



Christ Church School Newsletter

Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance

Love Courage Honesty Faith Forgiveness

Summer 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, after choir, one of our Year 3 children asked Mrs Lyne if she had chosen the song for assembly on Thursday and suggested we sing one they had been learning called 'Cornerstone'. The words are full of encouragement to help us in some of the more difficult times in our lives. Listening to the children sing these words is an amazing privilege. A selection of the lyrics indicate the comfort Christians find through faith in God:

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness...

Christ alone, Cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm
He is Lord
Lord of all

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds...

These echo the words of Psalm 46 v1, 2: God is our refuge and strength an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the sea.

If you are having a difficult time just now, our prayer is that you find comfort and strength in God, who loves and cares for you.

New Prefects

Our congratulations to the new prefects elected by Year 6 for the summer term. They are Iulia Ciupitu, Amalie Milne, Nicole Rochoy, Emilio Bortagary, Adonjah Gaskins, and Daniel Smith. They have a number of responsibilities. When they were given their badges they were introduced to the school as children who could be trusted to be kind and helpful and set a good example to others. I know they will do their very best to live up to these expectations.

End of day procedures

Parents and carers sometimes have to make last minute arrangements for the collection of their children. If this is the case you will need to email or telephone the school office yourself to give permission for the arrangement. Teachers are not allowed to let children go with someone else unless they have received the correct authorisation; this is for safeguarding reasons. Please let the person who is collecting your child know that there may be a delay while the teacher dismisses other children and then goes to the office to seek parental consent.

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.

Late collection

Owing to the fact that we have a number of parents who are late to collect children, we will now have to pay a member of staff to take care of those children who are collected late. As a result there will be charge of £5 for the care of children uncollected after 3.20pm. This will increase by £5 for every additional half hour. If you do not have money with you we ask that you pay this the following day or we will arrange to deduct the money from your parent pay account. This will be applied from Monday 24th June.

Coats

Just a reminder that children's coats should be plain dark blue, black or Christ Church red. There have been a number of children appearing in coats that do not meet the uniform requirements. Please make sure that they wear the correct coat for school. Thank you

Pupil Led Learning Conferences - Parent teacher meetings

Parents and carers will be invited to sign up to attend one of the evenings allocated for these conferences. The session is a valuable and important chance for you to discuss your child's progress.

Please remember to bring your child with you to your appointment.

Using their work, children will discuss their progress and strengths in reading, writing and maths and talk you through their next steps. They will have time to discuss their thoughts on behaviour and friendships, their favourite piece of work and their learning 'muscles' or dispositions.

Schools that use pupil lead learning conferences rather than traditional parent teacher consultations identify the following benefits:

- Assessment of progress becomes an ongoing and collaborative process.
- Children take more care over their work in class because they know they are going to share this with their parents and carers.
- Parents have a clearer understanding of the next steps in a child's learning.
- Families enjoy hearing their children talk about their own learning and are more engaged in supporting this.
- Higher family engagement leads to better outcomes for children.

How the sessions will work:

For Reception and Year 1 three appointments will run for up to 20 minutes in the classroom at the same time. The children will show you key pieces of work that they are proud of and talk about their learning muscles. During this time the teacher will move between the groups supporting the children and answering any questions.

In Year 2 four appointments will run for up to 30 minutes in the classroom at the same time. The children will show you key pieces of work that they are proud of and talk about their learning skills. During that time the teacher will move between the groups supporting the children and answering any questions.

For Year 3 to 6 four appointments will run in the classroom at the same time. Each appointment will last up to 40 minutes. At the beginning of the session, your child will give you a presentation about their learning. The teacher will be on hand and move between groups to support pupils and to suggest ways in which parents and carers might be able to help children with their next steps in their learning.

This is a great opportunity to create an even better partnership with home and school. The children will be very excited about sharing their learning with you.

You may like to use some of the following questions when reviewing work with your children:

For Year R, 1 and 2

- Why are you proud of this learning?
- What did you find hard about this learning?
- What is your favourite part of this learning?
- Can you explain what you were doing in this maths learning?
- What do you enjoy about maths learning?
- What would you need help with in your maths learning?
- What makes you excited to come to school?
- What do you feel you got better at while you have been in this class?
- What are your next steps?

For Year 3 through to 6

- What made you decide to share this piece with me?
- How did you feel when you read your guided reading book out loud?
- How might I better support you as a reader at home?
- What's the hardest part about writing for you? Why do you think so?
- What's your favourite part of writing? Why?
- How do you feel when you're asked to explain your maths thinking?
- How do you feel during maths practice time on your own?
- What do you think about where you sit?
- What makes you most excited about coming to school?
- How do you feel about your overall learning so far in [subject/topic]?
- What are your next steps?

At the end of the consultation you will be asked to complete a 'parent comment sheet'. This is for you to record your views on your child's progress in school this academic year and will form part of their educational record. If you would like to discuss any matters further or in private please indicate this on the comment sheet.

Pupil led learning conferences will be held on the 26th and 27th June (please note change of date for Class 1JB and 2NH).

