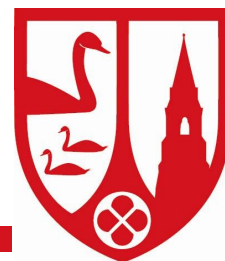


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## Message Of The Week

Dear Parents and Guardians

Firstly, apologies for the absence of last week's newsletter. Our internet went down on Friday afternoon and wasn't properly restored until late Monday morning. This affected our printers, phones, server, laptops, and iPads. We received plenty of technical advice to "turn it off and on again," but eventually, we got it sorted!

It's been another successful couple of weeks in sport, with cross-country trials and victories for both our football and netball teams against Bengoe and St Mary's schools. Our netball team haven't lost a single game since I joined Christ Church! Last year, we were fortunate, and thankful, to secure sponsorship for a new football kit, and we're now wondering if any parents or local businesses would be interested in sponsoring a new netball kit for our Year 5 and 6 team. The team deserves a kit that matches their talent. Currently, they're defeating all before them while wearing skirts held together with safety pins! If you or someone you know would like to sponsor arguably the most successful team in Hertfordshire, perhaps even the world, please get in touch.

Today was the annual Christ Church Chase, which helps raise money for sports equipment at school. Thank you to everyone who sponsored their child and contributed the £1. I tried to watch as much as I could as it is amazing to see so many children pushing themselves and competing in the event. It really was a special day and well done to all of the children for trying their very best!

On a slightly more disappointing note, the PSA hosted an event last Wednesday after school to gather support, but sadly, no one attended. As I've said many times, the PSA provides so much for the school—IPads, Chromebooks, theatre trips, Sports Week, and much more. Without them, the school would really feel the difference. At the moment, one person is having to organise the entire Christmas market, which is simply too much for one individual. As it stands, we're unsure if it can go ahead. I know everyone is busy, but even a little help would make a big difference. You don't need to join a committee—it could be as simple as helping set up stalls on the evening or contacting a few local businesses. Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Attached to this email is the information the PSA shared last Wednesday.

If you can spare a bit of time, please have a read and get in touch.

Last week, I sent out a link to gauge interest in running a holiday camp during the October half-term. I'm pleased to say we now have enough families interested, so the camp will run every day of the break.

If you haven't already, please complete the form to indicate which days your child will attend, as we need this information for staffing:

<https://forms.office.com/e/RxyrtRL4gm>

Earlier today, a letter was sent out regarding the school gate at drop-off and pick-up times. In line with new regulations, we need to make our site more secure. Starting Monday, parents will need a code to open the gate when dropping off or picking up outside normal school hours. The code will work from 7:45–8:30 a.m. and again from 3:30–6:00 p.m. You'll need it if your child attends Café Play or a club. Please remember to shut the gate when entering or exiting the school grounds. The code will not work during the school day, so please use the intercom as usual.

Finally, a big thank you for all your donations to our Harvest Festival on Monday. These contributions make a real difference to people in our community, and the joy on the children's faces as they showed me their chick-peas, beans, shower gel, and toothpaste was truly heartwarming.

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

Rob Getley - Headteacher

## Dates for Your Diary

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

6th November - Open Evening 6pm-8pm

14th November - Cowell Class Assembly

21st November - Rundell Class Assembly

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## Golden Book

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

### Walliams

Ted B, Mabel Ob, Teju W, Alice J, Kit Murphy, Marlow S,

### Dahl

Richie-Jay J, Jesse J, Hugo L, Freddie W, Charlie W, Leo T, Hayley-May C,

### Rowling

Shanaya B, Sophia A, Dagna S, Honor E, Sophie W, Chloe C

### Cowell

Alfie RH, Tristan H

### Rosen

Samuel B, Dennie M

### Morpurgo

Benny H, Isabelle S, Saabyan M, Basil O, Lily D, Hudson T

### Rundell

Marley B, Jack H, Joseph G, Matilda S

### Hughes

Isaac E, Georgina G, Kaylum F, Nusaiba N, Harry L, Eden M

### Murphy

Honza K, Milo C, Abigail A, Max M

## Active Prayer

Dear God,

Help us at harvest time to remember that you are our provider who gives us what we need. Help us to always remember to say thank you for all the good gifts that you give us.

We pray for all those who are struggling to buy the food they need for their families and for all the food banks and local projects who work so hard to support those in their communities.

In these difficult times help us not to be greedy, to only take what we need and to share what we have with others. Amen

## House Points

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

Our running totals are now: **Matthew House** 1475, **Luke House**: 1289, **John House**: 1441 and **Mark House**: 1429.

Well done to all the children.

## Sports



Phew - what a game for our netball team last night! We knew St Mary's would be our toughest opposition and we were right! They pushed us to play our best at all times but every single member of the team rose to the occasion. This week's training focussed on decision making when passing and this helped us

throughout the game to make sure we passed carefully and moved thoughtfully despite their tight marking. The girls worked hard to make moves to get free and our passing improved throughout the game securing a super 14-10 win. Opposition's player of the game went to Amelie who worked so hard throughout the game both when attacking and when at centre.

Not only did we have a win for our Netballers, our Years 5&6 Football Team came out on top after securing a 5-2 win against St Mary's School with goals from Hadley C, Ryan O and Benny H. Plenty of battling was had between sides for a well deserved win. Our second football match of the week is taking place tonight against Larkspur School – good luck to those playing!



## Christ Church Chase

Well done to all our wonderful children for participating in our Christ Church Chase. We've raised over £900!

Thank you to parents, guardians, carers, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbours and everyone else for all your amazing donations which are being used to improve our sports provision.



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