



**Welcome Back!**

We hope you all had a much-needed rest over the Christmas break!

**THIS HALF TERM WE WILL BE FOCUSING ON FAITH AND START THIS HALF TERM LOOKING AT COURAGE.**

*Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous be strong.*

**1 Corinthians 16:13**

**A BIG THANK YOU**

For your cards and lovely Christmas gifts to the staff - we appreciate your kindness and are grateful for your generosity. At certain times of year, particularly at Christmas and July it has become a tradition for parents and children to buy gifts for school staff. The staff are mindful of the thought that goes into the gifts and messages of thanks. While all gifts will be received with sincere appreciation and gratitude, they are not expected. Working with your children and families is a reward we are privileged to have.



Letters have gone out about the clubs running this term.

**THE START AND END OF THE SCHOOL DAY**

School starts at 8.50am and all children should be in the playground by 8.45am. The school gates open at 8.30am everyday. Pupils should be collected promptly from school at 3.15pm. All pupils line up in the playground and (apart from Reception pupils who are collected from their classroom door) should be collected from the playground at the end of the day.

**RECEPTION ADMISSIONS**

It is that time of year when the application window has opened for pupils who are due to start primary school next September (children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016). If you would like to apply for a place for a younger sibling at any of our school sites, please contact any of the school offices. Please note if you attend church it is very important that you obtain a supplementary form from the office and ask your church leader to write you a clerical reference.

The deadline for applications to be received is  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020



**PARENT WORKSHOPS**

Date	Time	Workshop title	For?
Wednesday 08/01/2020	9 -10 am	Sharing faith and culture in school	All parents
Friday 10/01/2020	9.30 - 10.30 am	Year 2 SATs – What do I need to know?	Year 2 parents
Monday 13/01/2020	9 -10 am	Science at school and at home	All parents
Friday 17/01/2020	9.30 – 10.30 am	A whistle stop tour of the SEND Code of Practice.	All parents
Tuesday 21/01/2020	9 -10 am	Keeping Your Child Safe Online	All parents

**LEADERSHIP TEAM**

If you need to talk to a member of the leadership team, we are always happy to help. We are available in the mornings and afternoons when we are on the gate. If this is not a good time for you then please telephone the school office to make a convenient appointment time or we can speak on the telephone. Mrs. Ajayi, the Deputy Headteacher is available each day. Our Senior Assistant Headteacher Mrs. Butterworth as well as Mrs. Badesha our Assistant Headteacher are also available on different days throughout the week, when not teaching. Mrs. McCullough our Federation Deputy Headteacher is also available most days. Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Wainwright (the Federation Executive Co-headteachers) will continue to share their time between Christ Church school, St Mary Magdalene Woolwich and the Peninsula campus. Please ask in the office if you would like to speak to a specific person and Mrs. Shanahan can always let them know.

**YEAR 4 SCHOOL JOURNEY**

Year 4 will be off on their residential on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. They will be going to Rock UK which is in Northampton. Norfolk Lakes. The Year 4 staff and Mrs. Butterworth will be accompanying the classes. Our children will be taking part in a range of activities aimed at developing teamwork, independence and

**ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

It is the intention of this Federation to offer a high - quality education for each of its pupils. For our children to gain the greatest benefit from their education it is vital that they attend school regularly and punctually.

All problems, which affect a pupil's school attendance, should be dealt with promptly to avoid legal action.

Parents of children who have any unauthorised absence and unauthorised holidays may be at risk of legal action.

In order to avoid any confusion, if your child is away for legitimate reasons please ensure you follow this guidance: -

1. Make any dentist/doctor/hospital appointment outside of school hours.
2. Contact the school to discuss issues with senior members of staff rather than keep your child away.
3. Birthdays, holidays, relatives' visits, shopping trips, your own ill health are not reasons to keep your child away from school.

We will not authorise any holidays/ overseas trips in term time unless travel is necessary for exceptional circumstances. There is no automatic entitlement in law to time off school to go on holiday.

We would like to encourage 100% attendance and welcome your support with this. We will continue our focus on punctuality and would like to improve this area even further. Individual classes will have the opportunity to go into lunch first for gaining the highest punctuality in the school each week. Children, who are not in school by 8.50 am, miss out on the essential information that class teachers give their children, as well as the settling down time each morning. We will also continue with our prize draw each half term for children with 100% attendance and punctuality.

