



CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2017



Dear Parents,

As we near the end of another term it is time to say a couple of goodbyes. As you will know, Mrs Surrell is moving on to pastures new at Jane Lane Special School. I know you will join me in thanking her for all the hard work and dedication she has shown over the past years. I would also like to wish her all the best of luck in her new position.

We are also saying bye, for a few months, to Mrs Waddison who will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this week. Good luck Miss, we can't wait to meet Waddison junior!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their support over the past term. You have supported your children with reading and homework, provided Harry Potter inspired costumes, provided Greek and Roman costumes and much, much more! It has been great to see so many parents attending after school activities such as football matches and of course 'Young Voices' at the Genting Arena.

But most of all, a huge thank you to your children. They work hard each and every day, they are well mannered, polite and very friendly. They come into school with huge smiles and very positive attitudes. We couldn't ask for any more! Well done, kids!!

Internet Safety

Having overheard a couple of Reception pupils talking about their 'Whatsapp' pages last week, I thought it time for a reminder about keeping safe on the internet and other electronic devices.

The internet is brilliant; having the world at our fingertips is amazing, especially if you are as old as me and attended a primary school with only one computer that did not do very much at all! However, we all need to be very careful about the sites children access and who they are communicating with. There are so many horror stories out there and having supported a family at a previous school whose daughter was groomed, I do not want that to happen here. So please, although your children will dislike it, be nosy. Look at their internet histories; know all their usernames and passwords; check their phones, emails and social media conversations; ask who they are playing against when on games consoles.

Also, if your child has a mobile phone, check texts, as a number of older pupils over the past couple of years have been found to be sending inappropriate messages!

Easter Egg Hunt

The Easter Bunny is due to make his annual appearance at school on Friday. All the pupils will have the opportunity to go on an 'Easter Egg Hunt' in the forest (weather permitting) and each pupil will receive an Easter Egg, provided by the 'Friends of Christ Church!' A huge thank you to the ladies of the Friends of Christ Church for all their efforts this term and especially for organising the annual egg hunt! Thank you ladies!

Parking

Once again I have been hearing very concerning reports about parking outside of the school gates. Residents in Awlmakers Grove have phoned the school to share their displeasure about not being able to get into their own drives, as did a gentleman on Harden Road. Also one parent who was walking into school reported a car reversing off the car park in front of the tattoo shop without due care and attention and almost knocking over their child. Please can I ask that you are extra vigilant when parking and keep a very careful eye out for pupils, especially the younger ones who are very small. Also, think about where you park, as all our neighbours have the right to enter and exit their property as and when required!

School Closure

A reminder that school closes at 1.30pm on Friday 7th April for Easter!

Pupils will return to school on Tuesday 25th April at 8.45am.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Children in Nursery and Reception will be taking part in our annual Easter Bonnet Parade on Friday 7th April at 10.00am in the school hall. Parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties are all welcome!

Diary Dates

Friday 7th April:	Easter Bonnet Parade: 10.00am Break Up Easter: 1.30pm
Monday 24th April:	Inset Day
Tuesday 25th April:	School Re-Opens
Monday 1st May:	School Closed: May Day
Tuesday 2nd May:	Open Mornings (Not Year 6)
Wednesday 3rd May:	Year 4: Open Door, Aldridge Church
Friday 5th May:	Year 1 and 2 Edgmond Hall
Monday 8th May:	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 12th May:	Year 1 and 2 Edgmond Hall
Friday 26th May:	Break Up
Monday 5th June:	School Reopens
Thursday 8th June:	Class Photos
Monday 12th June:	Nursery Sports Morning
Tuesday 13th June:	Reception+KSI Sports Day (1.15)
Wednesday 14th June:	KS2 Sports Day (1.15)
Monday 19th June:	Nursery Sports Morning Reserve
Tuesday 20th June:	Reception + KSI Sports Day Reserve
Wednesday 21st June:	KS2 Sports Day Reserve
Friday 7th July:	Reports Out
Wednesday 12th July:	Open Evening/Art Exhibition
Monday 17th July:	End of Year Reward Worship
Wednesday 19th July:	Y6 Performance (TBA)
Friday 21st July:	Reward Trip
Monday 25th July:	Y6 Graduation, Lunch and Party
Tuesday 26th July:	Break Up: 1.30

Happy Easter