



# CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I can't quite believe that we have all but completed the first half term of the new school year. It has been great getting to know our new pupils and their families and I have been very pleased with how they have settled into Christ Church Life.

As you will have realised, this year we are promoting 'Reading' even more than normal. This is because Reading is a key area on this year's School Development Plan. In order for pupils to reach their full potential it is vital that they read daily. For our younger pupils this may mean sharing a book with an adult or older sibling. Older pupils, particularly in Years 5 and 6, could be reading to themselves for up to 30 minutes a day. Obviously, we need your help for this to happen. Please sign your child's reading diary and also have conversations with the teacher via the diary. As a rule of thumb, reading scheme books are changed weekly, however, if you would prefer books to be changed more often, speak to the class teacher: we aim to please! The school Library is open after school on Monday and Thursday, so feel free to pop in and choose an extra book to take home. Pupils in Year 2 and above know which colour band they should choose from, as we use 'Accelerated Reader' to assess them. For more information, speak to the class teacher. I have spoken to pupils and they know that they don't just have to read school reading books. Comics, newspapers, magazines and of course e-books are all good texts to read!

## Design Technology Day

Please send your child in old clothes on Friday as it is our Design Technology Curriculum Day. Unfortunately we will not be cooking pizzas as our oven cracked when it was fired for the first time. The good news is, as it was a trial oven it will be replaced, free of charge!

On Friday the pupils will be junk modelling, so if you have any cardboard boxes, tubes, plastic bottles etc please send them in!

## Anti-Bullying Week

With 'Anti-Bullying Week' being quite close I thought I would take this opportunity to share some of the work we do in school to prevent bullying happening. First of all, I would like to make it clear that bullying happens over a period of time or regularly and is often carried out by those who are stronger in some way (maybe by size or age) or a number of people against an individual. Bullying is not friends falling out with each other on a particular day or a one-off physical confrontation, although neither of these are in keeping with the Christ Church values! Unfortunately, many parents and pupils do not always understand the difference and will use the term 'bullying' incorrectly. As a school we discuss with pupils what bullying is and what to do if they are being bullied. We also discuss 'cyber-bullying' which tends to happen outside of school but has serious repercussions when it continues into the school day. The school council held a competition last year to design an anti-bullying poster. The winner, Kai Dobson, came up with 'Be a Buddy not a Bully!' we urge all pupils to follow this brilliant advice. If you would like to know more about 'anti-bullying' please pop in!

## Harvest Festival

This year we will be holding our Harvest Festival in the school hall on Thursday 10th November. Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will celebrate Harvest with us and parents are more than welcome to attend. Reception and Nursery pupils will hold a celebration in their classrooms.

Usually we would visit Christ Church Parish Church for our Harvest Festival, but unfortunately, due to there not being a vicar at the church we have been unable to do so. Fingers crossed that we will be able to go to the church for our Christingle service!



## Halloween Disco



## The Most

Spooktacular Event of the  
Year!

Thursday 20th October

5.00-6.00pm Nursery, Reception, Year 1  
and 2

6.15-7.30 Years 3-6

£2.00 entry

(Pay at Main Reception)

Hot Dogs, Drinks and Sweets Available

# Diary Dates

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| Thursday 20th October    | Halloween Disco                                       |
| Friday 21st October:     | DT Day: Pizza and Bread Making (old clothes)          |
| Friday 21st October:     | Break Up Half Term 3.15pm                             |
| Monday 31st October:     | INSET DAY: No children in school                      |
| Tuesday 1st November:    | Pupils return to school                               |
| Wednesday 2nd November:  | Parents' Evenings: 3.30-6.00pm                        |
| Thursday 3rd November:   | Parents' Evenings: 3.30-6.00pm<br>Year 6, Bikeability |
| Friday 4th November:     | Year 6, Bikeability                                   |
| Thursday 10th November:  | Harvest Festival: 9.00-9.45am                         |
| Tuesday 15th November:   | Flu Vaccine: Y1/2 and Y3                              |
| Saturday 26th November:  | Ball Boy and Girl Experience (Walsall F.C.)           |
| Thursday 1st December:   | Choir event (to be confirmed)                         |
| 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:    | 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 (am only)                                 |
| Wednesday 14th December: | KS2 Christmas Performance: 6.00pm                     |
| Thursday 15th December:  | Christingle Service (to be confirmed)                 |
| Friday 16th December:    | Break Up: 1.30pm Christmas Jumper Day                 |
| Wednesday 4th January    | Pupils Return to School                               |