



Christ Church CE Primary News

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What's been happening at Christ Church..?

It has been a busy two weeks at Christ Church, with lots of fun learning taking place. Last week, Year 4 went on their residential trip to Whitemoor Lakes. They all had a fantastic time taking part in adventurous activities such as zip-wiring, canoeing, fencing and abseiling. They also learned basic skills such as how to make their own beds and packing their own suitcases! There were some tired but extremely happy faces (both children and adults) by Wednesday afternoon. The whole school also took part in Paralympic sporting events, such as blind football and wheelchair races. Lots of fun was had by all.

Whitemoor Lakes, Year 4



Paralympic sports across school





Year 4 Trip to the Regiment museum



Cookery in KS2



Reception trip to the library



Year 3 learning in the environmental area



Over the next two weeks...

- **On Tuesday 21st June and Wednesday 22nd June, Year 6 (the Friary and King Edward's) have their transition day.**

- On Tuesday 21st June, there is a SPaG workshop for parents 4.30pm - 5.30pm.

- **On Wednesday 22nd June, Year 1 are going on a trip to Plantasia.**

- On Wednesday 22nd June, there is stay and play for the new September Reception intake.

- **On Thursday 23rd June, it is 2RB's Inspire workshop 9am – 11am in the hall.**

- On Thursday 23rd June, there is a theatre company coming into school for Year 1,2 and Year 4 in the afternoon.

- **On Monday 27th June, Year 6 are receiving first aid training.**

- On Tuesday 28th June, Year 2 are going on a trip to Plantasia.

- **On Tuesday 28th June, some children from Year 5 are going to the Friary for a literacy workshop.**

- On Wednesday 29th June, Year 6 are going to Drayton Manor.

- **On Wednesday 29th June, Year 5 are going to the Cathedral for a sports science workshop.**

- On Wednesday 29th June, it is Year 4's showcase in school.

- **On Thursday 30th June, some children from Year 5/6 are competing in the swimming gala at The Friary.**

- On Friday 1st July, the children will receive their school reports.

- **On Friday 1st July, some children from Year 5 are going to the Friary for a literacy workshop.**

Gardening day

This Saturday (18/6) from 10am – 2pm, we are having a 'gardening day' at school in our environmental area. This is to make the area more accessible for the children to learn in.

Any volunteers on the day will be hugely appreciated, even if is only for an hour. It will also be a great experience for the children, so they are more than welcome as long as they are supervised by an adult. Tools and gloves will be provided but please ensure that you wear appropriate clothing. School will provide drinks and biscuits to keep up energy levels.

Some of the tasks which will take place during this day are:

1. Tidying up the pond area.
2. Clearing back some tree cover from pond edge - cut timber can be used to line/edge the existing paths.
3. Clearing back the plants around the pond side and fence line.
4. Re-instating the plastic composters you have at the site, use for composting green waste.

5. Creating habitat piles.
6. Clearing back the woodland areas and identifying/naming trees.
7. Creating a pallet composter.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Litter Picking

As a school, we are currently working hard to promote the amazing environment which the children have both at school and in the surrounding area, so that they really begin to appreciate the wonderful place that they live in. Recently, the Leomansley Area Residents Association (LARA) got in touch with me, asking me to promote to Christ Church parents a litter picking event which they are organising on Saturday 9th July in the spirit of 'Clean for the Queen'.

The hope of LARA is that the event will raise awareness of the importance of taking care of the local environment and not to drop litter in the streets or parks. The hope is also to raise awareness of what can and cannot be recycled to again help the environment.

I think that this is a really worthwhile event and will no doubt promote a wonderful community feel to Leomansley. It would be fantastic to see some of our Christ Church community supporting this if you can.

Attendance

It is really important that your child attends school regularly and it is vital that we work together to ensure that your child arrives on time, every day.

The classes with the best attendance for last week are: Miss Binns' and Miss Inglis's class

If your child has an appointment to attend during school time e.g. doctor, dentist, we will now need proof (a letter or text confirming the appointment) when you collect your child. Otherwise, this will be put down as an unauthorised absence on your child's record.

If your child's attendance goes below 90%, we do have to report this to the Educational Welfare officer and you could receive a fine.

Traffic on Christ Church Lane

As you are aware, during key times in the week Christ Church Lane is extremely busy with parents/carers dropping off and picking up children. Last week our Health and Safety Officers sent out a letter asking for people to make sure that they are driving safely and being considerate of others to ensure that the children of Christ Church stay safe.

In spite of our Health and Safety Officers' effort, we have unfortunately been informed that there has been an incident this week involving dangerous driving.

