



# Christ Church, Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

The children have enjoyed their first full week of school this week and, as usual, have been fantastic managing the changes and adapting to the new routines. It is a joy to see their happy, smiling faces in lessons and they have started the year with high expectations.

Once again, a huge thank you to parents for adhering to the social distancing guidance, and for your patience whilst we try to adapt our systems to best meet the needs of the children.

We are pleased to say that our Breakfast Club and After school Club have returned safely and today we have added a new bell to our entrance post for parents to use when bringing and collecting their children. The bell is heard in the bungalow and a member of staff will come out to let the children in.

We would like to welcome our new Reception children and their families who started this week. They are James, Alex, Oliver, Milo, Sammi, Eloise, Audrey, Savannah, Mia and Ivy. They have all have settled very well and are enjoying their first days in school. We would also like to welcome Daniel and Imogen to our Nursery class and their siblings are especially pleased to see them in the school.

### Here We Are

The classes continue to work together using the Here We Are book and we are looking forward to hearing the whole school rap that each class will be contributing to. We may not be allowed to sing but we certainly have rhythm and can rap along to a boogie beat!

Our new Reception children have been getting to know one another and painting self-portraits and learning each others names.



Year 1 been writing about the world's oceans.



Year 2 have been working outside following themes in the book



Year 3 have been making Advertising posters for the Environment



Year 4 have started a "Working Wall" based around the book.

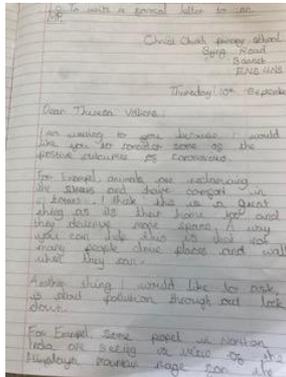




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and Year 5 have been writing letters to Theresa Villiers



### Our Stars of the Week

Well done to these children who received a Certificate of Achievement in our Assembly this morning. They have been taking special care with the presentation of their work and demonstrated a pride in what they produced; setting high expectations for themselves for the year ahead.



### Online Reading Books

Great news that we have just received the login details of our new online home reading scheme. It is slightly more complex on the administrative side than we anticipated but we are all up for a challenge and will roll this out slowly to classes over the coming weeks. Please bear with us as we try to work out the best way to do this for our children.

We will send out a class letter detailing how to log in and the procedures involved. If you do not have access to the internet, to enable you to read the books, please contact the school.

We love this display in Y3 and hope that Bookflix is as popular as its namesake!



### The Speed of Gossip!

We heard today that we were closed due to positive cases of Covid. This is obviously *not true* and we sent out a text as soon as we heard in an attempt to quash this rumour. Please rest assured that if we do have to close any bubbles within the school, at the request of Public Health, *you will be informed immediately by us* and will not hear it from your neighbour, their neighbour or your friend's friend ;)

We continue to ensure that the children are being educated as safely as possible and will always keep you fully updated on all developments.

### Attendance

We have decided not to publish our attendance each week, in the newsletter as we understand the circumstances at this time may require families to self-isolate as a precaution. We have been really pleased with attendance so far reaching 98.8%, which is a huge achievement.

### Parent Partnership

We held our first Parent Partnership meeting of the year this week and it was good to receive feedback from parents about how things are going from your perspective. I hope the meeting was useful and minutes have been sent out to Parent Reps.

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## Impact Meetings

All classes had their Impact meetings this week and the feedback from those who attended was very positive. The power point presentation is now available on our website, if you were unable to make the meeting. Please do contact the office via phone if you need to speak to your child's teacher and s/he will phone you back at the end of the school day.

## Drama Club Success

I'm delighted to announce that the nine students who took their London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art Speech and Drama exam via Zoom in July, all passed with flying colours! Selena, Plum, Fay, Elizabeth and Christopher all achieved a Merit; Holly, Matilda, Daniel and JiaQi gained a Distinction. Well done to them for all their hard work!

*Simon Rawlings (Act One Drama)*

## A message from our school meal provider: Welcome Back to Super Safe School Meals!

We're getting in touch to share our 'back to school' digital guide with you. Aimed at parents, carers and pupils – we've created this short e-booklet to offer comfort and reassurance that school lunches will continue to be prepared and served safely from September. To view the guide, click **here** <https://indd.adobe.com/view/b25c4658-c3e3-4c4f-aab2-f68ffe046734>

During this time the lunchtime experience in the hall, although still enjoyable, is amended in accordance with safety guidelines. Children are enjoying their hot meal, especially the fact that it is presented in a container, like a weekend takeaway! However, please be mindful that although we oversee as much as we can, there may be occasions in these early days when your child may not eat as much as is provided. If your child is not enjoying the school meals we will speak to you.

## Debate & Discussion - This week's Big Question:

How can we help those without a home?

The Big Question newspaper has been attached to our newsletter. Please do share this as it is a great opportunity to debate current affairs issues with your child and develop a greater interest in the world around.

## Covid19

Please can we remind parents that if you or a member of your family is displaying any symptoms of Covid-cough, fever, loss of taste or smell and possibly diarrhoea or vomiting in children that you remain at home to self-isolate until a negative test result is received. Please do not send your child to school until you are sure that s/he is Covid free. We are more than happy to advise you on the phone if you need further clarification.

As schools return, it is inevitable that at some point we may need to close bubbles as parents are identified through track and trace, although we would only do so on the advice of Public Health England.

## Christ Church Prayer Group

A Group of parents meeting each week to prayer for the school and its community. They currently "meet" on Thursdays via Zoom and would welcome more parents to join them in supporting the school in this way. If you would be interested in joining them, please contact Mary on 07811749736.

## Dogs

We have had a request from a number of parents that we issue a reminder that the field is a dog-free zone. If you are bringing your dog to drop off/collect, please wait on the path adjacent to the driveway.

### Child Protection

**We take children's safety very seriously and all information regarding safeguarding is on our website and also available from the school office.**

**Please contact Mrs Print or Mrs Harry immediately should you have any concerns regarding children or adults at school.**

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*Wishing you all a very  
happy weekend  
Mrs Print and Mrs Harry*



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