



Christ Church School Newsletter

Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance

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Autumn 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our collective worship we have begun talk with the children about advent. Children are aware that this is the countdown to Christmas and a time of getting ready for Christmas. They have been learning that Christians use this time to get ready to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world and to thank God for Jesus.

We have also been talking about how this time can be a preparation of our hearts and minds – preparation on the inside. We are encouraging children to consider the sort of person they want to be and hold fast to those values. Christians believe that through praying to God, he will give them the strength to stand up for their values even when life is difficult. Advent is a time when Christians can pray each time they open a door of an advent calendar or mark off a day on the countdown to Christmas.

Christmas Cards

To prevent children getting over excited about Christmas too early we would ask that no Christmas cards are brought into school before 9th December. To avoid disruption to the school day we would ask that children do not give their cards out themselves. There will be a collection point in each classroom. Cards should be placed in the box for safe keeping and will be given out at an appropriate moment. It is essential that the envelope is marked with the full name and class of the intended recipient.

Christmas Fair this Saturday, November 30th, 11.00am -2.00pm

Please come and support the FCCS at the Christmas fair as they seek to raise funds for the school. Last year the FCCS fundraising paid for the new soft surface and adventure play equipment close to the Brighton road.

Just-a-desk, an African revival project

This year, instead of the shoe box appeal, the children are raising money for 'Just-a-desk'. They have made some Christmas items to sell at the fair. Please come and visit their stalls which will be held at the back of the hall and in the room next to the school office during the Christmas fair.

Choir to sing at the switching on of Purley Christmas lights

Our choir will be singing at the switching on of the Christmas lights this **Saturday November 30th** after the school fair. The lights will be switched on at 5.00pm and the choir will sing immediately afterwards in front of the United Reformed Church, 906 Brighton Road.

Reception Class Christmas Reflections

Mrs Lyne and the class teachers invite you to share this musical time of reflection but also ask that you DO NOT take photos or videos during this short music lesson. There will be an opportunity for photos at the end. The Toucan Class (RL) celebration begins at 9.50am and the Macaw Class (RJ) at 10.40am.

Nativity Performance – Year 1 and 2

Please ensure that tickets for the nativity performances involving Year 1 and 2 children on Wednesday 11th December and Thursday 12th December are ordered by Monday 9th December to avoid disappointment. An invitation was sent out yesterday via email.

Class 2I make up the cast for Wednesday's performance with class 1B and 2W as the supporting choir.

Class 2W form the cast for Thursday's performance with class 1E and 2I as the supporting choir.

Christmas service led by Year 3

Please do come and join us on Wednesday 18th December, for our Christmas service in the church led by Year 3. The service starts at around 9.30am and the church welcome parents to come and have coffee before the service.

Reception Classes and the Christmas service

Reception classes will be joining us for the Christmas service at the church. My apologies for any confusion caused by a previous communication.

Hedge planting

Miss Preston successfully applied to the Woodland trust for some hedging for our school. We have had a delivery of 500 hedges that are going to be planted along our perimeter fences to help reduce pollution from the busy roads and screen the children from members of the public.

Miss Preston has plans to involve the children in this project. Each child will get to plant their own plant which they will label and watch grow over their years at Christ Church.

Miss Preston will work with each class to introduce the project and after the introduction to project hedge, she will take small groups out to plant their hedge plants.

Nut free zone

Christ Church School is a **nut free school** and operates a 'no nuts' policy. There are children with life threatening allergies to nuts and this is essential to keep them safe. Any item product found in lunch boxes containing nuts such as Nutella, peanut butter sandwiches etc. will be removed and disposed of immediately. Staff will remove the food as sensitively as possible. Children are not allowed to eat the products in school as this can be transferred from hand to hand or to door handles and classroom resources and puts children with anaphylaxis at risk.

We always replace food with an alternative so children do not go hungry.

England vs Montenegro Wembley Trip



since 1987! We travelled there and back by public transport with 77,000 other supporters. The Y5/6 children were so sensible, well-behaved and such brilliant ambassadors for Christ Church.

I hope that we will get other exciting opportunities in the future to take more children to large sporting events.

