



# Christ Church C of E Primary School

## AUTUMN TERM 2024 -Newsletter 1



### Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope that you have all enjoyed a relaxing summer break. We are delighted that our pupils have returned to school with a positive mind-set and have been ready to learn and have a successful year. They have all settled back into class routines very well, enjoying their new classrooms, teachers, and support staff as well as reuniting with their friends. Learning is very much buzzing in every space of our school.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us over our first week.

We would like to give a warm welcome to all our new families and are excited to have them and new members of staff joining us this year. We are looking forward to working closely over the coming terms.

A big thank you to all of our families for working so closely with us at the start of the year to maintain the high expectations we have in place.

Children are looking very smart in their uniforms, arriving on time and ready to learn. We are all very keen to continue living out these high expectations as we go through the year, and again thank you for working with us to support us all.

Our first collective worship of the year focused on our termly theme, our value and how we can be courageous advocates. We came together in prayer and asked that we be given strength to be the best we can be, and show self-control and be responsible, and in those times when we falter we asked for strength to put us back on the right path and learn from our mistakes.

Over the next few weeks you will get to meet the teachers, some that you already know and some who are new to the federation. This is a great opportunity to get to know each other more, and begin working together to support your child to be a happy, successful learner. Please look out for the termly dates poster and add these to your calendars.

I wish you all a blessed term.

Ms Reid

### Dates for your Diary

#### Celebration Collective Worship

Parents and carers are invited to join us for celebration collective worship **each Friday in the school hall at 9.10am**

#### Meet the Teachers evening

Weeks beginning 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> September see below the specific time for your child's class

#### Parent Consultation Meetings

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

#### Black History Month

The month of October – **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

The children will be participating in a range of activities throughout the month.

#### International Evening

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

#### TERM DATES

#### LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

#### INSET DAY

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

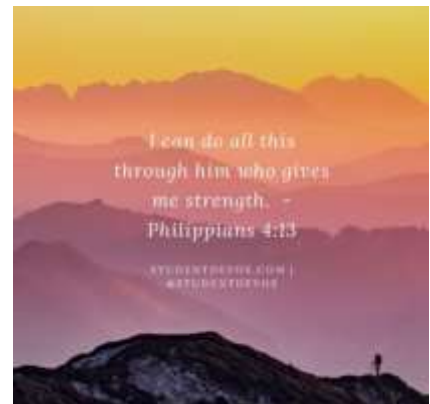
#### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024**

#### FIRST DAY – 2<sup>nd</sup> HALF OF AUTUMN TERM

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

<p><b>AUTUMN 1 –</b>  <b>Theme: <u>Self Control</u></b>  <b>Federation Value –</b>  <b>Responsibility</b>  <b>SMSC: Courageous</b>  <b>Advocacy</b></p>	<p><b>Philippians 4:13</b>  I can do all this through  him who gives me  strength.</p>
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### Meet the Teacher Meetings

You are invited to come into school to meet your child's teacher. A member of the senior leadership team will also be joining the meeting to answer any questions that you may have. There will be a presentation and time to visit the classroom where you can chat with the class teacher and see where the magic happens!

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 6	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm
Year 1	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm
Reception	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>1.10pm</b>
Year 4 -	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	3.30pm
Year 3 -	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm
Year 5	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm
Year 2	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	3.30pm



## Useful Information and Expectations

### The start and end of the school Day

Gates open for drop off between **8.40 am and 8.55 am** for all pupils. Please try not to arrive too early as we cannot open the gate until 8.40am. Pupils should be collected promptly at the end of the day at **3.10 pm**. Please ensure your child's pick-up arrangements are communicated with the school. Reception pupils are dismissed from the classroom and all other years are dismissed from the playground in near the main gate.

### Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. Children who are not in school by **8.55 am**, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning, in preparation for a day of high quality, interesting and fun learning.

**It is important that we know where the children are and we are required by law to record this information; please call the school office, or answer your phone to school so that we can ensure all children are safe and well.**

### School Lunch

School dinners are **FREE** to all children in school. Please take up this opportunity. Dinners are prepared and cooked fresh each day in our own kitchen. If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and **does not include nuts**, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunch bags should be well labelled.

