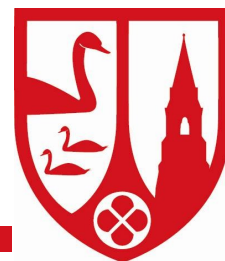


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Message Of The Week

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Attached to this newsletter is a letter I've written about some of the changes taking place in our school. As I mentioned last week, all the changes we are making this year are with the children's best interests at heart and have been carefully discussed here at school.

There will be other updates and tweaks to school life in the coming weeks, but for now, the attached letter covers: curriculum, lunches, snacks, and birthday treats. Please have a read, and if you have any questions or concerns, speak to your class teacher or come and chat with me at the start or end of the day. We all want to make Christ Church the best school it can be. While change can sometimes feel a bit unsettling, it is often necessary and I truly believe these changes will benefit the children.

I want to say a massive thank you to the two families who kindly donated goals for our school field. I've visited every class to emphasise that the goals are *not* for climbing or swinging on! I genuinely dislike having to rely on donations and handouts from parents, but the current reality is that we need to. I'm always on the lookout for support, so if you have an idea or would like to get involved in any way, please do come and speak to us.

We met with the PSA this week, who, as always, are providing much-needed support. I like to think of the PSA as the team that brings the *fun* elements to school life. Just last year, they funded 15 Chrome-books, 15 iPads, Sports Week, Community Days, and helped enable every child from Reception to Year 6 to visit Hertford Theatre at Christmas. We have lots planned for this year too, but we really need more helpers. The PSA is currently low on numbers, and we'll be holding an event soon to try and encourage more people to get involved—please look out for information about that in the coming week.

We're also always on the lookout for grants, and I want to say another big thank you to the parents and staff who continue to point us toward potential funding opportunities.

Now, I'd never tell you where to shop...but starting in October, I *do* recommend a visit to Tesco in Ware! We've been selected as one of the causes in their *blue chip* scheme, and we're hoping to raise money to give the front playground a much-needed revamp—new equipment, games on the tarmac, and so on. The children love being on the field, but once the weather changes, we rely more on the front playground, which could use some improvement. So, if you're in Tesco during October, please pick up a token, or ten, and support our school.

I hope those of you who attended the *Meet the Teacher* sessions found them useful. If you weren't able to make it, the PowerPoint slides have been uploaded to Dojo. Year 5 and 6 have their session on Monday morning.

One last note: individual school photos will take place on Tuesday 23rd September—please remember!

Rob Getley

Headteacher

Dates for Your Diary

22nd September - Year 5/6 Meet My Teacher

23rd September - Individual School Photos

6th October - Harvest Service 9.30am

Parents Welcome

10th October - Christ Church Chase

17th October - Rowling Class Assembly

23rd October - Parent Teacher Consultations

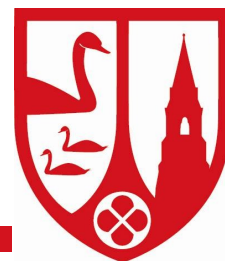
24th October - Inset Day

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:

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| - Evie G - Dahl | - Will G - Dahl |
| - Midhursa T - Dahl | - Oscaras B - Dahl |
| - Freddie W - Dahl | - George R - Dahl |
| - Mabel C - Dahl | - Phoebe J - Rosen |
| - Mabel O'B - Walliams | - Lucy W - Walliams |
| - Dylan D - Rowling | - Tristan H - Cowell |
| - Quinn H - Morpurgo | - Basil O - Cowell |
| - Frankie S-H - Rundell | - Charlie T - Murphy |
| - Freddy R - Murphy | - Milo C - Murphy |
| - Millie S - Murphy | - Scarlett H - Murphy |
| - Willow H - Murphy | - Honza K - Murphy |
| - Romilly S - Murphy | - Abigail A - Murphy |
| - Taya C - Murphy | - Teju W - Walliams |
| - Kiki W - Cowell | - Daisy H - Cowell |
| - Tabitha S - Cowell | |

Active Prayer

This week we are thinking about things for which we are thankful and letting go of worries.



House Points

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

Our running totals are now: **Matthew House** 581, **Luke House**: 476, **John House**: 532 and **Mark House**: 475.

Well done to all the children.

School Dinners & Snacks

School dinners are now available any day your child fancies – just £3.60 a meal. Simply top up in the 'meal account' section on the Arbor App, and your child can choose a school dinner on the day. The money will be debited from your child's account balance.

Did you know?

We automatically check Reception and KS1 children for free meal eligibility – but circumstances can change, so it's always worth checking again.

If your child qualifies, they stay eligible until the end of Year 6 – that's up to 6 years of support!

Even if your child already has free meals in Reception/KS1, registering still brings extra funding into school to help *all* our children.

Find out more and apply here:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Children in KS2 are asked to bring a snack with them each day, we ask that Snacks are fresh fruit or vegetables. Please don't send anything processed (fruit winders, yoyos, etc). Unfortunately, in Key Stage 2 we don't receive any free snacks for the children if they forget their own. Please only put plain water in their bottles. Squash, cordials, fruit juice etc is not permitted.



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