



CHRIST CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

I feel the need to start this letter with a very urgent and important plea! Several parents who live in Awlmakers Grove and several other parents who have entered the school at the end of the school day have mentioned the atrocious parking that is happening once again. In fact, one pushchair has been bumped into by a car parked on the footpath outside the gates.

I fully understand that parking near the school is difficult, if near impossible, however, when drivers are blocking footpaths so that pupils, or mothers with pushchairs, are forced into the road to pass it is endangering lives!

Too often in the news we hear of children being seriously hurt outside schools at the end of the day. As members of the Christ Church family, none of us would wish this to happen, so please think carefully before you park. Even better, park a little further away and walk to the school. Please help to keep our children safe. I have spoken with the council and they have informed me that the parking in Awlmakers Grove (on the footpaths) is an offence that will be dealt with by the police. I strongly urge all residents in that particular street to contact the police if this atrocious parking continues. I have also asked for parking enforcement officers to be present outside the school gates!

I would warmly receive any ideas for how our parking problem could be remedied and look forward to hearing from you!

Safeguarding

One of the most important roles of a school is to safeguard its pupils, staff and parents. Safeguarding is not just about dealing with Children's Services but it also relates to staff conduct, use of social media, pupil behaviour, health and safety and much, much more.

As your child is a pupil at Christ Church, both you and they should expect certain things. Pupils will be spoken to in a respectful manner, we are a 'non-shout' school, so your child will not be shouted at, they will be spoken to calmly. At times, teachers may change the tone of their voice to show they are displeased, or raise their voice to quieten a room but they will not 'shout' or 'belittle' a child as it would be classed as emotional abuse. Sometimes, children will say they have been shouted at when in fact they have been spoken to firmly. Parents will also be spoken to respectfully and the same would be expected of you, even when you are angry. As a father, I know how it feels when your child tells you they have been hurt or feel they have been mistreated, however, I also know that their version of the truth may be slightly one sided (I live with two girls!!). Your child should feel emotionally supported and know that they can speak to an adult in their class if they have a problem or concern, the same for you! This is the Christ Church way and is why the name of the school in the local and wider area is so good.

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns, I am the Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mrs Molineux, Mrs Mills, Mrs Bolton and Mrs Till are the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads and we are the people to speak to. Working together, we can keep our children safe and their emotion wellbeing healthy!

Reading Open Mornings

I have been so impressed with the extra effort all our pupils are putting in with their reading. It has been great for me to see the support being offered by parents at home through looking in our new reading diaries. In order to support parents further, you are invited to attend one of our reading or RWI sessions with your child this week. Please sign up with your child's class teacher.

The sound of little feet

It is with great pleasure that I share some very happy news with you all. Mrs Molineux is expecting a baby and also Miss Taylor is expecting her first little bundle of joy.

I know you will join with me in passing on your best wishes to both.

We are also getting very close to Mrs Jewkes leaving us as she departs for maternity leave.

Again, I would like to pass on our best wishes and we look forward to meeting little Jewkes in the very near future!

Good luck to Mrs Jewkes and her family!

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The Big Question

To share at home with your family:

If animals could talk, what would be the first question you would ask one?

Diary Dates

Monday 25th September:	Reading Open Mornings: 9.00-9.30am
Tuesday 17th October:	Parents' Evenings: 3.30-6.00pm
Wednesday 18th October:	Parents' Evenings: 3.30-6.00pm
Thursday 19th October:	Harvest Festival (TBA)
Friday 20th October:	Break Up: Half Term-3.15pm Curriculum Day: History
Thursday 2nd November:	Anti-Bullying Show: Years 2-6
Monday 6th November:	Open Mornings: All week
Tuesday 5th December:	KS2 Christmas Performance (Forest Arts 1.30pm)
Wednesday 6th December:	KS2 Christmas Performance (Forest Arts 6.00pm)
Friday 8th December:	Christmas Fayre: 3.00-5.00pm
Thursday 14th December:	Nursery + Reception Nativity: 2.00pm
Friday 15th December:	Nursery + Reception Nativity, 9.30am
Friday 15th December:	Christmas Craft Day: Parents invited
Monday 18th December:	KS1 Carol Concert, 2.00pm
Tuesday 19th December:	KS1 Carol Concert, 9.30am
Wednesday 20th December:	Christmas Carols at Watermill (Choir)
Thursday 21st December:	Christingle Service Years 1-6
Friday 22nd December:	Break Up: 1,30pm
Monday 8th January:	INSET Day (No pupils)
Tuesday 9th January:	School Open