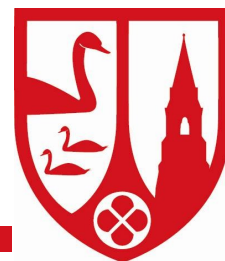


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Message Of The Week

Dear Parents and Guardians

It was lovely to see so many smartly dressed, beautifully presented children for our individual photos on Tuesday. I especially enjoyed watching older siblings collect their younger brothers and sisters from class to take them to the hall for their family photo. They sat patiently waiting for their turn—the older sibling acting like mum **and** dad, the younger sibling looking so proud to be with their big brother or sister. It really was a joy to watch! I hope the photos captured how happy the children were on the day.

Yesterday, I spent the day at Morgans Primary School as part of a Peer Review and, luckily, both our football and netball teams kicked off their seasons there after school. The football team drew 5–5 and the netball team won, yet again, finishing around 30–9. Watching the children giving their best and playing sport in the right spirit was fantastic. A huge well done to all the children who played, and to their coaches. It feels like we are set for another successful sporting year!

You may have seen on Dojo that the PSA are hosting an event after school on Wednesday for parents, with the hope of welcoming a few more members on board. I can't emphasise enough how important the PSA are in enriching the educational experiences of our children. Please do come along if you think you can spare any time this year. Whether you could join as a committee member, or simply help collect donations for 20 minutes once a year, every contribution is greatly appreciated. We'd love to chat with you more on Wednesday.

I don't want to tempt fate, but it seems the smartphone-free initiative in school is working well. Four weeks in, we have yet to deal with any social media issues or phone-related fallouts. Long may this continue! If your child has a 'brick' phone and is beginning to tire of playing Snake (though surely impossible!), they may already be asking about smartphones, especially with Christmas just three months away. A rather kind parent sent me this video, which you may like to share with your child. It could offer them a new perspective:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.us21.list-manage.com/track/click?u=5378b40846e0948620c8eb668&id=c26131c7cd&e=4264da1c59>

The church is also sharing guidance and advice on this issue through the charity *Care for the Family*. If you are interested, here's the link:

<https://www.careforthefamily.org.uk/events/tourents/left-to-their-own-devices/>

Finally, thank you to those who have reached out over the past week regarding the changes we are making to the curriculum, snacks, and birthdays. As I mentioned before, change can sometimes feel unsettling, but it is often necessary. There will be a few more tweaks to life at Christ Church, so please

I hope you all have a lovely weekend – I am sure you are all as excited about the Ryder Cup as I am.

Rob Getley

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

30th September - Vaccination UK in school

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:

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| - Isaac E- Hughes | - Mary A- Dahl |
| - Mabel C - Dahl | - Maisie - Dahl |
| - Josh- Dahl | - Mason F—Dahl |
| - Elensio- Dahl | - Flo- Dahl |
| - Eva- Dahl | - Kaiya- Dahl |
| - Eliza- Dahl | - Toby- Dahl |
| - Polly D- Hughes | - Precious- Hughes |
| - Sophie J- Morpurgo | - Nahum- Morpurgo |
| - Samriddhi- Morpurgo | - Albert O—Morpurgo |
| - Alice J- Walliams | - Georgie L- Walliams |
| - Thomas G- Walliams | - Lucy W- Walliams |
| - Eryn S- Cowell | - Lily H- Cowell |
| - Jude S- Cowell | - Clark H- Cowell |
| - Finlo N- Cowell | - Daisy H - Cowell |
| - Jason A- Morpurgo | |

Active Prayer

Whilst the weather is holding, take a walk with God and see what He draws your attention to. Think about why you notice these things and ask what this means and how you



House Points

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

Our running totals are now: **Matthew House** 930, **Luke House**: 777, **John House**: 838 and **Mark House**: 789.

Well done to all the children.

Sports

Yesterday, our netball team played their first match of the year against Morgans School. The squad gelled really well together and supported each other both on and off the court throughout the match. The girls all communicated brilliantly and made some excellent decisions with their passes down the court. Lots of the team adapted to new positions throughout the game and everyone played with a wonderfully positive attitude. Christ Church came away with an impressive 30-9 win to start the season with a bang! Excellent shooting from our attackers, strong defensive interceptions from our defenders and super movement from our midcourters all contributed to this wonderful score.

A huge well done to all the girls! An extra mention goes to our players of the match:



Opposition's player of the match - Rowan
Coach's player of the match - Janishka
Player's player of the match - Frankie

We also played Morgans for our first football match of the year. A great battle was had after being 5-2 down to bring it back to 5-5 in the dying moments. A special mention to Leo who scored 3 and Hadley



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