



CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2017



Dear Parents,

First of all, I would like to wish you all a 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!'

I would also like to thank you all for your ongoing support of the school during Autumn Term. It has been a very hectic couple of weeks, with Key Stage 2 performing at the Forest Arts Centre (what an amazing show), Early Years have performed their Nativity (brilliantly) and of course then we had the 'snow'! Taking the decision to close the school is never taken lightly, or is the decision to reopen. I would like to thank everyone for the amazing effort shown to get pupils into school. I know the footpaths in the estate and even the ones on the main roads have been treacherous. I wish I was allowed to grit all the paths in the area to make them safe, but unfortunately the school would then be culpable if a member of the public slipped.

I would like to say a special thank you to the members of staff, their husbands and their children who came into school on Tuesday and helped to shift tonnes of snow from the paths and driveways. It was an awesome effort and meant the site was safe for the arrival of pupils and parents on Wednesday!

Due to the snow we are now catching up: Christmas Dinner will be on Tuesday 19th December; the reward trip will now take place in January and all the other day-to-day jobs will hopefully be caught up over the coming days. So thank you all for your patience too!

Goodbyes

As we near the end of term we will be saying goodbye to some of the Christ Church family.

You may have realised that Mrs Langford has not been working in school recently. Unfortunately after a period of illness she has decided to resign her position within school. I would like to thank her for all the work she has done at school, in particular with the teaching of RWI.

Many of you will also be aware that Joe (the lollipop man) is retiring as of next Friday. He has crossed our pupils over Harden Road for 7 years, at times putting himself in danger due to the attitudes of aggressive drivers. I know it will be very strange to see somebody new crossing families over as Joe is loved by all the children. However, I would like to wish him all the very best for his, thoroughly deserved, retirement.

And last but by no means least, Mrs Horridge will also be leaving us at Christmas, as a new exciting adventure for her begins that will involve foreign travel over the coming months. She is very sad to leave, but some adventures cannot be turned down. Mrs Horridge has worked at the school since 2003 and has provided fantastic support for not only pupils but teachers. In fact, she was one of the merry band of staff members who came into school on Tuesday to clear snow from the site! Good luck, Mrs Horridge, enjoy your new adventure!

School will close at

1.30pm

On Friday 22nd December.

Christmas Fayre

A massive thank you to the Friends of Christ Church for arranging and running the Christmas Fayre. The ladies put in hours and hours of work in the preceding weeks and we are hoping to make a healthy profit. Thank you to all of you who came along or supported by sending in tombola prizes etc. A special thank you to Donna, who seems to have lived here for days and has just sat and packed treat bags for the KS2 visit to the theatre!

Whilst talking about the ladies of the Friends of Christ Church, I would like to pass on our best wishes to Dee, who has been very ill of late. Get well soon, Dee!

Parking and Reversing onto Footpaths

Thursday morning I witnessed possibly the worst piece of driving ever! Unfortunately, I was not able to speak to the driver, however, many parents did! On a cold, icy day to try and turn a vehicle around in the access road to the school, where there should not be any parking, and bumping up the footpath where parents were struggling to stay upright with their children was nothing short of ludicrous! By doing so the driver, and I'm sure they were not alone, was putting the lives of our pupils at risk! PLEASE STOP!!!!

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The Big Question

To share at home with your family:

Would it be better if it was Christmas every day?

Diary Dates

Monday 18th December:	KS1 Carol Concert, 2.00pm
Tuesday 19th December:	KS1 Carol Concert, 9.30am Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20th December:	Christmas Carols at Watermill (Choir) KS2 to Grand Theatre
Thursday 21st December:	Christingle Service Years 1-6: 9.30am Choir to Sainsbury's (1.30-2.15pm)
Friday 22nd December:	Break Up: 1.30pm (Christmas Jumper Day)
Monday 8th January:	INSET Day (No pupils)
Tuesday 9th January:	School Opens 8.45am

Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year!