



Christ Church Primary School Newsletter Spring Term January 2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!!

I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. I would like to say a huge thank you on behalf of all the staff for the kind gifts and presents that we received at the end of last term. These are never expected but were very much appreciated.

Last week the children settled back into school very well and it is lovely to see how focused they are on their learning. We have an exciting term ahead with lots of trips, visits and activities planned.

We would like to say warm welcome to two new support staff members Ms Kallon and Ms Iqbal. We also give a warm welcome to the new families who have joined our school community this half term.

Important dates and reminders are enclosed in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

Ms Reid
Headteacher

This term will continue to think about **taking responsibility**, and how we can be responsible in our lives.

Please talk to your child/ren about how they can be responsible at home.



Spring Term Dates

Early Closing for staff training – Wednesday 17th January 2.30pm

After school club and LEGO club will run as normal on this day. Children attending these clubs will stay in school.

Year 4 trip the Gurdwara in Woolwich – Tuesday 30th January

Year 4 school Journey presentation for parents and carers about the trip – Thursday 25th January 3.10pm in the school hall.

Culture Day- Friday 2nd February
More details to follow

NSPCC – Number Day Friday 9th February – more details to follow

Year 2 Trip to see Royal Philharmonic Orchestra
Thursday 22nd February – more information to follow

National Offer Day – Friday 1st March
Year 6 pupils will find out which secondary school they have been allocated

World Book Day – Thursday 7th March
More details to follow

Year 4 school Journey – Monday 11th March – Friday 15th March

Easter Service- Monday 25th March at 2pm. This service will take place in the church. Parents and carers are welcome to join us.





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TERM DATES

Last day of the half term (Spring 1) – Friday 9th February

School will close at **3.10pm** as usual. After school club will run as usual on this day

Half term Break - Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February

Start of the new half term (Spring 2) – Monday 19th February

Last Day of Term – Thursday 28th March

School will close at **1.30pm**
There will be no afterschool club on this day

Easter Holidays

Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April

First Day of the summer term – Monday 15th April

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.



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.



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 3478 8567**

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 Beaumont in the office for more and to reserve a place.



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Please see below information about pupil attendance and admissions

Why is regular attendance so important?

Being in school every day that it is open, is important to your child's achievement, wellbeing, and their wider development.

Click on the link below to read about what to do when you child is ill:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

On the link below you will find information about attendance that you may find interesting:

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2022/09/02/back-to-school-week-everything-you-need-to-know-about-school-attendance/>

Attendance is between **97% and 100%**. This means your child is on track for an excellent year. You are ensuring your child's school success and setting them off to a great start, Well done!

Attendance is between **92% and 96.9%**. This is a less than expected level of attendance and school is monitoring your child's absence. Less than 97% attendance **over** the school year indicates that at least two weeks of learning is lost.

Attendance is between **90.1% and 91.9%**. This is worrying: your child has less chance of success and their non-attendance is making it harder for them to progress in their learning and development. Over the school year it indicates ta least **four** weeks of lost learning.

Attendance is **90% or below**. This is very worrying: there are serious concerns regarding your child's attendance and they are a persistent absentee. The Education Welfare Service will be involved and you may be **legally prosecuted** if there is no improvement.

OUR SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 IS OPEN!

If you know anyone who is **currently in Year 11**, please share with them the following link where they will be able to apply for a place in our Sixth Form at the Peninsula Campus.

<https://www.koinoniafederation.com/page/?title=Admissions&pid=352>

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A PARENT GOVERNOR FOR OUR FEDERATION? ARE YOU KEEN TO TAKE ON A VOLUNTEERING ROLE AS A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?

We are looking for **nominations for the role of parent governor** and are keen to hear from parents/ carers who are willing to support our Federation and our vision for excellence.

Parent governors are usually asked to join one committee meeting once every term as well as a full governing body meeting in the evening which is once a term. There are also opportunities to join working parties, school visits and support the recruitment process for teachers.

The deadline for nominations is 31st January and there is a meeting for anyone who is interested at **4.30pm on Tuesday 23rd January**.



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Message from the school Chaplain, Rev Dom

I don't know about you but some things I can adapt to quite quickly and other things take me ages to get my head round.

When the clocks change or the year changes it take me ages to come to terms with it. If something you've ordered on the menu suddenly needs to change, then I am happy to go with the flow. I wonder why that is?

2024 feels like it's going to be one of those years where we see change. Changes in the way we think about our climate. Changes to our parliament with the upcoming election.

Our Year 6s and year 11s and 13s have some obvious changes coming towards them. They will be surrounded by encouragement to work, surrounded by things coming to an end – the lasts of everything, and the firsts of things too.

In all these moments, it is really important that we find things that will still be consistent and feel safe. The presence of family or supportive friends maybe. The security of a comfortable home perhaps. The love of God for sure.

Going forward let us pray for each other and the faith they need to face each new day. Let us support each other in whatever we are finding tricky or difficult to come to terms with.

Some words from James 1:17.

All good gifts come from the Father who loves us. His love for us never changes.

Lord God, Creator of the universe, maker of the planets, designer of our humanity.

As we are held safely in the palm of your hand, help us to recognise the security we have in you. Remind us of your love.

Let us give thanks for all the blessings that come from God. Amen.

Rev. Dominic Hubbuck

School Chaplain

Koinonia Federation Schools

Assistant Priest with East Greenwich Team Ministry

Safeguarding

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 Lamont or Ms Reid

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/>

Here to listen: our safeguarding team

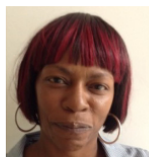


Federation Designated
safeguarding lead (DSL):

Morayo Amao



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



Deputy DSL:
Brenda Lamont



Safeguarding
team:
Sam Reid



Safeguarding
team: **Melissa
Graham**