

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after the Summer holidays, it is great to see all of our children looking so smart in their new uniforms and keen to start their learning journeys again this year.

I would also like to welcome any new parents to our school, I hope you have managed to get used to the school routines. All of our curriculum letters have been e-mailed out to explain what should be happening in each class/year group this term but if there is anything you are unsure of regarding school systems, please ask so that we can try to make the transition as smooth as possible for you.

As we approach the end of the half term it has been great to see how well all the children have returned and adapted to their new classes, routines and systems in place. We have already had a number of our clubs starting and lots of our children enjoying taking part in these. We have also been able to welcome some of our families into school with our Reading Eggs/Express parent meetings, Whitemoor Lakes Y5 residential meeting and soon we will have our Harvest Festival at the Elim Church!

It is now a time of coughs and colds and keeping up the routines of hand-washing will help to minimise the spread of these viruses as well as COVID-19. We are pleased that so many of our families are adhering to the 'hands, face and space' protocols outside the school and urge you to continue to do so. As we approach the Winter months it is also important that the children are dressed appropriately with winter coats, hats and gloves.

There are a few staffing changes in the next few months as Mrs Voyce has now started her maternity leave, with Miss Knopik taking over, after already sharing this role since the start of the year. Mrs Hussain, Mrs Wojtowicz and Mrs Harper will also be starting their maternity leaves over the coming months.



Parents Evening

This year we will be holding face-to-face parents evening. KS1/EYFS meetings will be on Monday 17th October and Tuesday 18th October and KS2 will be on Wednesday 19th October and Thursday 20th October. We would request that there are a maximum of 2 adults when attending the meetings and any children remain under your supervision. Please ensure that you are ready at your allocated time slot as timings will need to be closely adhered to, if you would prefer a telephone appointment instead please contact the office **before** the day of the meeting with your preferred contact number. If you feel you need a further conversation with the class teacher after this meeting then please contact the office to arrange this for a mutually convenient time.

Twitter

Please check out our Twitter page to see some of the wonderful work the children are doing at school and keeping up to date with what is happening! @CChurchPrimary

Kind regards,

Mr L Archer



PE Timetable

PE Timetable 2023/24

Day	Classes	
Mon	Miss Bowley	Mrs Timmins
	Mr Naylor	Mrs Hussain
Tues	Miss Hill	Miss Preston
	Mrs <u>Voyce</u> / Miss <u>Knopik</u>	Miss Bowley
Wed	Mrs Hawkins	Mrs Hussain
	Mrs Johnson/ Mrs Mason & Miss Cooper	Mrs Seidu/ Mrs <u>Barke</u>
Thurs	Miss Cooper & Mr Johnson	Mrs <u>Voyce</u> / Miss <u>Knopik</u>
	Mrs Timmins	Miss Preston
	Mrs Johnson/Mrs Mason & Mrs Seidu/ Mrs <u>Barke</u>	Mr Naylor
Fri	Mrs Johnson/Mrs Mason & Mrs Seidu/ Mrs <u>Barke</u>	Mr Naylor
Indoor	Mrs Hawkins	Miss Hill
Outdoor		

Please remember that earrings should not be worn on PE days and that children should come to school in PE kit. This should be black shorts/leggings/tracksuit and a white t shirt. Black hoodies or track suit tops are also allowed for outdoor sessions.

Miss Hill's class should come to school in PE kit on **Mondays when swimming. Once swimming is finished, the children will have PE on **Fridays**.*

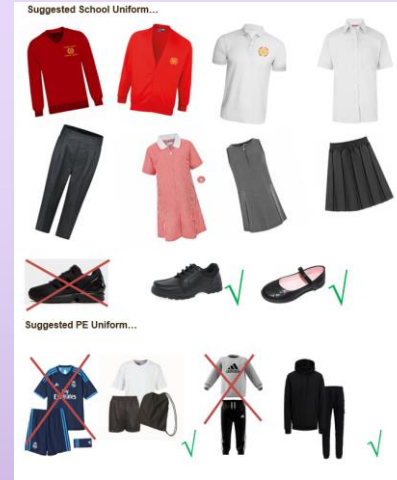


Uniform

Just a reminder that school uniform requires black shoes (not black trainers) on non-PE days. On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kits which should be plain-black trainers, black joggers or shorts, a plain white t shirt and black hoodie or sweatshirt. On no account should any pupils wear football team shirts, shorts or tracksuits.

