

The Christ Church News



20th September 2024

Our value this term is: **RESPECT**

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RESPECT **COMPASSION** **PERSEVERANCE** **CREATIVITY** **FRIENDSHIP**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see the sun this week. Year 4 have been able to make the most of the weather at forest school and have thoroughly enjoyed their visits this term so far.

When the clubs list went out, there was some variation in the time that the club finishes compared to last year. Please have a look and check. Thank you to the staff who have given their time to enrich the children's opportunities.

Even though it is only week 3, there has been so much going on in school – enjoy reading about this in this newsletter.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Pope

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024-2025

Date	Event
24th September	PTA AGM 7pm – all welcome
24 th September	Reception & Y1 Phonics meeting
26th September	Y6 swimming starts
4th October	Y4 Literature Festival trip
7th October	Y1 Literature Festival trip
8th October	Y6.5.3 Literature Festival trip
9th October	Y2 Literature Festival trip
14th October	Glos Wildlife Trust with Y4 and 5
16th October	Y3 Wilson Museum visit
22nd & 24th October	Parents' Evening – information to follow

22nd October	Harvest service led by Y3
24th October	Finish for half term
25th October	INSET DAY – No school for children
4th November	Children back to school
5th November	Nasal flu vaccinations
12th November	Skateboarding and scooter sessions Y1-6
12 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
13th December	Reception trip to the Everyman
17th December	Christmas service 10am led by Y2
20th December	Last day of school – Christmas holiday
6th January	INSET DAY – No school for children
7th January	Children back to school

“Primary Picture News” Hand in Hand Campaign

At school we often use a resource called “Primary Picture News” which allows children to discuss and reflect on recent news events. To start the term, we had reflection time in class to respond to the riots that took place in the summer holidays. We explored how the communities came together to lend a hand to tidy up the towns and cities that were affected. Children were then asked to draw inside a hand outline about what matters to them. It’s made a wonderful display in our Prayer Corner where pupils can share “help prayers” this term and see how we join together to make a difference.



Summer Reading Challenge

It was wonderful to see so many pupils take part in the Summer Library Challenge this year! We loved hearing all the fun activities you got up to as part of the levels and children shared book recommendations in assembly too. Year 4 were at forest school on Tuesday so missed their photo but we celebrated their achievements on Friday instead.



Respect Service with "Youth4Christ Gloucestershire"

Paul and Matt had a great message this week linked to our value of "Respect" with a focus on using words. They used Thomas and Mrs Moores from Year 5 as volunteers this week to race against each other squeezing out toothpaste as fast as they could in 30 seconds with the second part of the challenge to put it back inside the tube! Of course, this highlighted how, once we've spoken unkind words, it's much harder to undo the damage it's caused to that person.



KS1 Ukulele Club

We started our lessons this week learning how to hold the ukulele, how we tune them and playing the four open strings GCEA.



Year 6



Year 6 had an oracy focus in their English work this week.

Year 5: Mini Police

On Monday this week, Year 5 welcomed PCSO Tracey Magovern in class. She talked the children through the history of policing and what it means to serve today. She was very impressed by the children's performance in the end of session quiz. We will have seven sessions over the year, with the children actively encouraging good behaviour both in and outside school. We are delighted that many children in Year 5 were keen to take up the mini police call. They looked great in their mini -uniforms! We look forward to them helping out in the school community soon.





Forest School

Year 4 are loving forest school and made outdoor noughts and crosses this week.





[PTA](#)

ALL PARENTS WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED FIRST PTA MEETING

Tuesday 24 September
7-8:30pm
in the Kidzone hall
PTA AGM

Come and find out how we did last year, what we have planned this year.

Drinks and nibbles provided

You don't need to be in the PTA to find out what is happening



CHRIST CHURCH PTA
PRESENT

QUIZ NIGHT

FRI 18TH OCTOBER
£5 PP

Join us in the school hall 7pm
Prizes to be won!

Sign up here  

Maximum team 6 - Adults only
Bar - Nibbles and first drink included
All proceeds go to help the school

Attendance

Mrs Pendlebury will be sending out an Attendance Flowchart today. Please do take the time to read through our expectations. It is only by working as a school community with pupils, staff and parents that we will be able to reach our attendance targets and help children make the most of their time here at Christ Church. As always, if you have any concerns, please contact Mrs Pendlebury

HSC Public Health Agency

Do I need to keep my child off school?

Chicken Pox At least 5 days from onset of rash and until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhea &/or Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Respiratory Illness (e.g colds & flu) Can return when no longer have a high temperature and well enough	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	
Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off if well enough, but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 hours after commencing antibiotics	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	German Measles (Rubella) 5 days from onset of rash
Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Scabies Until after first treatment	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis Can return when no longer have a temperature and well enough, school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 hours after commencing antibiotics

Use this guide to find out when they should stay off, and when they can go back if they are well enough to do so.



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Pate's Grammar School

Open Evening for Year 7 Entry
Tuesday 1 October 2024
4.45pm - 8.00pm
Headteacher's Welcome: 5.00pm, 6.00pm and 7.00pm
Tours start from 5.15pm

We welcome you and your family to join us for our Autumn Open Evening. Come and explore our school and meet our students and staff team who will be delighted to share Pate's life with you and answer all your questions about joining us in Year 7.

No booking required

Parking available on site (subject to weather conditions).



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Come and join us at our

SCHOLARSHIP Information Evening

Thursday 26 September 2024, from 6.30pm



Find out more about our
scholarships for ages 11+,
13+ and 16+ for the
Academic Year of 2025



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OPEN EVENTS

Open Mornings
Monday 7th and
Tuesday 8th October
8.45-10.30am
Headteacher Welcome
Talk at 9am

Open Evening
Tuesday 8th October
5-8pm
Headteacher Welcome
Talks at 5.15pm and
6.30pm

Join us for the Denmark Road experience. No booking required.

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