



# CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back one and all, I hope you had an enjoyable Easter break, although that already seems as if it was weeks ago. I can't believe I am sitting writing the first Summer Term newsletter and we have had freezing temperatures, snow and hail this week!! Let's keep our fingers crossed for better weather over the coming weeks!

I love the Summer Term, warm weather, pupils playing on the field and of course all the different events in school! The diary dates are on the back page, however, more will be added as they are organised! I know visits are being arranged as we speak. Sports Days have been arranged, so I hope you are all in training for the parents' races, which are a firm favourite with the pupils.

We have also arranged the end of year 'Open Evening' which will look a little different this time. Our aim is to hold an 'Art Week' where pupils will investigate the work of famous artists related to their topic. The hall will then become a gallery with teachers available to talk about end of year reports and also available to meet the parents of pupils coming into their class in September.

Summer Term also sees various year groups being tested. Year One, will be taking the 'Phonics Check', so any extra sound work that can be done at home would be great! If you are not sure what to do, speak to the class teacher or me! Year Two will sit formal tests in Maths and Reading, so any extra work would be brilliant! And of course, Year 6 sit their SATs in just a couple of weeks. (More of this to follow)

## Year 6 SATS

I have a couple of huge favours to ask of our Year 6 parents! In the run up to SATs, could I ask that the pupils are excused from any of their weekly chores, in order that they can concentrate on revision exercises, or just as importantly, having time to relax! I would also ask that you check which revision exercises have been set, as Mrs Till is personalising all tasks to the needs of the pupils. As payback (and I think you will like this) could you send your son or daughter to bed slightly earlier than normal (without their phones), so that they can have a couple of weeks with extra sleep. This will mean that they will be fully refreshed for the start of the tests.

In order that we can support the pupils fully, all Year 6 pupils are expected to attend Breakfast Club from Tuesday 2nd May until the end of SATs. This is so we can insure a hearty breakfast, but also because Mrs Till will be starting the school day at 8.30 for those two weeks. Some of this time will be for revision but also, especially during SATs week, to carry out relaxation exercises.

I thank you for your cooperation!

## Congratulations

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Waddison gave birth to healthy baby girl last week. Chloe Racheal was born at a very healthy weight of 8lb 9oz and I know the staff and pupils can't wait to meet her.

So from the whole of the Christ Church family, the warmest of congratulations to the Waddison family!

## Race for Life

Over the Easter holiday I received a lovely handwritten letter from Thomas Hynes-Oughton (Year 4) telling me all about his plans to run in the 'Race for Life'. He is running in memory of a very close family member and has asked whether the school could support him. As you are aware, we have always tried to support our pupils and their charitable exploits and I think raising money for a charity such as this is fantastic. As such, we will be holding a 'Non Uniform' Day on Friday 20th May, all we ask is a £1 donation. If your child would like, they could even wear pink!

Good luck, Thomas. I hope you raise lots of money for a brilliant charity!

## Open Mornings

Hopefully you will have noticed on the list of diary dates on my last newsletter, or on the flyer that came out on Thursday that next week is 'Open Morning' week. This is an opportunity for you to come in and work alongside your child; see how they have progressed; understand the ways in which staff teach and possibly most of all see how your child learns.

Teachers will put up timetables outside their classes, so you can sign up. Not all classes are available each day due to visits, worships etc. Year 6 parents, we will arrange something slightly different later in the year, as revision must be the key focus for next week!

I look forward to seeing you in school next week! I will ask the teachers not to do times tables tests!!

# Diary Dates

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 2 Edgmond Hall
Monday 8th May:	Year 6 SATs Week
Friday 12th May:	Year 1 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
Tuesday 18th July:	Y6 Performance (TBA)
Friday 21st July:	Reward Trip
Monday 25th July:	Y6 Graduation, Lunch and Party
Tuesday 26th July:	Break Up: 1.30

**Saturday 15th July: Summer Fete**