



CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

For those of you who were able to attend the Mother's Day meals, I hope you enjoyed your dinner, it was great to see so many mums turning up. We will be doing the same for Father's Day and possibly a special grandparents lunch also!

It was also great to see parents coming along to 'Open Mornings', I know the children really enjoy having a family member with them in class and it also allows you to see the standard of work that is expected in each class.

Moving on to some sad but happy news too! Mrs Dillon, who has been working at Christ Church as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant has decided to go back into full-time teaching and has secured a new role to start after Easter. Mrs Dillon has been a brilliant servant to the school, stepping up and becoming class teacher on a number of occasions. We will certainly miss her sense of humour around school and of course her hard work. Good luck, Mrs Dillon, we wish you all the very best!

In order to replace Mrs Dillon but also Mrs Norman-Webb, we have taken on two new Higher Level Teaching Assistants. Miss Hendon has started with us this week and Mr Woodhouse will be joining us after the Easter holiday. They will both be working across the school, so your children will soon get to know them. I am sure you will make both of them feel a part of the Christ Church family! Good luck to Miss Hendon and Mr Woodhouse, we know you will be brilliant!

Food for Life

Public Health Walsall have asked the Soil Association to provide a 'Food for Life' scheme for schools in the local area. This comes on the back of a very concerning Public Health Report. Did you know that men in Walsall have a life expectancy 10.5 years lower than the national average and it is 6.4 years lower for women? In Year 6, 25.5% of the pupils weighed and measured were classed as obese, which is again worse than the national average.

As such, schools have again been asked to lead on this challenge. So we will be working towards the 'Food for Life Mark'. There are not too many changes to be made but a couple of reminders.

Obviously, our hot dinners are provided by Shires and they are nutritionally balanced, so there are no concerns there. In Key Stage 1, fruit is still provided for pupils at playtime, so that is good. However, in Key Stage 2, we are finding that pupils are having unhealthy snacks (crisps and chocolate) at playtime. We ask that pupils have fruit or a healthy snack at this time. I have no problem with pupils having a little treat in their lunchbox to eat at lunchtime, as the hot dinners often have cake and custard but they should not be eating them during morning play. Please rest assured that we will not become the 'Lunchbox Police' as we are working towards this award, although information about healthy lunchboxes etc will be shared.

We will also be looking at cooking classes with parents and children and growing and selling our own produce. The School Council will be leading a lot of activities!

Water Works

It appears that the water works on Harden Road are going to last far longer than anticipated. The current one-way system is going to stay in place until 30th March, due to delays caused by bad weather. So please be careful and leave plenty of time when travelling to school at busy times and of course, think about where you are parking!

Easter Egg Competition

After the fantastic 'Egg Mobile' homework that was set during half term, we have another eggsellent competition for pupils!! Aldridge Tuition Centre (Mr Prosser), who have been working in school with Year 6 are sponsoring a competition. All you have to do is hard boil an egg and decorate it to look like your teacher. There will be prizes in each class for the best egg sample of a decorated 'Teacher Egg'!

So get boiling those eggs and decorating them. The competition winners will be chosen on the last day of term, Thursday 29th March, so make sure your eggs are in by then! I am sure you will eggscel in this competition, but that's enough yoking around for now!

P4C Family Question:

Can you feel guilty for something you haven't done?

Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th March:	Mother's Day Lunch: (KS2)
Friday 16th March:	Year 4 Worship
Friday 23rd March:	Reward Worship
	Jungle Book Show in school
	Messy Church 4.00pm-5.00pm
Tuesday 27th March:	Reward Trip
Wednesday 28th March:	Easter Service @ Christ Church Blakenall
	Computing Day
Thursday 29th March:	Easter Bonnet Parade-Nursery
	Easter Egg Hunt
	Break Up: 1.30 pm
Monday 16th April:	INSET Day
Tuesday 17th April:	School re-opens for pupils
Wednesday 18th April:	Nursery visit to Tanglewood
Monday 23rd April:	Year 3 start swimming
Friday 4th May:	Messy Church
Monday 14th May:	Year 6 SATs Week
	KS1 SATs begin
Friday 25th May:	Curriculum Day: P.E.
	Break Up for Half Term
Monday 4th June:	School Re-opens
Wednesday 6th June:	'My mate fancies you' Year 6.
Thursday 7th June:	Class Photos
Monday 11th June:	Phonics Screening Week (Year 1)
	Nursery Sports Morning
Tuesday 12th June:	Key Stage 1 + Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 13th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day
Reserve Sports Days have been arranged for the following week.	