



CHRIST CHURCH C of E Primary School SCHOOL SPRING TERM 1 (2020)



Welcome Back and Happy New Year This half term our theme is courage

'Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong' Corinthians (16:13)

We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break and would like to thank you for your generosity with the cards and gifts we received before the Christmas break.

STAFFING

We are really pleased that Ms Ewusi-Aikins is returning after her maternity leave. She will be teaching in year 5 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and will be sharing the class with Mrs Mattin who will continue to teach in year 5 at the beginning of the week.

Ms Graham will now be focussing on her SENCO role. We are sure that you will join us in thanking both Ms Graham and Ms Mattin for their hard work and commitment to year 5 last half term

LEADERSHIP TEAM

If you need to speak to a member of the Leadership Team we are always happy to help. We are available to speak to you in the mornings and afternoons whenever you see us on the gate. If this is not a convenient time for you then please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment. We can also arrange to speak with you on the phone.

Ms Reid, Campus Lead, is available each day. Our Senior Assistant Headteacher Mr Ermellino and Assistant Headteacher Mrs Gibbs will be available on the days they are not teaching.

Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Wainwright (the Federation Executive Co-headteachers) will continue to share their time between Christ Church and the Peninsula and Woolwich campuses. Please ask in the office if you would like to speak to a specific person and Mrs Beaumont or Ms Layne can let them know.

Federation Chaplin's Message

A Time of Blessing

Happy New Year! I hope you felt blessed over the Christmas and New Year break.

This month is a time of blessing for several different reasons.

New Year sees us blessing each other with best wishes for bright prospects and good opportunities to follow in the coming 12 months. Everyone hoping that the next year will be better than the last.

Epiphany – the visit of the Wise Men to Jesus and the Holy Family – sees many people asking for blessings upon their homes. Some chalk the message '20+C+M+B+20' above their doors. This is a traditional blessing that reminds us of the blessings of the wise men (Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar) and how we hope to be blessed. It includes crosses that remind us that the baby Jesus is also the Jesus who died for us and rose again. It also includes CMB which is short for the Latin phrase 'bless this house'.

Lastly at the beginning of February we remember Candlemas - The Celebration of Jesus being presented to the Temple and being blessed as being the light of the world. In some churches we bless the candles we will use as they remind us of God sending His Light into the world.

My prayer is that you feel blessed by God as you begin a new year and a new decade.

My hope is that you find blessing in all that you do and offer blessing in all that you say.

And my challenge to you is that you find ways of blessing your community, church, school, families and homes.

May God the Father keep you in all your days.

May God the Son shield you in all your ways.

May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace.

May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light.

Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

Chaplain – Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest – East Greenwich Team Ministry

SCHOOL GATEWAY

Our school office is now cashless and all payments should now made via the School Gateway app. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

To activate your School Gateway account, all you need is your email address and mobile phone number: This needs to be the same information the school holds for you, otherwise you may have trouble logging-in.

- If you have a smartphone, please download the free School Gateway app from an app store (Android and iPhone). The app shows the same information as the website PLUS it will save the school money when we send you a text message.

OR

- Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'new user'. Once registered, you will receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to log into your new School Gateway account.

CAR PARK

Please be reminded that the car park is for the use of staff only. Parents and families must not drive into the car park to pick up or drop off pupil's. This includes pick up and drop off from breakfast and after school club. Increase in traffic makes our car park more dangerous for our pupils.

For safety reasons all pupils and families must use the pathways into the car park and **not walk through the car park**. Vehicles, including delivery lorries enter and leave through gates throughout the day.



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Picking Up Children

If someone different is picking up your child from school please ensure that you have informed the office so that they are aware of the arrangement. If an arrangement is going to be regular please ensure that your child's forms are updated in the office with the names of those who regularly collect your child. For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to let children go home with adults we have not been given permission to send them home with.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

INSET

Friday 31st January

Candlemas Service at the Church

Monday 3rd February

STEM week

Week beginning Monday 3rd February

NSPCC Number Day

Friday 7th February

Last Day of half term

Friday 14th February school closes at 3.20pm

Half term

Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February
Return to school on Monday 24th February

Year 4 School journey to Northampton

Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March

Easter Service

Thursday 2nd March 2pm

Last day of term

Friday 5th April school closes at 2pm

UNIFORM

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct uniform. Please see our uniform policy below

ALL CLOTHES MUST BE CLEARLY LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME.

Lost property will be given to charity at the end of each term! Every child should come to school in the correct uniform.

UNIFORM POLICY

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.

UNIFORM PRICES

Uniform can be purchased from our school office. The prices are as follows:

- Fleeces £14.00
- T shirt £5.50
- Sweatshirts £10.00
- Shorts £5.00
- Cardigans £11.50
- Coat £19.00
- Polo shirts £7.50
- Water Bottle £2.00
- Back packs £8.00
- Small bag £5.50

The office sells uniform on :

Wednesday 1.45-3.00pm
Friday 10.00am – 12.00pm

SCHOOL DINNERS

School dinners are **FREE to all children in year groups R, 1 and 2**. Please take up this opportunity. Dinners are prepared and cooked fresh each day in our own kitchen.

For KS2 pupils the cost of a school dinner is **£2.60 a day**. All dinners must be paid for in advance. School dinners cost **£13.00 a week**.

Total cost of school dinners for the first half term is: **£75.40**

Second half term: **£78**

Total for this half term is: **£153.40**

BREAKFAST CLUB

Please see Ms Layne if your child requires a place.

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**

PACKED LUNCH

If your child brings a packed lunch to school then, please ensure they put it on the trolley in the mornings. They will then be transferred to our fridge where they will be kept until your child eats their lunch. If your child brings a packed lunch to school please make sure it is healthy and does not include sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. All packed lunch bags should be clearly labelled with your child's name and current class name.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Harrison, Mrs Wainwright and Miss Reid