

The Christ Church News



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RESPECT COMPASSION PERSEVERANCE CREATIVITY FRIENDSHIP

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week in school. We started off with our 'mini police' out on duty on Monday to help encourage safe and legal parking. Well done to them.

Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday, led by Y3, at the church. The rest of the school will join in with songs.

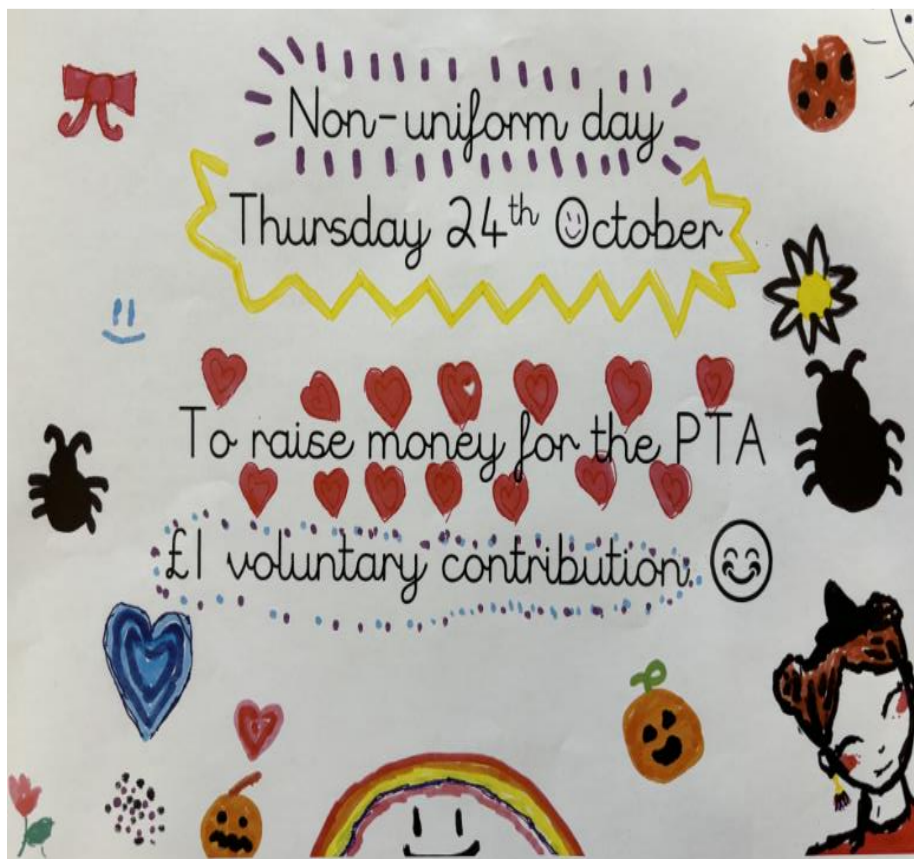
Tonight sees the first PTA quiz of the year. Thank you to them for arranging this fundraiser and good luck if you are taking part.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024-2025

| Date | Event |
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| 22nd & 24th October | Parents' Evening – please book via T2P call the office if you need assistance booking |
| 22nd October | 10am Harvest service led by Y3 at church |
| 24th October | Finish for half term PTA Non uniform day |
| 25th October | INSET DAY – No school for children |
| 4th November | Children back to school |
| 5th November | Nasal flu vaccinations – please log in and give consent via link emailed out 25 th September |
| 7 th November | Individual & sibling photographs |
| 11 th November | 10am Y5 lead remembrance service |
| 12th November | Skateboarding and scooter sessions Y1-6 |
| 14 th November | Y4 film festival cinema trip |
| 15 th November | Children in Need |

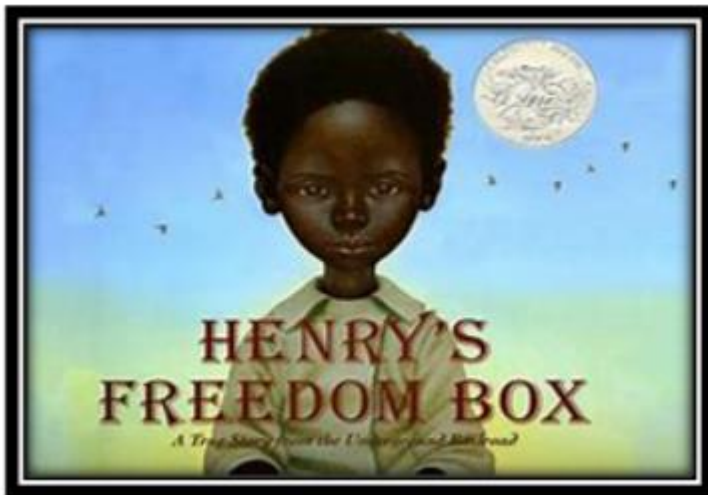
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| 20 th November | Y6 visit Mandir |
| 24 th November | PTA Disco Infants 4.45pm-5.45pm - Juniors 6pm-7pm |
| 26 th November | Y3, Y5, Y6 film festival cinema trip |
| 27 th November | Y2 film festival cinema trip |
| 10 th December | YR & Y6 height weight & vision checks – information to follow pm Reception & Y1 Nativity time TBC |
| 12 th December | Christmas Jumper Day am Reception & Y1 Nativity time TBC |
| 13 th December | Reception trip to the Everyman |
| 17 th December | Christmas service 10am led by Y2 |
| 18 th December | Christmas lunch 2.30pm Rock Steady Concert |
| 20 th December | Last day of school – Christmas holiday |
| 6 th January | INSET DAY – No school for children |
| 7 th January | Children back to school |



Black History Month

Black History is interwoven into our curriculum but, as it is Black History Month, classes have been completing additional studies. We are holding class services where we have discussed historical key figures such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King and more recent leading figures such as Barack Obama, Lady Floella Benjamin and Usain Bolt.

