



# Christ Church CE Primary News

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## What's been happening at Christ Church..?

Welcome back to a brand new term and a brand new academic year at Christ Church. All the children across the school have settled into their new classes really well after the summer break and are excited by the new learning which is taking place. I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome our 60 new reception children to our school.

Over the summer holidays the last 4 of our classrooms were refurbished so that now all the classrooms across the school are stimulating and bright learning environments for our children to work in.

### Year 1 settling into their new classrooms



### Our new Year 6



### Making kites in Year 2



## Roald Dahl day



## Year 6 job interviews



## Over the next two weeks...

- The week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, extra-curricular clubs begin after school.
- **On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September, there is a School Association coffee morning in the hall from 9am. Everyone is welcome to attend (including non-school aged children)**
- On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, it is 6AS's Inspire workshop in the hall from 9am – 11am.
- **On Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, it is 6KP's Inspire workshop in the hall from 9am – 11am.**
- On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, it is European languages day in school.
- **On Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, Year 5 are going on a trip to The Friary to study languages.**

## Sainsbury's vouchers

A big thank you to everyone who collected Sainsbury's vouchers for us last year. We have used the vouchers to buy gardening equipment for our environmental area and our raised beds.

## Freedom of the City

'Freedom of the City of Lichfield is the highest honour that can be bestowed upon an individual or group by the City and there is a long history of the honour being granted to the armed forces stationed at Whittington, during and since the Second World War.

There will be a Freedom service at the Cathedral on the 28<sup>th</sup> September and then a parade around Lichfield after this, from 3.30pm. The parade promises to be a military spectacle, the like of which has not been seen in Lichfield for many years and is unlikely to be repeated. ' (Christopher Moulton, Town Clerk)

Lichfield City Council would like to invite any families to come and watch the parade on this special day, which begins at the Cathedral, goes along Bird Street, Market Street, Market Square, and then onto Dam Street.

## School Association

We are very lucky to have a fantastic School Association team made up of parents who want to raise money for the school. Last year, they organised a variety of events, such as: School discos, chocolate bingo and the Christmas Fayre. All of these events were incredibly successful and well supported by our school community. Because of these events, over the year the School Association managed to raise **£6137.47**.

**This is an amazing achievement and we can't thank the School Association enough, as all the money raised goes back into school to spend on the children at Christ Church.**

### **Some of the things that they funded last year were:**

Reading areas in all classrooms  
Year 6 first aid course  
Hoodies for leavers  
2015 Xmas trips - 50%  
Water bottles for reception children

This year, School Association have decided to use some of the money raised to pay for all of the children's Christmas treats (pantomime/cinema – year group dependant) in December 2016. They realise how expensive Christmas is for people and felt that this would be a huge help to all of our families. Thank you School Association.

They also wanted me to share with you a few dates for your diaries:

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – The Christmas Fayre  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – School disco evening  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April – Chocolate bingo  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June – School disco evening

## 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: Mrs Allister's Reception, Mrs Dawson's Reception, Yr1AO, Yr1KL, Yr2RB, Yr2LD, Yr3DD, Yr3BI, Yr4ST, Yr4SC, Yr5EM, Yr5EP

**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.

### Governor emails

Our fantastic governors work extremely hard alongside 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](mailto:gov.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)

**Vice Chair of Governors:**

[vice.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:vice.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)

**Standards Teaching and Learning Committee Chair:**

[slt.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:slt.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)

**Resources Committee Chair:**

[res.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:res.chair@christchurch-lichfield.staffs.sch.uk)

### 'The Pen' transformation

I am very excited to tell you that we have managed to successfully secure two grants, one from the Co-operative Trust and another from the National Lottery, to enable us to transform the current 'pen' area outside into a fantastic multisport area which all of our children will benefit from.

We can't thank The Co-operative Trust and The National Lottery enough for their generous grants. **I would like to particularly thank Mrs Stevens and Mr Tilt who both worked extremely hard preparing the applications for the grants.**

This transformation is going to begin in the October half term holidays and should take two weeks to complete. We can't wait to see the children's faces when they come back to school and see it, as we know that they're going to love it!

### 'Pre-loved' clothing sale

Before the summer holidays, you received a letter informing you that in the Autumn term we were going to hold a 'Pre-loved' clothing sale.

The date of this sale has now been set for: **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016 from 2.45pm.**

The sale will take place outside the hall (weather permitting), or inside the school hall if it rains.

All of the clothing for sale is of good condition and has been washed. The money raised from the sale will go straight back into school funds and used to support the children's education.

## Malachi

You may have seen on the news that there has been a large rise in children across the country dealing with a wide range of social and emotional issues at home and/or at school.

All of the staff at Christ Church are incredibly supportive of all of our children and are happy to spend their time supporting, caring and nurturing our children –this underpins school ethos and is something that we are incredibly proud of. However, from this September we have decided to employ two new members of staff, from a company called Malachi, to further support us in this area. They bring with them a high level of experience and expertise.

**Below is a little more information about what the company Malachi are all about:**

**Who are Malachi?**

We help children through tough times they might face at school and at home.

**What can we do for you?**

We support children and their parents/carers who are going through: family difficulties, challenging behaviour at home, the hard job of being parents, practical home problems

**Is it free?**

Yes it is free to parents/carers of the school

If you feel that your child and your family may benefit from support from Malachi, please feel free to arrange a meeting with Mrs Dunning (Deputy Head Teacher) via the school office.

### Key dates for the diary – Autumn 1st half term 2016

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Extra-curricular clubs begin
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Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	Year 5 to The Friary
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	3BI's Inspire workshop
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	3DD's Inspire workshop
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	Reception's Super Hero Day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October 2016	Children break up for half term <b>(Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October is an INSET day)</b>

Have a super weekend.

Best wishes,  
Julie Pilmore (Head Teacher)

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