



Christ Church CE Primary News

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What's been happening at Christ Church..?

We are well and truly into the autumn term now, with lots of exciting learning taking place. Year 6 and 3DD have had their parents/carers into school to work with them at their Inspire workshops. Year 3 also found out what it was like to go to school in the Victorian times, experiencing strict Victorian school regimes; chanting times tables, handwriting drills and having to hold a penny to the wall if you stepped out of line!

Year 1 and 6 games lesson



European Languages day



Year 4 History



Reception learning and exploring



Year 1 maths



Inspire workshops



Over the next two weeks...

- On Monday 8th October 2018, it is the new Junior Leadership Team worship.
- **On Wednesday 10th October 2018, Year 6 are going to church for worship at 9am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend.**
- On Thursday 11th October 2018, it is 3AO's Inspire workshop 9am – 11am in the school hall.
- **On Thursday 18th October 2018, there is a reading meeting in the hall for Reception parents, 9am – 10am.**

School Association Coffee Afternoon for Macmillan Cancer

Thank you to everyone who came and supported the coffee and cake afternoon last Friday.

The School Association managed to raise a brilliant: £258.85 for Macmillan cancer. Wow!



Parents' evening

On Wednesday 14th November (5pm – 8pm) and Thursday 15th November (3.30pm – 6.30pm) 2018, it is parents' evening for all children in school.

Letters about this will come out in the next couple of weeks, just before we break up for half term.

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 Leigh's, Mrs Pennock's, Miss Binns and Mrs Benniston's classes.

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.

Parent governor ballot

Thank you for everyone who applied for the two parent governor vacancies in school. We had a large number of applications.

The following parents have been selected for the ballot:

Mr Millington
Mrs Stevens
Mrs Holloway
Mrs Waddy

Next Friday, 12th October, you will receive some information about each of the named parents above and a ballot paper which you will need to use in order to vote. Please hand your anonymous vote into the school office by: 3.30pm on Wednesday 19th October 2018

Reading workshop for Reception parents/carers

On Thursday 18th October, Mrs Dawson will be delivering a reading workshop for Reception parents/carers in the hall from 9am – 10am. In the workshop, she'll be explaining the methods that we use in school to teach your children to read and she will also be giving you some strategies for you to use at home.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Time off during Term time

As you are aware, the Department of Education (DfE) made important changes to the law in 2013 for families wanting to request leave of absence in term time. The changes made it clear that Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time, unless they are exceptional circumstances.

We have been told by Staffordshire County Council that they are now issuing fines for families taking holidays during term time. This can be as little as one day of absence if it is not seen as an exceptional circumstance or illness.

As a Staffordshire school, we are now legally required to send Staffordshire County Council any applications of unauthorised absence that we receive into school. We ask that you understand that it is not a school decision whether or not to fine parents. This is the responsibility of Staffordshire County Council.

The penalty notice fine would be:

- £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, rising to
- £120 per parent, per child if paid between 21-28 days
- If the fine is not paid within 28 days, you may be prosecuted under S444.1 of the Education Act 1996.

I must advise you that if the prosecution takes place, the maximum fine is £1000 per parent, per child. This reflects the seriousness of unauthorised absence from school. I am sure that you understand that our key priority is to ensure that your child is as successful as possible and gains maximum benefits from their educational experience.

Key dates for the diary – Autumn term 2018

Date	What's on
Wednesday 10 th October 2018	Year 6 are going to church for worship 9am. Parents/carers welcome
Thursday 11 th October 2018	3AO's Inspire Workshop 9am
Monday 22 nd October 2018	Year 5's harvest worship in church
Wednesday 24 th October 2018	Year 5/6 football heat after school
Friday 26 th October 2018	Children break up for half term (Monday 5th November is an INSET day)
Monday 5 th November 2018	INSET day in school
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	Children return to school after the half term holidays
Thursday 8 th November 2018	4BB's Inspire Workshop 9am
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	Year 4 are going to church for worship 9am. Parents/carers welcome
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	Parents' evening late, 5pm – 8pm
Thursday 15 th November 2018	Parents' evening early 3.30pm – 6.30pm
Wednesday 21 st November 2018	Year 3 are going to church for worship 9am. Parents/carers welcome
Thursday 22 nd November 2018	4RB's Inspire workshop 9am
Sunday 25 th November 2018	Christmas light switch on in Lichfield City centre
Monday 26 th November – 2 nd December	Year 6 residential to Laches Wood
Friday 7 th December 2018	Reception Nativity in church
Friday 7 th December 2018	Christmas Fayre in school 5pm – 7pm
Tuesday 11 th December 2018	Year 2 Christmas performance
Monday 17 th December 2018	Year 1 Carols by Candlelight
Thursday 20 th December 2018	Children break up for Christmas
Monday 7 th January 2018	Children return to school after the Christmas break

Have a brilliant weekend.

Best wishes,

Julie Pilmore
(Head Teacher)

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