

Christ Church Contact

Message Of The Week

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a busy week here at school, although I think I say that every week! On Wednesday, we had our School Effectiveness Advisor in for a whole day visit with a focus on maths. She went into every class and was really impressed with both the teaching and the learning. She could see improvements in the school that we have made over the past year in our lesson design, planning and delivery of the curriculum. She also noted improved behaviour around the school and that the learning environment was calm and purposeful. A big well done to all of the children and all of the staff with a special mention to Mrs. Anstead and Mrs. Adams who lead maths at our here at Christ Church.

We started focusing on maths last year so it was great to hear how effective the changes have been. Now we are looking to follow a similar model for other areas of our curriculum and we have already started making changes which will continue as this year goes on.

I am pleased to say attendance is on the up at school too. We are pretty much bang on the national average of 95.5% which is really encouraging. Based on last year's figures, the Department for Education have given us an attendance target this year that we need to meet. That target is 94.6% and, as you can see, we are nearly one percent above that currently which is great to see. Even if we meet our school target of 94.6%, it means that our pupils will gain an extra 243 extra school days compared to last year! It will be even more than this if we continue at 95.5%! When it is put that way, it shows how school attendance can really affect pupils' performance in school.

It is not too far off from Christmas now and school is starting to get ready. Our Christmas Lunch is in the diary; plays are starting to take shape; our children are visiting the church next Thursday for Christmas Explored; we have our wonderful Christmas Market next Friday and there are still spaces left at the PSA Christmas Wreath making night. Please keep an eye out for notices to do with Christmas as we get closer to one of the busiest times of the year.

Last year was my first year for Christmas Lunch here at school. It was a really lovely, festive day but it was missing one thing...crackers.

Now, the school can't really afford to buy 322 crackers for every child but I was wondering if parents could buy some for their child's class. We would only need three parents per class to buy a box of 10-12 crackers and that would mean that every child would be able to pull one on Christmas Lunch Day. Mrs. Devine bought 50 odd after last Christmas and they have been under my desk ever since so I am looking forward to gaining some extra leg room in my office. As a parent, I will also buy another 20 odd, so that's 70 out of the 322 Christmas crackers already sourced! No pressure but if you could pick up a pack of Christmas crackers and drop them in to either your child's class or the school office, it would be greatly appreciated.

Lastly, I thoroughly enjoyed hearing about all of the learning Rundell class have been up to in their assembly earlier today. It is their last class assembly at Christ Church and it was lovely to see them speak so clearly and coherently. Well done to all involved!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend and see you next week.

Rob Getley

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

28th November– Christmas Market 6pm-8pm

1st December- FS Production Rehearsal 1.30pm

2nd December– FS Production

15th December– Year 1/2 Production Rehearsal 1.30pm

16th December– Year 1/2 Production

18th December– Christmas Service 09.30am

18th December– **End of Term 1:30pm**

19th December– **Occasional Day**

5th January– **Inset Day**

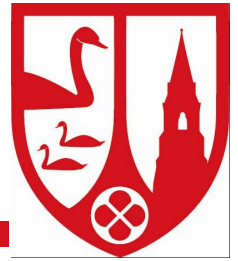
6th January– Children back to school

16th January– Morpurgo Class Assembly

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Golden Book

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

Rosen

Matilda J, Zach H, Bavin T, Aoife-Mae B-W, McKenzie K-R, Archie D, Louis B, Scarlett P, Benjamin S, Light E, Hunter J, Luca V

Walliams

Thomas G, Daniel S, Agatha G, Isobel M, Alice M, Alice J, Lucy W, Rory S-H

Dahl

Joshua M

Cowell

Jake D, Gabiel P, Alvin R, Summer S, Buddy C, Olivia D

Morpurgo

Jason A, Hudson T, Sophie J

Rundell

Ben B

Hughes

Federico N, Nusaiba N, Cassius T-M

Murphy

Yusuf M, Darcie K, Alec I, Abigail A, Honza K, Alfie R

Kerr

George D

PSA

We are still looking for stall holders and raffle prizes for our Christmas Market– please contact our PSA if you're interested in holding a stall this year. We had almost 400 attend our Christmas Market last year!



Active Prayer

This week take a moment to pause and be still, wherever you



House Points

This week the house with the highest house points is: **Matthew House.**

Well done to all the children.

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