



# CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2017



Dear Parents,

First of all a message to the Year 6 pupils and parents! Well done for all the hard work over the past weeks, as you have prepared for SATs. I was really impressed with the pupils' attitudes towards revision and especially the tests. Once again, the tests proved to be very, very difficult. The new expectations are exceedingly difficult to reach and are definitely in-line with G.C.S.E. standard papers! So well done, Year 6! You have done your best, worked hard and we could not ask any more of you! We are all very proud of you.

Year 2 will be completing their SATS over the next two weeks, however, we will not be making a big song and dance about them. The pupils are used to completing assessments and these will be just another set to be completed. There is certainly no need for pupils to become stressed or anxious! After all, they are only 6!! It is hoped that in the very near future the government will remove unnecessary testing of our youngsters!

On a slightly lighter note, Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be sitting their 'Rock-It' ensemble music exams next Monday (22nd May). This means that Year 3 will not be swimming on that day. Examiners from the London College of Music will visit the school and mark the performance of the pupils. The pupils have worked hard all year practising their pieces and I know they will do well. There will be a concert later in the term so you can hear them play!

## Attendance

Great news, attendance is steadily improving again this term and we are edging closer and closer to the magical 97%. We will continue to celebrate 100% attendance and also most improved at the end of each term, with a whole day Reward Trip on offer at the end of Summer Term.

However, we will also continue to send texts on a Friday if your child's attendance is below 90%. This is the new level (was previously 85%) set by the government for persistent absenteeism. Schools are graded not only by test results but also by attendance and what they do to reduce persistent absenteeism. It cannot have escaped your attention the local school that was in the press where 1/3 of the pupils did not attend school regularly.

I would also like to remind parents that taking holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances. If holidays are taken during term time there is a risk of prosecution by the local authority leading to a fine.

It may help when planning a holiday to know that in September, the first 3 days back after the holiday will be training days!!

## Magic Russ

Don't forget to buy your Magic Russ tickets for Friday. This amazing show will be live in the school hall at 3.30pm on Friday 19th May! Each ticket costs £3 with half of the proceeds going towards the Friends of Christ Church! I have seen this show in the past and it is brilliant, great for little and big kids alike!!!

## Sad News

It is with great sadness that I tell you all that one of the Christ Church family is very ill at the moment. Last week we found out the awful news that Holly-Mae Doran (Reception) has been diagnosed with cancer. This is obviously shocking news for Holly's family and I know that you will join with me in sending all our love, thoughts and prayers to them at this most difficult of times. It is hoped that with the correct treatment she will make a full recovery and I will share updates when I have them. Get well soon, Holly! We are all really missing you!

Friday 19th May

Non-Uniform Day

Wear Pink! (optional)

Help Thomas Hynes-Oughton

raise money for

Cancer Research!

£1 donation!



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# Diary Dates

Friday 26th May:	Break Up 3.15pm
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 24th July:	Y6 Graduation, Lunch and Party
Tuesday 25th July:	Break Up: 1.30

**Saturday 15th July: Summer Fete**