### Snacks

Children in year groups Reception, 1 and 2 are provided with a piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are permitted to bring in fruit for a snack at break time – no other food is allowed, **especially nuts** as we are a **NO NUT school**.

### Allergies

**We have multiple children and staff members with nut allergies, some of which are airborne and are extremely dangerous.** You will have received information from the admin teams, but we will continue to remind you about this allergy to ensure that all members of our school community are safe.

### **Please do not send your child into school with;**

- Any nuts
- Nutella or other chocolate spread containing nuts
- Peanut butter
- Snacks/ cereal bars containing nuts

Always check the ingredients of any food you are sending into school – , trips, international events, class party food, gifts for staff, packed lunches or anything else, to be certain that they do **NOT** contain nuts. Sometimes it is not obvious!

We thank you all for your cooperation and support with keeping out school family safe.





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## SCHOOL

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#### Useful Information and Expectations

##### UNIFORM

<b>Clothing</b>	<b>Grey</b> trousers or skirt or pinafore dress ( <b>other colours are not permitted</b> ); a white polo shirt/ blouse; royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper In summer pupils may wear <b>grey</b> shorts or a blue checked dress.
<b>Footwear</b>	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – <b>These must be black only</b>
<b>Jewellery</b>	Small studs and a wrist watch if your child can tell the time. No necklaces.

**PLEASE ENSURE ALL CLOTHES ARE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.** Lost property will be given to charity at the end of each term! Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Shoes and trainers should be black.



##### Golden Rules

**They are as follows:**

1. Do be gentle – don't hurt anybody
2. Do be kind – don't hurt people's feelings
3. Do be honest – don't cover up the truth
4. Do work hard – don't waste time
5. Do look after property – don't waste or damage things
6. Do listen to people – don't interrupt

##### Pencil Cases and Other Items From Home

Children should not bring in pencil cases, pencils, pens or other items from home; only school equipment can be used. This is to ensure fairness to all children.

##### Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school each day – no glass. It needs to be clearly labelled with your child's name and filled with **water** only..

##### Breakfast Club

If your child requires a place at our breakfast club. Please telephone the office/Miss Parsons and speak to them about reserving a place. Places need to be paid for in advance.

##### After School Club

After school club is completely staffed and managed by Simply Play. Payments need to be made directly to the after-school staff – NOT the school office. Parents/carers will need to contact Simply Play directly for questions relating to spaces. Contact: Matthew Johnson Telephone: 020 3478 8567

##### Photos

Please do not take photos of other children in school. Photos of your child taking part in collective worships, singing etc, should not be put on social media.

##### Party Bags

We will not be distributing party bags or birthday cake to celebrate birthdays. If your child has a birthday and you are looking to provide the class with a treat, why not buy a book for the class - inscribed with their name!

## Safeguarding

**Safeguarding and keeping our children safe are very important to us. If you have any suggestion on how we can improve on our safety measures, please do speak with Ms Reid.**

If you have any concerns about any child's safety or child protection, please see **the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mr Ermellino ASAP**. If he is not available, please see Ms Reid or Ms Lamont or Ms Graham.

**There are photographs of the Safeguarding team placed in each classroom, please talk to your children and encourage them to talk to the adults in school if ever they need to.**

For information on Safeguarding, please see the Greenwich's Safeguarding Children Partnership website <https://greenwichsafeguardingchildren.org.uk/>

**Please talk to your children about how they can keep safe using their mobile phones and other electronic devices.**

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/tech-guide/mobile-phones-for-children/>

## Here to listen: our safeguarding team



Federation Designated  
safeguarding lead (DSL):  
**Morayo Amao**



Designated safeguarding lead  
(DSL): **Alex Ermellino**



Deputy DSL:  
**Brenda Lamont**



Safeguarding  
team:  
**Sam Reid**



Safeguarding  
team: **Melissa  
Graham**