Tuesday 25th June

- **Class 1JB:** from 3.30pm to 6.30 pm

Wednesday 26th June

- **Classes R, 1HB & 2:** from 3.30pm to 6.30 pm
- **Classes 3, 4, 5 & 6:** from 5 pm to 8 pm

Thursday 27th June

- **Classes R, 1, 2J, 3, 4, 5 & 6:** from 3.30 pm to 6.30 pm

Friday 28th June

- **Class 2NH:** from 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Governors Day

This year's Governors Day took place on Wednesday, June 5, and as ever provided a wonderful opportunity for governors – all of whom give their time voluntarily – to get a feel for what goes on in two settings that comprise Purley Partnership Federation: Christ Church School and Purley Nursery School. This insight is really important in informing the work of the Full Governing Body and its various committees and working groups, in terms of setting aims and objectives for the schools, monitoring the progress that is being made, and challenging and supporting the leadership team. Nearly all of the governors were at our school for most of the day, sitting in on lessons, helping out staff where they could, and joining children in the hall at lunchtime for a school dinner or packed

lunch. They were joined by the Vicar of Christ Church, Doug McHardie. Their comments on what they had seen, heard and felt were overwhelmingly positive, and included the following:

- David Colpus (chair of governors): I started my day in the hall listening to music and singing lessons from reception and year 1 to years 5 and 6, and the children were very engaged and enthusiastic.
- Dannielle Batten (co-opted governor): There is great diversity within classes which teachers deal with well in terms of differentiating the work. Pupils are very accepting of the different needs of others and carry on with their learning regardless of what is going on around them. It is a really nice inclusive atmosphere.
- Assim Khokar (parent governor): Staff promote a growth mindset by identifying children's strengths, whatever they might be, and building their confidence.
- Paula Reed (foundation governor and vice-chair): I was very impressed how teachers referred to things that had been covered in previous lessons, and how well children remembered and understood them.
- Lola Bejide (foundation governor): I really like the way children feel free to speak their minds and the way teachers take the time to support and champion them as individuals.
- Asha Fowells (parent governor): I am full of admiration for the patience, cheerfulness and adeptness of staff, and so enjoyed being able to absorb the joyfulness of the pupils as they go about their learning.
- Ranjit Davis (foundation governor): It was enlightening to see how practical and pragmatic lessons were, and how children responded to staff.
- Sam Harper-Allen (local authority governor): I was so impressed with the way in which staff spur children on, in the language they use, their body language and facial expressions... it is all so positive and the children respond really well.
- John Harrison (foundation governor and vice-chair): I really enjoyed spending time with the children, seeing how they cooperate and being part of their lessons.
- Helen Whitley (foundation governor): Children and staff are very respectful of each other, which says a lot about the culture and ethos of the school.
- Doug McHardie (Vicar of Christ Church Purley): I spent my time in early years and year 1 and it was really interesting to see how the children learn through play. But it was the singing that I really loved – the children were so brilliantly engaged.

All of the governors would like to thank the staff and children for welcoming them into the school.

Table Tennis Tournament

Mr Richards give up his time to run a table tennis club. Last week they had a competition which started with 25 competitors. The trophy was won by Daniel Martin Y6 in a thrilling game played against Claire Chari in Y5. Luke Bradley and Ben Venckus also did very well coming 3rd and 4th in this competition. Special congratulations to these four but also to all the rest who played well and should be proud of their contribution.

Road safety

A number of parents have been seen crossing the Brighton Road from the Rotary Park with children to the church car park. Please could you model safe road crossing to your children and teach them to cross at the pelican crossing. They remember more about what they see you do than what you say to them. Your good example will keep them safe now and in the future.

YH54 BDO – this car stopped on Purley Park road as if to turn right. All the doors opened and two children and two adults got out. All were at risk as the family said their goodbyes in the road whilst other cars were moving around them.

Banham Marsden March

A team of staff from Christ Church School walked the 15 miles for the Royal Marsden cancer charity. At Christ Church we have even more reason to be grateful to this hospital as they have supported and cared for Mrs Hudson, Miss Jones and Mrs Bleach through their cancer treatment. Thank you to those of you who supported the team in their fundraising efforts. They raised £850 which will help to ensure that those who need it continue to receive their treatment and care at the Marsden Hospital.

Diary Dates

Wed	Jun	19	Gala concert 7pm
Thu	Jun	20	New Reception parents evening 7.30pm
Fri	Jun	21	Class 4C visit to HMS Belfast
Fri	Jun	21	3O Class assembly 9.05am
Tue	Jun	25	1JB Pupil led learning conference
Wed	Jun	26	Pupil led learning conferences
Thu	Jun	27	Pupil led learning conferences
Fri	Jun	28	2NH Pupil led learning conference
Fri	Jun	28	4P Class assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jun	28	Mufti day
Sat	Jun	29	FCCS Summer fair 12-3pm
Fri	Jul	5	Class 4P visit to HMS Belfast
Fri	Jul	5	RL (Seahorse) assembly 9.05am
Wed	Jul	10	Year 6 production
Thur	Jul	11	Year 6 leavers service at Southwark Cathedral
Thur	Jul	11	Year 6 production
Fri	Jul	12	2NH Class assembly 9.05am
Mon	Jul	15	Class 4P visit to Cabinet War Rooms
Wed – Thur	Jul	17-18	Year 6 residential
Thur	Jul	18	1HB Class assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jul	19	Sports day
Mon	Jul	22	Class 4C visit to Cabinet War Rooms
Tue	Jul	23	School closes at 1.30pm for summer holidays