Year 4 have studied the true story of Henry 'Box' Brown and learnt about his journey from slavery to freedom.



Year 3 learned about the inspirational Ruby Bridges. They discussed segregation and inequality in the education system at the time when Ruby started school. The children thought about how Ruby may have felt at the time and were shocked at her perseverance and courage.



Daily end of day stories in Y6 to celebrate black culture and heritage. Y6 also took part in a whole class service and linked their learning to PSHE to discuss how everybody is important and valued.



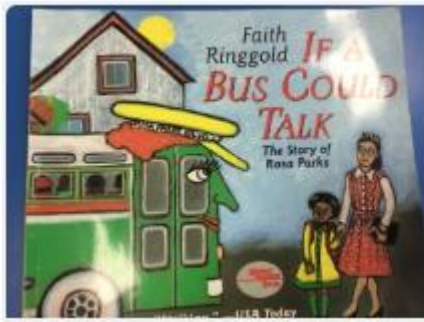
Reception are looking at the artist Alma Thomas and recreating Autumn artwork based on her style of painting.



Year 5 have watched many Newsround clips and children have researched and written their own mini fact files based on the people that have inspired them.



Year 2 learned about Rosa Parks and how she showed sing to give up her seat on a segregated bus in Alabama in 1955 and inspired bus boycotts, eventually changing the law. The book "If a bus could talk" was good to hear her story. We took part in a live webinar with schools around the world to look at "Reclaiming the Narrative," exploring how stories are told and who writes history thinking about perspectives.



In Year 1 we have been learning about how Black History Month gives people the chance to come together to celebrate and appreciate the significance of black heritage and culture. We have had a class service where we learned about famous historical figures in Black history such as Mae Jemison and how she was the first black American to travel into space. We also looked at the life of Mary Seacole and her incredible work caring for sick soldiers.



Year 2 start the “Young Leader Award”



We are excited to announce that Year 2 are starting the “Archbishop of York’s Young Leader Award” this year as part of our work on developing courageous advocacy. *“Young people have the power to change the world. We are passionate about empowering Young Leaders to transform society and to inspire others to do the same.”*



Explore the theme 'Small Steps, Big Changes'

The KS1 Award is a fully resourced leadership, character education and personal development programme, where pupils consider their own skills, the needs of their local community and build habits of helping others. Explore the topics of kindness, perseverance, teamwork and action through interactive activities and challenges. The Year 2 children will follow Gracie’s story as she learns to be a leader. Towards the end of the programme, they will decide on a local issue they feel passionate about to make a difference and will take action. If you’d like to find out more, here is their website: <https://www.archbishopofyorkyouthtrust.co.uk/young-leaders-award>



I wonder if the Year 2 parents have noticed any “secret acts of kindness” at home? They have a Random Acts of Kindness Challenge set to complete by half term...

Worship Team 2024



We have so many Year 6 pupils keen to be on our Worship Team, we split them into three groups who will help lead services across the year. Last week, Team 1 led a service on Monday to reflect on what spirituality is. They used the idea of Kintsugi, the Japanese art of using gold to repair broken ceramics to introduce the idea of how God can help fix things and be the golden glue of spirituality. They talked about the WOWs of Life, the OWS of Life and the NOWs of Life.



Year 2 Cheltenham Literature Festival

We enjoyed a session in the Story Shack hearing traditional stories performed before going to see the author Chloe Savage who has written “The Search for the Giant Arctic Jellyfish.” We enjoyed hearing about her years of failure making her first book and had a draw-a-long session creating our own jellyfish characters.



We created some interesting jellyfish – even Minecraft jellyfish!



Chloe Savage signed a book for our class!



Thank you to the staff and parents who made it possible! We really appreciate your help.

Year 3



Year 3 had a fantastic morning at The Wilson museum on Wednesday. They learned more about the Stone Age and took part in lots of different activities including: cave painting, weaving wool, digging for artefacts and holding real artefacts!



Reminder - No Nuts

We have children in our school with nut allergies.

Food allergies are potentially severe and exposure to these substances could result in anaphylaxis, a condition that requires immediate medical attention.

We are asking parents/guardians to be conscientious in the selection of food that your child brings to class in an attempt to limit the chances of the child being exposed to allergens. Please do not provide your child with products containing nuts in school.

We know that many parents like to celebrate birthdays and other occasions with special treats. Any food sent in to share with pupils should be pre-packaged and contain an ingredients label. Please give these items to the class teacher for distribution.

It would also be helpful if you could chat with your child about not sharing foods.

Attendance: support first

The new 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' Guidance emphasises a 'Support First' ethos, encouraging the school, parents and other agencies to work together to understand why a child is not attending school and put in place effective solutions to address them.

As such, if you are concerned about your child's attendance, then please contact Mrs Pendlebury as soon as possible so that we can better understand the issues, and ensure appropriate support is put in place to support you, your family, and your child to prevent further absences.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

- U: Suitable for all ages
- PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them
- 12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references
- 15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above
- 18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18+ rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As this content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror feeds itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has already seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them; this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Inley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



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