



Christ Church CE Primary News

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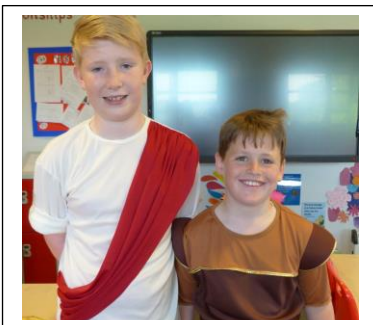
What's been happening at Christ Church..?

There's been a lot going on at Christ Church over the past two weeks, as you can see below. Year 3 came and stayed the night at Hotel Christ Church; they had a brilliant time and we were very proud of them as it was the first night some children had spent away from home. Well done Year 3. Lots of trips have been taking place and visitors have been coming into school to enhance the children's learning. With only 3 weeks left until we break up for the summer holidays, there is still so much more to fit in including Sports day, meeting new teachers and the Year 6 performance!

Year 5 Forest Schools



Year 6 Ancient Greeks day



Year 1 trip to Twycross Zoo



Year 4 Inspire



Year 6 tree workshop



Year 3 'Hotel Christ Church' sleepover



Cookery lessons



The School Association Disco



Rounder's tournament



Over the two next weeks...

- **On Wednesday 5th July, Year 6 are going on their trip to the snowdome and bowling.**
- On Wednesday 5th July, there is an athletics tournament in Beacon park for some Year 3,4,5 children
- **On Friday 7th July your child's school report goes out to parents at the end of the day**
- On Monday 10th July, it is Sports day (WEATHER DEPENDANT) KS2: 9.30am – 11.30pm, KS1: 1.30pm – 3.15pm
- **On Tuesday 11th July, it is the Year 6 performance, 2pm and 6pm in school**
- On Tuesday 11th July, Year 5 are going to the Fire Station in the morning

E-safety information: Snapchat

PARENTS – BE AWARE AND PLEASE SHARE!

We are aware that a number of children in school, particularly in KS2 use Snapchat. However, Snapchat has just had a huge update. The default setting now shows where any of the users (your child's) friends are at, at any time. It uses GPS to precisely pinpoint on a map where the users are, with a Bitmoji of your child. This even changes to a car emoji when they are moving quickly. Once you get onto the Snap map it'll show you where your Snapchat friends are and what they are doing if they share a picture. The update also allows you to upload snaps to the 'Our Story' so that anyone can see your picture.

If you do not want your location shared, you will need to go into Snapchat settings and set up '**ghost mode**' to keep it private.

It may sound like innocent fun but if your children have their location shared then people can potentially track them down. The map shows exactly where they are, which raises some serious concerns. While they would need to know your child's username, and for them to accept their friend request it is still quite easy to access this information online. We are also aware, that some children are still accepting friends that they may not entirely know, or 'think' that they know without being 100% sure.

I urge you to check your child's settings, ensuring that they are set to 'ghost mode'. Ghost mode is only available if you have carried out the update, which was effective on 21st June.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT ABOUT THE DANGERS OF THE ONLINE APPS THAT YOUR CHILDREN HAVE ACCESS TO. WHEN UPDATES ARE RELEASED, COMPANIES OFTEN ADD EXTRA SETTINGS WITHOUT YOU KNOWING BUT COULD POTENTIALLY PUT YOUR CHILD AT RISK.

We are working extremely hard at school to ensure that your child knows how to stay safe on line, but we need parental support with this at home too. Please monitor what your child has access to.

Sports day

Sports day is scheduled to take place on Monday 10th July 2017.

KS2 sports day will take place in the morning: 9.30- 11.45am (approximately)

KS1 sports day will take place in the afternoon: 1.30pm – 3.15pm (approximately)

If the weather is not kind to us on Monday 10th July we will use our 'reserve' date of Monday 17th July 2017. *Please understand that if we do cancel the event, it will be because of the weather making it dangerous for the children to compete. We ask for your understanding with this matter.*

During sports day, School Association will be selling refreshments, including tea, coffee and scones with jam and cream. They will also be selling raffle tickets which will give you the opportunity to win a family fun day out in the summer holidays.

School reports

Please be aware that your child will come home with their end of year school report on Friday 7th July 2017. There will be a number of other important letters within their report envelope, including a letter telling you who your child's class teacher will be next academic year, Year 1 phonic screening results and KS1 and KS2 SATs results/Teacher Assessments.

The children will spend a morning with their new class teacher on Tuesday 18th July 2017.

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 were: Miss Orme's class and Mr Tilt's class for the second week running!!!! Well done

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.

School Disco

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the School Association for another successful disco last night. It was extremely well attended and the children had a fabulous time.

However, I would like to draw your attention to the 'flash torches' that were given out during the evening. Whilst the children were given these with the intention for them to have lots of fun in the dark, we have been made aware about the potential health hazard that these could present. This is because the toys contain button batteries within a small compartment. The compartment should have been sealed with a screw and be robust enough so that they can't be easily split open.

I would advise that if your child still has their torch that you take it off them and dispose of them.

*** Please be aware that these types of button batteries are also found in kitchen scales and bathroom scales.**

I can assure you that because of this information, school and The School Association will carefully assess what the children are given during the disco to ensure that things given out are safe for the children to play with.

'Mobile free' zone

We are aware that a number of children bring mobile phones into school because they walk to and from school. However, because of a number of issues that we have been having with social media, particularly taking place while the children are waiting to come into school in the morning, we are going to start enforcing a 'mobile free zone' on the school site. This means that the children can still bring their phones into school but they must be switched off before they enter the school gate and be kept switched off until they leave the school grounds.

It would be of great support to school if parents also adhered to this rule with their own mobile phones.

Bikes

Could we please ask that once the children are inside the school gates, they refrain from riding their bikes and scooters. This is to prevent collisions and for the safety of anyone on the school grounds.

Key dates for the diary –Summer term 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Wednesday 5 th July 2017	Year 6 'day out' to the bowling and The Snowdome
Wednesday 5 th July 2017	KS2 Athletics tournament @ Beacon park
Friday 7 th July 2017	End of Year reports will go out to parents/carers
Monday 10 th July 2017	Sports day (weather dependent) KS2: 9.30am – 11.45am KS1: 1.30pm – 3.15pm
Tuesday 11 th July 2017	Year 6 production 2pm and 6pm
Tuesday 11 th July 2017	Year 5 are going to the Fire Station (am)
Monday 17 th July 2017	Reserve Sports day
Tuesday 18 th July 2017	'A morning with your new teacher'
Tuesday 18 th July 2017	Leavers' service in church @6pm
Wednesday 19 th July 2017	Reception trip to Wolesley bridge
Friday 21 st July 2017	Children break up for the summer holidays

Have a fantastic weekend .

Best wishes,

Julie Pilmore (Head Teacher)

Respect - Care - Responsibility
Relationships - Resilience - Risk Taking - Reflective - Resourceful