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Dear Parents/Carers,

Friday 15th September 2023

Welcome to Christ Church CE Primary School. The team in Reception class are Mrs Allen and Mrs Lovell. We are very pleased to be teaching Reception this year. I hope you and your child are looking forward to the year ahead as much as we are. We will have a 'meet the teacher' session in September (TBA) and you will also have lots of opportunities to learn about your child's first year in school via the online Journal called Tapestry.

Our learning this term will be focused on 'All about me' where your child will build upon their previous experiences and knowledge of nursery and pre-school. In the first two weeks, we establish the class rules and expectations and explore the indoor and outdoor class environment. In week 3, as the children start in full education, we continue to explore our topic 'All about Me', encouraging a sense of community across the entire school, and also help children to look forward to the future in a positive way. It will also offer an opportunity to give time for the children to get used to the systems and routines of school. They will use the outdoor equipment for developing their co-ordination skills and will have the opportunity to develop their social skills by working closely with their peers.

We will be covering all areas of learning through our themes. In the first half term we will be thinking about who we are and what we can do and how we have changed. In the second half term, we will be thinking about Light and Celebrations in various religions. A big focus of our Literacy will be Phonics. Please help your child by practising the phonemes (sounds) they are learning in school. In RE we will be thinking about 'Why Christians believe Jesus is special' and we will be learning about different Festivals.

For this term your child will not be required to bring a PE kit with them to school. The children are given ample opportunities to be physical outside by using the climbing apparatus and a variety of bikes and ball games. The children will be having weekly dance lesson on Tuesdays with Miss Layla.

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After the Christmas break, P.E will take place twice a week. It is essential that your child brings their full PE kit to school on a <u>Monday</u> and that it remains in school until <u>Friday</u> when it needs to be taken home for washing. Please could you ensure your child has a white T-shirt, black/dark shorts and jogging bottoms as well as trainers or plimsolls and a tracksuit top (especially as the weather becomes colder for outdoor PE). It is important that both PE kit and school uniform are clearly labelled with your <u>child's name</u>. The children are responsible for their own clothes. Please note for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn. Only studs are allowed as stated in the school prospectus.

The teaching assistant will change the children's reading books once a week. Please read with your child and write comments in the reading record book. Homework menus will be sent out once the children have settled and started full time. Please have fun and enjoy the homework activities with your child, sending them in to show and tell.

We are always available and happy to speak with you if you have any concerns or issues that you wish to discuss at the end of the day when all of the children have been dismissed. Alternatively, you can speak to the class teacher by making an appointment at the office. We look forward to your support while working with your child and helping them get the most from their first term in school.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Allen.

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