



# CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

First of all I would like to say how brilliant it was to see so many parents in school during 'Open Morning' week. When we planned the year ahead in July, I don't think we expected the Open Mornings to be so popular! To see so many parents supporting both the school and their children was fantastic. I hope those who attended enjoyed their time in school, those who I have spoken to certainly seemed to.



We are planning another week of Open Mornings in May, so if you missed them this time look out for the flyer. Obviously, those who came this time are more than welcome to join us again and I know you will be amazed by the progress the children will have made. I would like to thank the staff too, as having parents in class is quite daunting for them, but I knew they would be brilliant!!

## Ofsted

Ofsted is a word that sends school staff into mass panic and makes some feel physically ill. However, the inspection process is vitally important to ensure all pupils are receiving a good standard of education. I feel Ofsted has helped school leaders nationally to move on members of staff who are not providing a good standard of education for children and, as such, I am 'almost' looking forward to our next inspection. We were last inspected in May 2013, so we are now overdue a visit as 'Good' schools are usually inspected every 3 years. I am certain that our school is now better than it was in May 2013 and I am immensely proud of the Christ Church family and how we work together.

As part of the inspection process, Ofsted would like to speak to parents and gather their views, I know that you will share your opinions honestly with the inspector. However, there is a way in which you could support the school and provide valuable information before the inspection even begins. If you have a spare couple of minutes, could you please visit the following web page:

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>

Once you have logged in you are asked to answer 12 questions by clicking on your favoured response. The whole process should only take 5 minutes.

We will put a link to the above website on our school website too.

I have just looked and we have no entries on the parent view site, it would be great if we could have some by the end of the week. Many thanks for your continued support, by working together we will continue to be a 'good' school, although I feel we are even better!

## Dodgeball Heroes

Well done to the Christ Church Dodgeball Team, who won every match during a recent tournament at Streetly Academy and have secured a place in the Walsall finals. Great job all!!!

## Hola! Spanish Day

Wednesday 1st February is 'Spanish Day'. So pupils will be learning about Spanish life and customs as well as the language. We will be building 'tolerance' of other cultures as part of our 'British Values'.

Pupils are invited to wear either the Spanish colours, which are red, yellow and black, or a Spanish football strip. If you have a matador costume or flamenco costume that too would be fine!! Or if you are struggling with any of the above, just come along in non-uniform!

There will be a Spanish themed lunch on offer to the pupils too!

## Year 6 Raising Funds

Well done to Year 6 pupils and parents who are continuing to raise funds for the upcoming residential trip to Bryntysilio! A special mention to Chloe Tranter, who has managed to raise £168.52 by selling bric-a-brac at the Autumn Fayre and Glitter Glasses at the Christmas Fayre.

Don't forget, Mr Harris and Mr Stafford will be having their legs waxed to raise further funds on Friday 10th February! £5 to pull off a wax strip, what a bargain!!

# Diary Dates

Tuesday 31st January:	School Choir: Genting Arena
Wednesday 1st February:	Spanish Day: 'Hola!'
Wednesday 8th February:	Reception visit Christ Church
Thursday 9th February:	Valentine's Disco
Friday 10th February:	Sponsored Leg Wax for Brynty!
Monday 13th February	Year 6 to Brynty
Friday 17th February:	Break Up, Half Term:
Monday 27th February:	School re-opens
Thursday 2nd March:	World Book Day: Harry Potter Theme.
Friday 10th March:	Mid Year Reports out
Wednesday 15th March:	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16th March:	Parents; Evening
Friday 31st March:	End of Term Reward Worship
Monday 3rd April:	Alice in Wonderland Production
Thursday 6th April:	Art Day
Friday 7th April:	Break Up Easter: 1.30pm
Monday 24th April:	Inset Day
Tuesday 25th April:	School Re-Opens