



Christ Church, Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

Another week passes and this one trialed our endurance with some very rainy days and especially at drop off and collection times. Thank you to parents for sending children in wearing wellington boots, and for your understanding of the need to continue to use the field for as long as possible. The issue of congestion at the gate and the increased risk that accompanies this is very real and it is necessary to keep everyone as safe as possible. Next week's weather is predicted dry so we pray for a relatively dry autumn. Mr Crocker will continue to ensure that there is a pathway cut in the grass leading to the gate.

New Equipment

There was a flurry of excitement this week in the dining room as the children tried out our new hand sanitiser. This has proved itself to be really popular, spraying out a mist of sanitiser, quickly, easily and with no messy bottles.

It has ensured that the children's hands are safely sanitised before and after food and learning time is significantly increased.

This was an investment which we will no doubt need for years to come and whilst we stretched to afford two sanitisers, one for the dining room and one for the EYFS, we thank the Friends for funding one of them with money received from Martyn Gerrard. I am sure parents will agree that at this time any venture to safeguard the children is one worth making.



"It's really good as it saves teacher's time" Lois, Y5

"Helpful because it's faster" Nael, Y5

"You get even distribution and the smell is interesting" Leila, Y6

Welcome Miss Ioannou

We welcome Miss Ioannou who will be working in our Year 1 class with Mr Smith. She is a PGCE student working with us until Christmas. We hope she enjoys her time here as she prepares for teaching in September.

Year 5

Year 5 are enjoying reading about the adventures of Odysseus in English. They put their acting skills to the test this week with their own re-enactments of the story of The Cyclops! This helped them rewrite the story as a play-script.



Black History Month

October is historically Black History Month and we always celebrate this at Christ Church promoting and learning about the important roles played by black people throughout our history. This year we will be taking the theme of Heritage and Cultural Identity and working throughout the school to explore black cultural heritage from around the globe. More details will follow in next week's newsletter.

Wellies and waterproof coats

Next week Years 4 and 5 will be having their playtime in Jack's Garden and we would suggest that a pair of wellies would be useful should the weather be wet. Also, please remember waterproof coats and warm jumpers at all times as the classroom doors and windows remain open in line with our Risk Assessment.

Young Minds Day - 9th October

On Friday 9th October we will be taking part in #HelloYellow and children can come to school wearing something yellow with their school uniform. Lockdown has had a devastating effect on children and young people's mental health and therefore we feel this is a charity that is extremely relevant at this time. Please support this by donating small change on the table that will be at the entrance gate on the 9th.

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Our Stars of the Week

Well done to these children who received a Certificate of Achievement in our Assembly this morning. They have shown kindness and consideration, love and compassion for others. Fantastic role models to all.



Tobias
Florie



Christian
Otis



Autumn
Maggie



Selena
Deon



Elizabeth
Charlie



Isabelle
Emma

Online Reading Books

Our new online book system is now in place in Years 1 - 6 and has received some excellent feedback from parents via Google Classroom. Thank you to those parents who have donated towards this, any additional money we receive will be put towards providing some high quality additional books for the each classroom that the children will enjoy. We aim to organise the on-line reading for our Reception children in the coming weeks and details will follow.

Debate & Discussion - This week's Big Question:

Should you always report those who aren't following the rules?

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.

Filled water bottles

A reminder that children are to bring in a filled water bottle each day to school, thank you.

Reception September 2021

If your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017 they are due to start in a Reception class during the academic year that begins in September 2021. Please download the booklet 'A Guide to Primary Education in Barnet' from www.barnet.gov.uk/schooladmissions. This will give you all the information you need to know about the application process.

Masks?

Once again, a huge thank you to parents for adhering to the social distancing guidance. We have been asked by a parent about whether parents should be wearing masks when bringing and collecting children. As the R number is rising, this may be a good idea but it will remain your choice and the decision to do so is at your discretion.

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.

Parking

We have received a request from Noah's Ark Children's Hospice to remind parents to not use their entrance as a turning point and to refrain from blocking the ambulance entry and car park exit, thank you.

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On-line Safety

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety and the NSPCC has a very useful website that has advice about setting up parental controls, online gaming and video apps.

Visit: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

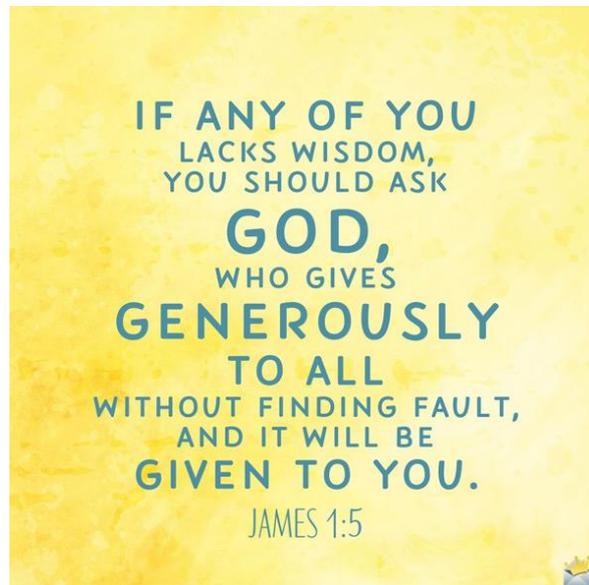
Child Protection

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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