



CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Now that 'Bonfire Night' has passed we are well and truly hurtling towards 'crazy season' in school. The School Choir are working hard with Mrs Surrell and her team learning songs for two huge performances at the Forest Arts Centre and the Genting Arena! Year 5 have their scripts and I saw them popping in the hall for a first run through just the other day. I know that staff in Early Years and Key Stage 1 have been planning their Christmas performances too!

But before we get to all those wonderful performances there is an awful lot of learning still to take place. The Reading Competition is still ongoing, so please sign those diaries so that your child can move up towards winning a 'Golden Ticket' and the chance of a brilliant prize.

Many thanks to those of you who attended Parents' Evenings last week, it was great to see such a good turnout. Hopefully, your child's teacher will have told you how they have settled and what you could do to help them at home. If you are ever unsure, just speak to the class teacher or grab Mrs Molineux or myself at the school gate and we will see what we can do.

I'd like to thank the parent governors who asked for your help to complete the parent questionnaire. The results of the questionnaire were very favourable and show how highly our school is thought of. I will produce a full analysis hopefully later this week that will be used as evidence during our next 'Ofsted Inspection' which is due any time now, this will of course be shared with you.

If there is ever a time when you are unhappy or have a concern about the school, please come and see a member of staff. Although I am a visible leader of the school, there are times when things happen that I do not know about. We can only deal with what we know, and believe me, we will always try to sort out any problems quickly!

What is more, if you have any ideas to improve our school, please share those. We are always looking to improve our school both academically, socially but also with regards to communication with parents and carers. So if you feel there is something we could provide, let us know!



Friday 18th November

Children In Need

'Pyjama Day'

Yes! A whole day at school in your pyjamas!

£1 Donation



Well Done Madison!

I would like to say a huge well done to Madison McDevitt in Year 5 for her fantastic fundraising antics over the past couple of weeks. She has raised nearly £1,000 for the 'Little Princess Trust' by having her very, very long hair (down to her bottom) cut into a short bob. When her ponytail was measured it came in at 54 inches!! The hair and the money she has raised will go towards making a wig for a girl who has lost her own. What a brilliant effort, Madison! You are a shining example of the values that we hold so dear at our school! We are very proud of you!!

Attendance Week

After the huge success of last term's Attendance Week, as promised, we will be holding another one later this term. The week beginning 21st November was the lowest attendance week last year during the Autumn term and so has been chosen to be carefully monitored. During the week, if your child is absent from school you should contact us as normal. During the morning, Mrs Bolton, Mrs Whitehouse (Education Welfare Officer) or myself will visit your home to discuss the absence. Last term during the attendance week only 3 pupils were absent. This had a fantastic impact on our attendance figures.

Whilst we are talking about absence, I know some parents are unhappy when they receive attendance texts on Friday if their child's attendance is below 90%. I would like to make it quite clear that the texts will continue to be sent until attendance is above 90%, as it is our duty to ensure pupils attend school regularly. Governors, the Local Authority and Ofsted want to know how we address poor attendance, this is just one of our strategies!

Diary Dates

Thursday 10th November:	Harvest Festival: 9.00am School Hall
Friday 11th November:	Year 3 Remembrance Service: 9.00am Key stage 1: Explorer Day (Visitor)
Tuesday 15th November:	Flu Vaccine: Y1/2 and Y3
Friday 18th November:	Children in Need: Pyjama Day
Saturday 26th November:	Ball Boy and Girl Experience (Walsall F.C.)
Tuesday 29th November	Choir Sing at Forest Arts Centre
Thursday 1st December:	KS2: George's Marvellous Medicine
Friday 2nd December:	Friends Of Christ Church Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 6th December:	Reception to Chasewater: Santa
Thursday 8th December:	Nursery and Reception Nativity: 9.30am
Friday 9th December:	End of Term Reward Worship
Friday 9th December:	Nursery and Reception Nativity: 2.00pm
Monday 12th December:	Rapunzel Performance: EYFS + KS1
Monday 12th December:	KS1 Carol Concert: 2.00pm
Tuesday 13th December:	KS1 Carol Concert: 9.30am
Tuesday 13th December:	KS2 Christmas Performance: 1.30pm
Wednesday 14th December:	Reward Trip Zorro's Christmas Adventure:
Wednesday 14th December:	KS2 Christmas Performance: 6.00pm
Thursday 15th December:	Christingle Service (to be confirmed) Christmas Dinner
Friday 16th December:	Break Up: 1.30pm Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 4th January	Pupils Return to School