**If your child is absent you must:**

Contact the school as soon as possible on the first day of absence, advising of the reason and likely length of absence, by telephoning the school office. (A phone call will be made to parents each time the child has been marked with an unauthorised absence code and no reason has been given for the absence). Contact the school on the subsequent days of absence as necessary. Provide evidence where possible supporting the reason for absence.



**FRIDAY CELEBRATORY COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

As you might have noticed, it is a rather tight squeeze in the hall on a Friday. To ensure attending collective worship is a pleasurable experience whilst conforming to health and safety standards, we are going to trial inviting parents from particular year groups on a rota this term as detailed following. **Reception, Year 1 and 2 – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January, 24<sup>th</sup> January and 14<sup>th</sup> February, Years 3, 4 and 5 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 7<sup>th</sup> February and 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

Class assemblies will take place throughout the Spring and Summer term and you are welcome to come along and find out what your children have been learning about. Your child's class teacher will let you know in advance when the assembly will be taking place.

**UNIFORM**

**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 can every child come to school in the correct uniform as outlined below.

**UNIFORM POLICY**

<b>Girls</b>	Grey skirt or trousers or pinafore dress, yellow polo shirt/ blouse, burgundy sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper
<b>Boys</b>	Grey trousers, yellow polo shirt, burgundy sweatshirt/ cardigan/ jumper
<b>Footwear</b>	Safe, flat sensible shoes or trainers – <b>black</b> in colour
<b>Jewelry</b>	Small studs and a wrist watch <b>if</b> your child can tell the time

**PE KIT**

We ask that pupils wear white t- shirts, dark coloured shorts and trainers/plimsolls for PE. As it is cold, jogging bottoms should be worn for outdoor PE. Please ensure children bring their kit, in a bag, every Monday and take it home on Friday for washing. Every pupil who is in school is expected to do PE and therefore if they forget their kit may be asked to wear some of the school's spare PE kit.

**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 Year 3 - 5 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 which is:  
1<sup>st</sup> half term = £62.40  
2<sup>nd</sup> half term = £65  
The total for the whole term is £127.40.

**PACKED LUNCH**

If your child brings a packed lunch to school, please ensure it is healthy and does not include nuts, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. A packed lunch could include sandwiches/wraps, pasta, beans, yoghurt, cheese, salad, vegetables or a portion of fruit. All packed lunch bags should be well labelled. Packed lunches should be placed on the lunchbox trolley in the morning and they will be stored in a **fridge** prior to lunchtime.

**If your child wishes to change from packed lunch to school dinners, please ensure you let the school office know. This is to ensure all children receive a meal.**

**SNACKS**

Children in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will be provided with a piece of fruit each day. Pupils in Year 3 - 5 are permitted to bring in fruit **only** for a snack at break time.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:**

**NO PENS DAY** - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January details to follow.

**INSET DAY** – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020

**STEM WEEK** – 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> of February 2020. More details to follow.

**NUMBER DAY** - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020 details to follow.

**OPEN AFTERNOON:** Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm. You will be able to meet class teachers to discuss your child's progress and look at some of their books. We will use the online booking system as before to book appointments. Information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time. **School will finish at 1.30pm.** Please arrange for your child to be collected earlier this day. There **will be** After School Club.

**HALF TERM:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2020. We close for this on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3.15pm.

**WORLD BOOK DAY** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of March 2020. Details to follow.

**SPORTS RELIEF** - 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> March, more details to follow.

**EASTER SERVICE:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of April at 2pm. Parents welcome to attend, more details to follow.

**EASTER ACTIVITIES – Easter bonnet parade** – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. More details to follow.

**EASTER HOLIDAYS:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2020. We break up at **2.00 pm** on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Parents are invited to the final collective worship at 1.15 pm. There **will be no** After School Club on this day.

The pupils' first day back to school after the holiday is **8.50 am** on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**PFA ORGANISED EVENTS**

**Coffee Morning** – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January

**Valentine bake sale** – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**GENERAL OFFICE HOURS**

The school office is open every day for general enquiries during the following times

8:30 am – 9:30 am

and

3 pm – 3:30 pm

We would politely ask that you try and avoid visiting the office outside of these times as the office staff are often very busy and may not be able to assist you.

We ask that if you are making any payment for trips, uniform or dinner for you to do so with the correct money.