



# CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2018



Dear Parents,

First of all I would like to extend a very 'Happy New Year' to you all, I guess the Christmas break seems like an age ago already!

On behalf of myself and the staff at Christ Church I would like to thank all those pupils and parents who sent Christmas cards and gifts into school; they were all very much appreciated by us all.

This term has got off to a very busy start with 120 pupils going to the cinema last Wednesday for the postponed Reward Trip and Years 1 and 2 have been busy planning their trip to the farm as part of their history topic.

Year 6 are really looking forward to their residential trip to Bryntysilio. As is usual, I will be accompanying Year 6, along with Mrs Till, Mr Stafford and Miss Jones. This means that in my absence, and due to Mrs Molineux leaving for her maternity leave, Mrs Mills will be the senior member of staff on site, assisted by Miss Wainwright. I will be in regular contact with school during the week, but I know that Mrs Mills and Miss Wainwright will deal with any incident, query or problem in exactly the same way as I would!

Hopefully, this time nobody will get stuck in the Pirate Ship!

Later this half term you will receive notification about Parents' Evenings. At these meetings you will receive a mid-year report. We have brought these meetings forward by half a term in order that we can work together to ensure all pupils are reaching their potential!

## Head Lice

Not the nicest thing to talk about, however, I feel it is important that parents know that there has been a huge increase of reported cases of head lice in the school of late. As is normal, each time we hear about lice in a class a letter is sent out to inform parents.

Head lice can prove to be very difficult to remove as if one single egg is missed hair can quickly become re-infested. Please check your child's hair regularly.

If your child continues to suffer visit the local pharmacist for advice or check the N.H.S. website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/treatment/>

The following treatments aren't recommended because they're unlikely to be effective:

- products containing permethrin
- head lice "repellents"
- electric head lice combs
- tree and plant oil treatments, such as tea tree oil, eucalyptus oil, and lavender oil
- Herbal remedies



## Twitter



Look out for Christ Church's Twitter page! Follow us @ChristChurch\_CE

The Twitter account will be used as an additional way to share general good news and messages with parents. The account will not respond to replies, as social media is not the place for school conversations. If inappropriate replies are made that person will have access blocked.

## Sad News

Unfortunately I have sad news to share. Mrs Norman-Webb has decided that after a very long bout of illness, she will be unable to return to Christ Church as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant. We had all been hoping that as she improved she would re-join us but that isn't to be so.

Mrs Norman-Webb has worked at the school for over 5 years, covering classes in Nursery all the way up to Year 6. She was a regular visitor to Bryntysilio and I know the pupils loved playing 'In the land of nod' with her.

Miss Norman-Webb will be sorely missed and on behalf of myself and the Christ Church family I would like to wish her all the best for the future!

## School Funding

Over the coming weeks there will be a push by schools nationally to force the government to think carefully about schools' funding. As such you will see a banner outside of school that will share how much Walsall schools are losing. Current estimates show that Christ Church is due to lose £115,700 by 2020. As you can imagine, this is a significant percentage of our budget (2 or more teachers) and unless the government re-think their stance they are damaging our children's futures. If you would like to know more about school cuts visit:

<https://schoolcuts.org.uk>

Only by working together can we change this!!!

**Non Uniform: Friday 2nd February.**

**£1 donation towards Year 6 Brynty Fund!**

# Diary Dates

Monday 22nd January:	Year 1 and 2 to farm, Orange
Tuesday 23rd January:	Year 1 and 2 to farm, Yellow
Wednesday 24th January:	Year 1 and 2 to farm, Red
Friday 2nd February:	Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 6th February:	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 7th February:	Parents' Evening
Friday 9th February:	Messy Church 4.00pm-5.00pm
Monday 12th February:	Year 6 to Brynty
Friday 16th February:	Hola! Spanish Day!! Break Up Half Term 3:15pm
Monday 26th February:	School Re-opens
Monday 5th March:	Open Mornings all week
Friday 23rd March:	Reward Worship Jungle Book Show in school Messy Church 4.00pm-5.00pm
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