On 14th November, 21 children from Y5/6 and 6 members of staff had the exciting opportunity to go to Wembley Stadium to watch England's 1000th international game. It was a fantastic match! We were lucky enough to see England score 7 goals which was the biggest home victory for England



Miss Preston

School trips.

We are aware that despite reminders some parents and carers are not paying for trips in a timely fashion. Whilst the payment is a voluntary contribution, trips cannot go ahead if parents don't want to pay. In discussion with governors it has been agreed that **if parents or carers have not paid the full cost of the trip by the date specified on the letter children will not be allowed to go** and will be kept in school.

The only exception to this is parents have spoken to Mrs Pike, Mrs Hudson or Mrs Joy in confidence well in advance. We are an inclusive school and would not want children to miss out due to financial hardship.

Reminder re 48 hour policy for vomiting and diarrhoea

The Health Protection Agency advise is that *'Exclusion is vital for any symptomatic (ill) children and they should not return to the school or nursery for 48 hours after normal bowel habits have returned and/or vomiting has stopped'*. This is important because it stops the spread of sickness bugs as *'people remain infectious for up to 48 hours after the symptoms have resolved.'*

Please ensure 48 hours has passed from the last bout of vomiting and diarrhoea before your child returns to school. This will greatly reduce the spread of infection.

STARs Silver Level award

I am delighted to announce that Christ Church have received a Silver level STARs accreditation for our work last academic year on health and safety, sustainability and protecting the environment. I want to say a big thank to last year's Eco Warriors for their hard work in helping us achieving this accreditation.



We will continue to engage in TfL STARs scheme this year. I hope you will continue to support your children and this year's Eco Warriors with their work on health and safety, sustainability and protecting the environment in and around our school.

If you would like further information on STARs please see the following link

<https://stars.tfl.gov.uk/About/About>

Miss Preston, Eco Champion

Child minding service

Carol Martin runs a childminding service named 'Tiny Treasures Day care'. She is an Ofsted Registered childminder located in the South Croydon area within 5 minutes of Christ Church C of E School and may be able to offer childminder services, before or after school.

For placement availability and further details call Carol on 07387 357847 or email tinytreasuresdaycare@outlook.com

Please note that whilst we are happy to include the above information for parents and carers in our newsletter, we have not in any way checked the provision. Parents considering using this service would need to make their checks on the child care provision in the usual way.

School email and phone number

Some parents have emailed, and called, Christ Church church and have this saved as the school email. Please ensure you save the following details so that messages are not missed.

Please save the school email address: office1@christchurch.croydon.sch.uk

The telephone number for the school is: 020-8660-7500

Diary Dates

Fri	Nov	29	Class 5C Assembly 9.05am
Fri	Nov	29	Mufti Day
Sat	Nov	30	FCCS Christmas Fair 11-2pm
Sat	Nov	30	Choir singing at Purley lights 4pm
Fri	Dec	06	Class 6N Assembly 9.05am
Wed	Dec	11	Classes 2I, 1B & 2W nativity 2pm
Thu	Dec	12	Whole school flu vaccination
Thu	Dec	12	Class RL nativity 9.50am
Thu	Dec	12	Class RJ nativity 10.40am
Thu	Dec	12	Classes 2W, 1E & 2I nativity 2pm
Fri	Dec	13	Class 1E Assembly 9.05am
Tue	Dec	17	Class 5B trip to Old Operating Theatre
Wed	Dec	18	Christmas service led by Class 3 at the church 9.30am
Thu	Dec	19	Class 5C trip to Old Operating Theatre
Fri	Dec	20	School closes 1.30pm
Tue	Jan	07	School opens for pupils

Term Dates: 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Open Wednesday 4th September

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 29th October

Close Friday 18th October at normal time

Close Friday 20th December at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2020

Open Tuesday 7th January

HALF TERM

Open Monday 24th February

Close Friday 14th February at normal time

Close Friday 3rd April at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2020

Open Tuesday 21st April

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 2nd June

Close Friday 22nd May at normal time

Close Tuesday 21st July at 1.30pm

Please note:

Bank Holidays:

Friday 8th May 2020

Staff Training (subject to change):

3rd September 2019

28th October 2019

6th January 2020

20th April 2020

1st June 2020