

Christ Church Contact

Message Of The Week

Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to start by welcoming all of our new children, parents and staff to Christ Church School. We have over 20 new Nursery children, 38 new Reception children, 12 new starters across Year 1-6 and one new staff member. Miss Kossifos has joined our office team over the summer. We are very lucky to have her and I hope she has settled in quickly. She hasn't ran away yet so I am taking that as a good sign! I hope that all of our new families have got to grips with new uniforms, start times, Class Dojo, Tapestry and a host of other things that come with starting a new school. If you have any questions, please do reach out to members of staff or even other parents. There is a wonderful community at Christ Church and I hope that you feel welcome here and that your children feel safe and loved.

It's funny going into my second year. I felt like, as a school, we achieved so much last year: Community Days, new reward systems, endless sporting success, a focus on assessments as well as the personal development of our children, but there is still so much I still want to explore. There will inevitably be changes this year but I promise that any change we make will always be in the best interests of your children. Over the course of this year, I want to look at our curriculum offer, marking, homework, after school clubs, uniform. The list is probably never ending and we will aim to do this in collaboration with staff, children and parents as we all want the same thing, for Christ Church to be the best school possible.

The start of a new school year brings both worry and excitement and this is completely understandable. New classmates, new teachers and a new curriculum might mean some children take a little longer to settle. The

new school year is also exciting. New bags and lunch boxes, pristine uniform, everyone walking around in brand new shoes. I have gone through a pack of plasters since returning to school as my new shoes are giving me blisters so apologies if I walk across the playground a little slower when opening the gate!

Finally, it was so lovely to see so many of you at our first church service of the year. The House Captains spoke so eloquently and I hope Reception parents enjoy the opportunity to share the new bibles with their children.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend and a great school year.

Rob Getley

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

15th September - Year 3/4 Meet My Teacher

16th September - KS1 Meet My Teacher

22nd September - Year 5/6 Meet My Teacher

26th September - Individual Photos

6th October - Harvest Service 9.30am

Parents Welcome

10th October - Christ Church Chase

17th October - Rowling Class Assembly

23rd October - Parent Teacher Consultations

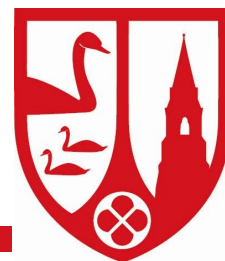
24th October - Inset Day

27th October - 31st October - Half Term

3rd November - Children back to school

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Golden Book

Congratulations to those children who were entered into the Golden Book this week:

- Sophia S - Morpurgo - Freddie D - Cowell
- Jensen C - Morpurgo - Crystal F - Morpurgo
- Sophia C - Morpurgo - Tristan H - Cowell
- Benjamin L - Rundell

Active Prayer

A helping hand prayer activity - This week you will need some paper, a pencil and a pair of scissors. Once you have cut out the hand put it somewhere safe and later in the year you can look back and see which opportunities you have embraced, and which challenges you have overcome.

Welcome Service

On Monday 8th September we welcomed the new children in reception and across the school into the Christ Church Family. It was lovely to see everyone in the church and listen to them all join together singing. The house captains also gave a speech welcoming the children.



Dear God,

I hope they all live a long life and are happy, kind and nice.

Amen

Zachariah

Dear God,

Please help the children to learn new things and to make new friends.

Amen

McKenzie

Dear God,

Help the children learn and help them to be kind to other children.

Amen

Abigail

Attendance

Well done everyone!

We've had a fantastic start to the year with 97% attendance – such a super start! Thank you for your support in getting children into school

every day. Let's keep up the great work together!

House Points

We are delighted to announce that the school have already accumulated over 1,000 house points. The current totals are: **Matthew House:** 280, **Luke House:** 224, **John House:** 274 and **Mark House:** 220.

Well done to all the children

Jewellery

Just a quick reminder that no jewellery may be worn to school, other than a plain watch (which must be removed for PE) and earrings (gold or silver studs only, which for safety need to be covered with tape or plasters for PE). Thank you for your cooperation in adhering to the school uniform policy.

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