



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 new reception children to our school.

Reception settling into school life!



Introducing our wonderful new Year 6 children



Children across school settling back into school life



Roald Dahl Day



Over the next two weeks...

- The week beginning Monday 25th September, extra-curricular clubs begin after school (please note that letters have been sent out to the children).

- **On Monday 25th September it is Year 1KL Inspire workshop in the hall, 1.45pm – 3pm**

Junior Leadership Team 2017

On Friday 15th September, a special worship was held in school. Twelve children in Year 6 were selected by Mrs. Pilmore to form the Junior Leadership team for this academic year. They were chosen for a number of reasons, one being because they emanate the School Values in everything that they do.

The Junior Leadership team 2017-18 are:

Oliver Harris
Nancy Hingorani
Erin Gibson
Sam Wilson
Lara Gilbert
Oliver Thomas
Zara Gill
Amber Hoey
Alex Orgill
Annabelle Hadley
Matthew Allen
Millie Ingham

The team will be leading a number of events and new initiatives in school across the academic year. During the worship the new team were presented with special ties so that they can be identified by everyone in and outside of school. They already have their very first job of the academic year: Launching the Christ Church book club!

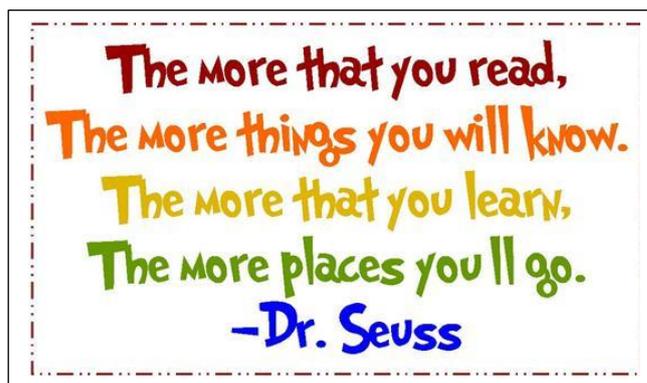
Reading across School

This week, a letter was sent home about Reading at Christ Church. As the letter said, it is our aim to become a reading school.

To fully achieve this, we really need your support to promote a love and respect of books both at home and at school. Every child across school will have a reading diary. We ask that you encourage your child to read every evening and sign their diary when they have read or finished their book.

As a school, we have spent nearly £15,000 on reading materials – this is how important we believe reading to be in school. The children can't wait to start to use the new books which they should be able to do within the next couple of weeks!

As Dr Seuss says:



School Association

We are extremely lucky to have a fantastic School Association team made up of parents who want support school and raise money to enhance the children's educational experience. Last academic year, they organised a variety of events, such as: School discos, chocolate bingo, food and a raffle at sports day and the Christmas Fayre. All of these events were incredibly successful and well supported by our school community.

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:

Year 6 first aid course

Hoodies for leavers

2016 Xmas trips paid for in full

Water bottles for reception children

Converting the 'red table area' into a new ICT and learning hub

This year, School Association have again 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 2017. 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 8th December 2017 – The Christmas Fayre

Thursday 1st February 2018 – School disco evening

Wednesday 28th March 2018– Chocolate bingo

Thursday 28th June 2018– School disco evening

School Association Craft Fayre **OCTOBER 14TH 2017, 2pm-4.30PM**

Just a reminder that the Craft Fayre returns this year at Christ Church CE (c) Primary School to raise funds for the children; their learning and their environment.

General information:

- The event will run from 2-4.30 pm.

- There will be hot drinks on sale and a licensed Bar.

If you would like to apply for a stall please complete the form (sent home this week with your child) and return it to the office marked for the attention of Mrs J Meakin.

WE HOPE TO SEE LOTS OF YOU THERE!

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 Dawson's Reception, Mrs Allister's

Reception, Year 1KL, Year 1AO, Year 2RB, Year 4ST, Year 4BB, Year 5KP, Year 6AS and Year 6CC

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.

**** JUST A REMINDER****

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

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

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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 them –this underpins school ethos and is something of which we are proud. Since September 2016 we have worked with a company called Malachi who have been a superb support to us in this area. Our Malachi staff, 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 2017

<u>Date</u>	<u>What's on</u>
Monday 25 th September 2017	Extra-curricular clubs begin
Monday 25 th September 2017	1KL's Inspire workshop
Monday 2 nd October 2017	1AO's Inspire workshop, 1.45pm
Tuesday 3 rd October 2017	3DD's Inspire Workshop 1.45pm
Wednesday 4 th October 2017	6AS's Inspire workshop 1.45pm
Thursday 5 th October 2017	Reception reading meeting for parents: 9am – 10.00am OR 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Saturday 14 th October 2017	School Association Craft Fayre
Tuesday 17 th October 2017	Year 4 to Lichfield library- remembrance day
Thursday 19 th October 2017	Reception's Super Hero Day
Friday 20 th October 2017	Children break up for half term (Monday 30th October is an INSET day)

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,
Julie Pilmore (Head Teacher)

Respect - Care - Responsibility

Relationships - Resilience - Risk Taking - Reflective - Resourceful