Our local PCSO Elaine Ford has been contacted and she has advised that any incidents of dangerous driving, including mounting the kerb, should be reported to the police on 101.

Governor emails

We are extremely lucky as a school, as we have fantastic governors who work with Mrs Pilmore and her staff to help drive our school to be the best it can be. Our governors try to be in and around school as much as possible so that they can answer any questions or queries that you have about school. We have now set up some email accounts, if you need to contact them for a specific reason. The email addresses are as follows:

Chair of Governors:

gov.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk

Vice Chair of Governors:

vice.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk

Standards Teaching and Learning Committee Chair:

slt.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk

Resources Committee Chair:

res.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk

Fantastic writing

Over the year, Year 6 have been working extremely hard to improve and make fantastic progress in their writing. I thought that it would be lovely to share some extracts from a selection of pieces, about a recent visitor to our school during worship, to celebrate how hard they have worked and what truly fantastic writers they have become.

A Morning in Ancient Egypt!

Coming in this morning was very interesting; we got to watch an incredible Egyptian worship. Howard and Cleopatra took us on a breath-taking journey through time, teaching us about: mummies, tombs and Pharaohs. We travelled back in time: going back 2000 years. We learnt how the crook and flail - which were made of solid gold- showed a true Pharaoh. Did you know Cleopatra's tomb has never been found? What an amazing worship!

Matthew

Worship was brilliant- we learnt about the fantastic Egyptians. We saw on the table: an Egyptian body, a snake and much more. The dead-looking body was very creepy ; it was a breath-taking experience for the whole school to enjoy. We learnt that the first Pharaoh was Narmer and all of the Pharaohs had a crook and a flail. Some women Pharaohs wore a fake beard and all Pharaohs wore wigs. Cleopatra was the last ever Pharaoh and she was a woman. Would you like to find out more about the Egyptians?

Kieran

This morning we had two Egyptian visitors; they told us all about the Ancient Egyptians. When we came in, there was lots of smoke; a man was bowing to us like we were Pharaohs. We saw: some artefacts, a life-like looking body and some other interesting things too. The man, that was called Howard Carter, took us back in time to when Cleopatra was Queen. We got to meet Cleopatra and find out lots of things about her. Did you like the worship too?

Holly

Sports day

Sports day is now just round the corner. It is an extremely popular and well attended event by parents/carers/families, so make sure that the following dates are in your diaries:

Monday 11th July (weather permitting)

Monday 18th July (reserve date)

Key dates for the diary –Summer term 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Tuesday 21 st & Wednesday 22 nd June	Year 6 transition days (The Friary and King Edward's)
Tuesday 21 st June 2016	SPaG workshop 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 22 nd June 2016	Year 1 trip to Plantasia
Wednesday 22 nd June 2016	New Reception intake for September 'Stay and play'
Thursday 23 rd June 2016	Year 2RB Inspire workshop
Thursday 23 rd June 2016	'Legend of the golden dragon' theatre for Yr1,2 and 4
Monday 27 th June 2016	Year 6 first aid training
Tuesday 28 th June 2016	Year 2 trip to Plantasia
Tuesday 28 th June 2016	Some Year 5 children going to The Friary
Wednesday 29 th June 2016	Year 6 to Drayton Manor
Wednesday 29 th June 2016	Year 5 to the Cathedral for a sports science day
Thursday 30 th June 2016	Swimming gala
Friday 1 st July 2016	Some Year 5 children going to The Friary
Friday 1 st July 2016	Your child's class reports will be given out
Monday 4 th July 2016	Year 6 first aid training
Wednesday 6 th July 2016	Year 5 are going to the fire station
Thursday 7 th July 2016	Some children from Year 6 going to the Garrick
Monday 11 th July 2016	Sports day (weather permitting)
Wednesday 13 th July 2016	Year 6 End of Year Production 2pm and 6pm
Thursday 14 th July 2016	Year 5 showcase to parents (in the hall) 2pm- 3pm
Thursday 14 th July 2016	WW2 dressing-up day in Year 4
Friday 15 th July 2016	Reception trip to Wolseley Bridge
Monday 18 th July 2016	Reserve Sports day
Tuesday 19 th July 2016	Year 6 Leavers' service
Wednesday 20 th July 2016	School Council's enterprise afternoon
Friday 22 nd July 2016	School closes for the summer holidays (returning on Tuesday 6 th September)

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,
Julie Pilmore (Head Teacher)

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Relationships - Resilience - Risk Taking - Reflective - Resourceful