



Christ Church School Newsletter

Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance

Love **Courage** **Honesty** **Faith** **Forgiveness**

Spring 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

In our Collective Worship, our focus for much of this term has been on the theme of courage. Courage is one of our school values and our aim is that all our pupils should become courageous individuals, standing up for what they believe to be right, even when this is difficult.

Christians believe that they do not have to rely on their own strength for this but can ask God for help and he will strengthen and motivate them to be courageous.

One of the stories we looked at with the children was the story of David and Goliath where David, the small shepherd boy, overcame Goliath, the mighty warrior. The story reminds us that no matter how big an adversary, God empowers us to do all things through Him. This gives us courage, even when it seems like the whole world tries to discourage us. Through standing for what is right, God will enable us to do great things.

Some children have learned our memory verse from the bible related to this value from Joshua 1:9

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Our prayer is that our children will have this courage.

Easter Service

Year 5 will be leading our Easter service on Wednesday 3rd April. The service starts at 9.30am and the church team welcome all parents and visitors for coffee in the foyer before the service starts.

We ask you to refrain from clapping during the service because the children work towards creating moments of awe and wonder and moments of reflection and quiet to give time and space to allow God to speak into our hearts. There will be an opportunity to affirm and encourage the children with applause at the end of the service.

Attendance

Following a visit from the local authority Attendance Improvement Adviser, we have been advised to make a couple of changes to our attendance monitoring.

Any absence at the beginning and end of term is to be recorded as unauthorised absence unless medical evidence is provided to the contrary.

Secondly, for safeguarding reasons, on the 4th day of any period of absence for sickness we will be requesting medical evidence of the absence. This could be prescriptions, appointment cards/appointment letters, doctor's notes, dated prescribed medications etc. If your child

has vomiting or diarrhoea you will need to either have a telephone conversation with their GP or contact 111 to gain advice. Once this has been done please inform us of the date and time that the contact was made, so that if necessary the local authority can check. If evidence of this nature is not supplied when your child returns after an illness or medical absence, your child's absence will be recorded as 'unauthorised'.

Maths Competition

Adshaiya, Claire, Eddie and Viktor represented Christ Church in a Year 5 maths challenge. They were in pairs and applied themselves systematically and with great enthusiasm to the problem solving. The team was placed 8th out of 25 teams.



Swimming Gala

On the 31st January, 24 of our children took part in the Croydon School Swimming Gala. They first had to battle through the trials and two training sessions before the Gala took place to ensure that they were ready to compete.

There were 24 events in the swimming gala and Christ Church had entered at least one representative for 21 of the 24 events. Of those 21 events, we managed to get top three finishes in 17 races! Every swimmer had improved their times from the trials, which proved that their hard work in the training sessions had paid off.

Once the Gala was over, all their times were compared with the times from the other three Galas that had taken place and a results table was created to see who would progress to the finals, which would be held at Trinity High School. Caleb Thompson (6HP) had qualified fastest in the Yr6 boys backstroke and third fastest in the boys open butterfly. Caleb Neal (5B) also qualified for the finals being the sixth fastest in Yr5 backstroke.

At the Finals, both boys had photo finishes for their events as it was that close. Caleb Thompson was the Croydon Champion in Yr6 boys backstroke and gained a silver in the boys open butterfly. He will go on to represent Croydon in the London Youth Games later this year! Caleb Neal managed to gain a bronze in the Yr5 boys backstroke.

Miss Preston and I were extremely impressed with everyone who took part and hope that we can continue this success next year.

Miss Doyle

High 5s Netball Tournament

In March, we took a team of 5B children (Alex S, Haydn, Alex L, Viktor, Zoë, Claire and Sam) to a High 5s netball tournament at Riddlesdown Collegiate. We played against five other schools and the results were:

- 2-0 winners against Hayes
- 6-0 winners against Gresham
- 3-0 winners against Courtwood
- 4-1 winners against Atwood
- 2-0 winners against Kenley



In total, we scored an incredible 17 goals and only conceded one. These are fantastic results and we won the tournament overall. This is a real achievement especially as this was the team's first netball tournament. We are currently sitting top of the league with two more tournaments in April. Let us hope we can be just as successful at the next tournaments!

School Council say Thank You to Purley Traders

Our school council took thank you letters round to Purley traders to thank them for their donations for our Christmas fair. We have feedback from the traders to say how lovely it was to receive thanks for their donations and how lovely the children were.

French Club

The French Club providers have given notice that they can no longer provide a French teacher to run French club at Christ Church. If you would be interested in running a French club, or know someone who would be willing to do this, please contact Mrs Joy in the school office.



Staff News

Mrs Hainsley will be leaving us at the end of this term. She was working as a supply teacher and has now secured a permanent post.

Mrs Hudson will be our new Deputy Head from September. We were fortunate to have a very strong field of candidates for this post. All the people we interviewed already had significant leadership experience.

School lunch – price increase

Please note that the cost of school lunch, currently £2.30 per meal, will be increasing to £2.40 in September 2019.

The Great Croydon 5k: Sponsored Walk in Lloyd Park, Sunday 5 May

Step out for a local cause that will change young lives forever!

The Lily Pad Appeal is raising £750,000 to create a new, state of the art Children's Cancer Unit at Croydon University Hospital.

Assemble a team and join this 5k sponsored walk to make this vision a reality.

Register today £5 per entrant (Under 12 yrs. Free)

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/chartwellcancertrust/230803/>

For more information email: lilypad@chartwellcancertrust.co.uk

Diary Dates

Wed	Apr	3	Easter service led by Year 5 9.30am at Christ Church
Fri	Apr	5	School closes at 1.30pm for Easter Holidays
Wed	Apr	24	School opens for Summer 1 term
Mon	Apr	29 -	Mon May 6 Read-a-thon week
Fri	May	3	5B Class Assembly 9.05am
Mon	May	6	Bank Holiday – School closed
Tue	May	7	FCCS meeting 7.30pm
Fri	May	10	3F Class Assembly 9.05am
Mon	May	13 -	Fri May 17 Year 6 SATs week
Fri	May	17	RJ (Starfish) Assembly 9.05am
Fri	May	24	4C Assembly 9.05am
Fri	May	24	School closes at normal time for half term
Tue	Jun	4	School opens for Summer 2 term
Fri	Jun	7	1JB Class Assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jun	14	2J Class Assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jun	21	3O Class Assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jun	28	4P Class Assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jul	5	RL (Seahorse) Assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jul	12	2NH Class Assembly 9.05am
Thur	Jul	18	1HB Class Assembly 9.05am

Term Dates: 2018/19

Spring Term 2019

Open Tuesday 8th January

HALF TERM

Open Monday 25th February

Close Friday 15th February at normal time

Close Friday 5th April at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2019

Open Wednesday 24th April

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 4th June

Close Friday 24th May at normal time

Close Tuesday 23rd July at 1.30pm

Please note:

Bank Holidays:

Monday 6th May 2019

Staff Training (subject to change):

23rd April 2019

3rd June 2019