



CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday myself and Mrs Molineux were lucky enough to attend the 'Young Voices' performance at the Genting Arena. The school choir joined forces with 6,500 other primary aged pupils to make the biggest choir I have ever seen. The show was absolutely amazing and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended!

Thank you to Mrs Surrell, Miss Feenerty for all their work in rehearsals and also Mrs Wiggin, Stephanie's mum and Lexie's mum who escorted the pupils on the day.



Bryntysilio Week

Next week, Year 6, Mrs Till, Mr Stafford, Mrs Norman-Webb and myself will be heading off for our annual residential trip to Bryntysilio. This has become a firm favourite and important part of Christ Church life since I first became headteacher in September 2012 (yes, it has been that long!!) The pupils and staff have a great time whilst there and learn an awful lot about each other. In order to help pay for the trip parents, pupils and staff have been busy. There have been bag packs, raffles, guess the sweets in the jar, tombolas, bric-a-brac stalls, decorated glasses and of course the leg wax!!! A huge thank you to all those who have raised money or who have been kind enough to donate at any point. With the money raised and the very kind (annual) donation by the Friends of Christ Church we are expected to raise about £1,500. This means that with the school subsidising the trip by £20 per pupil and paying for transport, the actual cost for the trip will be £150, maybe even less. So well done to all those involved and a huge thank you!!

Whilst I am at Bryntysilio, Mrs Molineux will be acting as Headteacher. She will be available each morning on the gate as usual and after school. If you have any concerns, please speak to her. If there is an incident that she feels needs my attention she will email and text the concern and I will reply as soon as humanly possible, given I may be capsizing a canoe on the canal. This may mean that answers are not as quick as you are used to, but I hope you will accept my apologies.

If I don't see you when we return next Friday, please have a great half term break!

See you all on 27th February!

Mid Term Reports

Mid term reports will be sent out to parents on March 10th. These reports are designed to inform you about the progress your child has made and how they behave within the school setting. The reports for Years 1–6 will contain standardised scores which are now used Nationally at the end of Year 6. The key information that you need to know is that 100 is the target. If your child receives a standardised score of 100, they are working at the expected standard for their age. The aim at Christ Church is for all pupils to reach this magical number, or above! The reports will also contain a 'Reading Age'. This is also a very important measure as you will be able to compare it to your child's actual age.

Parent's Evenings are booked for Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. This will provide the opportunity to discuss the reports and also how you can best support your child at home.

If you want to support your child's education at home there are a number of things you could do:

- Help them to learn number bonds (age specific)
- Help with remembering Multiplication Tables
- Most importantly of all, read with your child. Share a book together, discuss what is happening, who their favourite character is and why. If your child reads for 35 minutes a day, their reading age will improve and they will be better prepared for the next stage of their educational journey!

Don't forget the school library is open at 3.15pm on a Monday and Thursday so pupils can choose a book to take home and read for enjoyment.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Diary Dates

Monday 13th February	Year 6 to Brynty
Friday 17th February:	Break Up, Half Term:
Monday 27th February:	School re-opens
Thursday 2nd March:	World Book Day: Harry Potter Theme.
Friday 10th March:	Mid Year Reports out
Tuesday 14th March:	Roman Day, Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 15th March:	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16th March:	Parents' Evening
Monday 20th March:	Greek Day, Year 5 and 6
Friday 31st March:	End of Term Reward Worship
Monday 3rd April:	Alice in Wonderland Production
Tuesday 4th April:	Easter Service at Church (9.30am)
Thursday 6th April:	Children's University Graduation
	Art Day
Friday 7th April:	Break Up Easter: 1.30pm
Monday 24th April:	Inset Day
Tuesday 25th April:	School Re-Opens

Week beginning 8th May: Year 6 SATs

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£323.15 raised!

Thank you all!!!!