



CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

To those of you who are old hands, welcome back and to those who are new to Christ Church a very warm welcome!

This is the first Newsletter of the year and you can expect to receive at least 2 each half term. The idea of the newsletter is to share information and celebrate the successes of our fantastic school. If you ever misplace a newsletter, they are always uploaded to the school website:

www.christchurch.walsall.sch.uk

The website holds quite a lot of information and policies, so it is well worth a look. Over the coming year, we are hoping to make better use of the website, with each class having its own area where 'blogs' will be set up. Pupils will also be able to access homework from there too. (no excuses for leaving it at school then!)

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome 2 new members of staff. Miss Kumari and Miss Hollis are joining us this term in Key Stage 1 and Reception respectively. I am sure you will offer your friendship and support to our new members of staff, as this is the 'Christ Church' way!

As ever, we will be operating an 'Open Door' policy. This means that if you want to speak to a teacher, they will be available after school. If this is not convenient, contact the required member of staff and they will arrange a suitable time. Myself and members of the Senior Leadership Team will also be available before and after school.

Uniform

It was absolutely brilliant to see pupils coming in to school in their new uniforms on Wednesday morning, they all looked so smart!

As a help to parents who may have children who like to tell tall tales, can I just make it clear that black school shoes are the expected footwear, not black trainers! I know some of our older boys, in particular, like to tell their parents that trainers are allowed! If your child continues to wear trainers or non-black school shoes, a 'Uniform Note' will be sent home. Obviously, if shoes split etc or it is the last week of term we understand that it may be difficult to replace shoes at the drop of a hat, but just let us know.

If your child plays a lot of football and has wrecked shoes, send them with an old pair of trainers to change into as required. There is no actual need to buy brand new, overly expensive trainers for school, even for P.E. as old ones will be fine.

As a help to teachers, and I know you will have done this, can I ask that you write names in all jumpers, coats, P.E. kits etc and check each week that they haven't washed out. Our lost property pile is huge!

School uniform is vitally important to the whole of the 'Christ Church Family', as it signifies belonging to a very special group. It also fosters positive attitudes towards school life and learning. Many members of the local community remark on how smart and well behaved our pupils are when we walk to or attend events. It is these high expectations that have led to our school becoming so popular and having waiting lists for each year group!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

Curriculum Meetings

We are kicking the new term off as we mean to go on by holding curriculum meetings next week. These are great opportunities to chat to the new teacher to find out: which day P.E. is on; when homework is handed out and when it should be handed in; all about the curriculum; when and where visits may happen and most importantly, how you can help your child.

The dates and times for the Curriculum Meetings are as follows:

Years 1 and 2: Monday 12th September @ 3.30pm

Years 5,6 and Reception: Tuesday 13th September @ 3.30 pm

Years 3 and 4: Thursday 15th September @ 3.30 pm

Meetings will last about 30 minutes.

RWI Master Class

This is a meeting particularly for parents of Reception and Year 1 pupils. The meeting will provide you with the tools to help your child to learn how to read. We will also be providing you with useful resources and refreshments!

Tuesday 20th September: 2.30pm

Non Uniform Days

Tuesday 13th September: Roald Dahl Day, come as a character, ideas on a flyer!

Friday 16th September: Bring a bottle (non alcoholic or chocolate) for Autumn Fayre Tombola!

Autumn Fayre: Saturday 17th September: 1.00-3.00pm

Diary Dates

Monday 12th September:	Curriculum Meetings: Years 1 and 2: 3.30pm
Tuesday 13th September:	National Roald Dahl Day (Non Uniform)
Tuesday 13th September:	Curriculum Meetings: Reception, Y5/6: 3.30pm
Thursday 15th September:	Curriculum Meetings: Y3/4: 3.30pm
Friday 16th September:	Non Uniform (Bottle/Chocolate)
Saturday 17th September:	Autumn Fayre: 1.00-3.00pm
Tuesday 20th September:	RWI Masterclass: 2.30pm
Monday 26th September:	Shakespeare Theatre Company in School
Monday 26th September:	Open Mornings Week! More info to follow.
Friday 21st October:	DT Day: Pizza and Bread Making (old clothes)
Friday 21st October:	Break Up Half Term 3.15pm
Monday 31st November:	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
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: 2.00pm
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