



Christ Church C of E Primary School

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Headteacher's Message



Dear Parents and Families,

As we move further into this half term and feel the season shifting into the colder, darker days of late autumn, I'm delighted to share what a positive and enriching few weeks we've already had in school. Even though we are only in week three, the children have embraced the beginning of term with energy, enthusiasm, and a real eagerness to learn.

Our value for this half term is *resilience*, and it has been wonderful to see the children showing this in so many ways—persevering with new challenges, supporting one another, and approaching their learning with determination. It is a value we see lived out daily, and we are very proud of them.

Alongside this excellent start, the children have already enjoyed a number of exciting experiences. Year 6 took part in the "Why Money Matters" workshop, learning about money, financial responsibility, and how to set up a business. We were especially thrilled to welcome Deborah Meaden from *Dragon's Den*, who joined the team delivering the workshop and made the experience truly memorable.

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their residential trip to PGL Liddington. Their confidence, teamwork, and bravery shone through as they took on a range of activities—many of which really showcased their resilience in action.

This week, we have also marked Anti-Bullying Week, focusing on the theme "The Power of Good". Every year group took part in activities and discussions about kindness, respect, and how small positive actions can make a big difference. It has been lovely to see the children reflecting on how they can help create a supportive school community.

Last week we came together to mark Remembrance Day. Through thoughtful class activities and a moment of reflection, the children showed great respect as they learned about the importance of remembrance and peace.

As we look ahead, we are already beginning to feel the excitement of the approaching Christmas season. There are many special events and celebrations planned, and we look forward to sharing these with you and your children.

Thank you for your continued support. It means a great deal to us and to our whole school community.



Warm wishes,
Ms Reid
Headteacher





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A Message from the School Chaplain : Rev Dom

From time to time I am drawn back to consider the IMPORTANT things in life. Watching the Remembrance parade on the TV at the weekend, taking part in the Remembrance service at Church on Sunday; these all motivate us to reflect.

A number of years ago I remember reading about a lecturer who held up a jar in their class. In it they placed large rocks that represented the important things in life. The rocks reached the top. They asked the students – is it full? Yes, they replied. The lecturer then got some small stones and scattered them in and they went in the gaps between the rocks. This represented things that were quite important but not priority. Is it full now? Yes, they replied. They then poured sand in and the sand filled the spaces – this represents the normal everyday things we do all the time. Is it full now? Yes, they replied. Finally the lecturer emptied a jug of water into the jar and put a lid on. The lecturer helped them reflect that the important things would never fit if we fill our days with the ordinary and everyday, the extras, and everyone's expectations first.

Take some time this week to consider what the important things are for you. Reflect and give thanks for the people in your life that are the most important to you. Give them some of your time, your attention. Consider the things in your life that take up your time – are they good for you, are they a distraction, could you look at it differently. Pray for yourself. When we feel full and overwhelmed, ask for peace and perspective. When we need someone or something, pray for God's provision and for the presence of the Holy Spirit. And when we feel able to, maybe consider and pray for those around you that you might help in times of stress.

May God bless you and all those who are dear to you.
May his love fill your life and show you your worth is more than you might think or believe.
May his peace, that passes all our understanding, keep your heart and mind in his love.
Amen

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck
School Chaplain
Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry





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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 MUGA pitch.

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 fun, interesting 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 if your child is absent to let us know the reason for their absence

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**, we are a **NUT FREE 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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UNIFORM

Clothing	Grey trousers or skirt or pinafore dress (other colours are not permitted); a white polo shirt/ blouse; royal blue sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper In summer pupils may wear grey shorts or a blue checked dress.
Footwear	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – These must be black only
Jewellery	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..

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!



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Social Media

We have an instagram account which we use to promote our school and to share with our families all the amazing learning and experiences that we offer our children. Please follow us – Christ Church Primary School Greenwich



BREAKFAST CLUB

We have spaces available in our breakfast club. This runs daily from 7.30am-8.40am each day. If your child requires a place at our breakfast club. Please telephone the office and speak to Miss Parsons for more information and to reserve a place.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – SIMPLY PLAY

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 34788567**

Safety Reminders



For the safety of every one, please use the footpath that passes by Robert Owen when coming into school. Cars and delivery vehicles use the carpark throughout the day making it dangerous for pedestrians to be walking through the car park. We regularly remind the children of this. If your child walks to school by themselves, please support us by reminding your child to do this.

Parents and carers are also reminded that only staff cars and delivery vehicles are allowed into the school carpark. Please do not use the carpark to drop off or collect your child/children.

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 – Mrs Eggleston ASAP**. If she 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/>



SAFEGUARDING



Are you concerned about the safety or welfare of a pupil?

If so, make sure you speak with a member of the safeguarding team.



Mrs Amao
Assistant
Headteacher
Federation
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Eggleston
Deputy Headteacher
Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Miss Lamont
Home-school Link Worker
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Sheath
Safeguarding
Governor



Miss Reid
Headteacher
Safeguarding Team



Miss Graham
Assistant Headteacher
Safeguarding Team



Mrs Gibbs
Federation Deputy Headteacher
Safeguarding Team

**Greenwich MASH
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Keeping Children Safe

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