the family and there will be lots to do - singing, crafts, storytime, and tea is also provided for everyone. All are welcome and we hope to see you there.

Messy Church Coordinator

## **Water Bottles**

Now that we are coming into warmer weather, please can you ensure that your child has a labelled water bottle for their classroom. In school as several children are coming to school without them and then having to leave lessons to use the water fountain.

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## **Water Bottles**

"If" by Molly A, Horowitz Class

If you can have faith in yourself,

And have faith in other.

If you can let love warm your heart,

And don't let it be your master.

If you can share with everyone,

Even the people that you dislike,

If you can be true to yourself,

And be truthful to everyone around you.

If you can appreciate what you have,

And not moan that it is not good enough,

If you try to push beyond your limits.

And never give up and try, try again,

If you can keep calm and work on,

And keep your not-so-nice opinions to yourself.

If you can have good friends for life,

And care about their feelings like they were yours,

Then yours is the earth and everything that's in it.

And what is more, you'd be in Christ Church

School—my friend.

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## Raising Awareness & Fundraising



**ASDA - WARE**

22nd April

10am - 3pm

This opportunity will allow us to not only raise awareness of Autism and ADHD it's also a fantastic way to raise money for **SPACE**, so we can do so much more for our **SPACE** community.

We will be collecting donations from our stand as well as offering a bag packing service. Children will also be helping with bag packing along with their grown up helper.

### **PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT US**

**SPACE** is a charity supporting Parents/Carers of children and young people with ASD, ADHD and related conditions. We have regular professional speakers at our support groups, workshops, social events plus a library of books to borrow.

We meet up once a month (term time only) at each of these locations across Hertfordshire:

**BUNTINGFORD, CHESHUNT, HATFIELD, HERTFORD,  
HODDESDON, WARE, WELWYN, AND STEVENAGE**

If you would like more information about our charity please check our

**website**, contact us by **email** or alternatively find us on

**Facebook** under the name of **SPACE**

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