We also have our previously owned clothes rail in the school reception area, please feel free to come and have a look. We ask for a small donation of 50p per item.

If you would like to donate any previously owned uniform you no longer require it would be greatly appreciated. Please can we ask that it is washed and handed in to the office.



New roles at Christ Church

Chair of Governors- Majid Waris

It is a genuine honour to have been elected as Chair of Governors for a school which I had personally attended back in the 1980's. I have been on the Board of Governors for approximately 11 years since my eldest son had started to attend the nursery at Christ Church.

I have seen the school evolve, grow, and blossom into an educational establishment which has welcomed all community groups and laid its foundations of a new build to truly accommodate and embed itself as part of the local community through its ethos: love to learn, learn to love!

As is true of any successful organisation, the progress and improvements are a result of a team effort; the staff, the governing board and most importantly, the understanding and support of the parents.

As a local resident, it is a privilege to be able to contribute towards the development of the community.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Mrs Sue Marbrow, for all her hard work, dedication and unwavering support over the last couple of decades in leading the Board.



Deputy Headteacher- Vicki Mason

Hi I'm Vicki Mason and I have been part of the Christ Church team for 9 years firstly as EYFS lead and then Assistant Head Teacher. I am very excited about my new role as Deputy Head Teacher and am looking forward to developing my expertise in leadership further whilst still being able to teach part time in reception each week. I am privileged to have been teaching for 26 years and love how every day is different. I have a love of history and the outdoors and am passionate about giving pupils the best possible start to their learning journey in a warm and caring environment.



Assistant Headteacher- Kelly Seidu

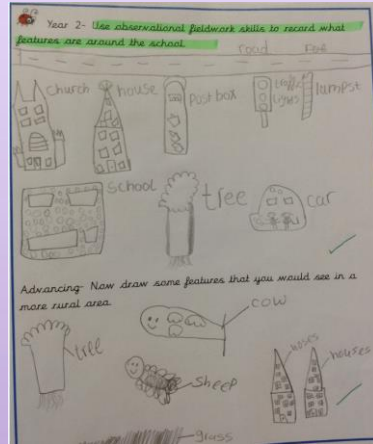
Hi I'm Kelly Seidu and I have worked as part of the Christ Church team for the last 8 years. I am currently working in a split role as SENCO, Assistant Head Teacher and Year 6 teacher. I have always been passionate about helping children to become the best versions of themselves and now I am able to help support other teachers in doing the same. In my role of SENCO, I am able to work closely with staff, outside agencies and families to ensure that all children have access an inclusive education. In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my family, visiting friends and curling up with a good book.



Life at Christ Church

Y1 & 2 Local area walk

In Year 1 and Year 2 we went on a fieldwork trip around the school! We took our clipboards and recorded all of the features that we saw in our urban environment. When we got back to the classroom we recorded these into our books and sorted them into human and physical features. We found out that we have a lot of human features in our local environment because we live in a town. Take a look at the features we saw on our trip. - Mrs Timmins



School representatives!







The votes have been cast and the results are in for our new school councillors who will be helping to shape the school over the coming year. We have also got some new art ambassadors to promote the arts across the school and our local community, sports leaders to lead activities on the playground and reading champions to promote our love of books! Congratulations to all of our successful pupils, we look forward to lots of exciting contributions throughout the year!



Christ Church Values

When creating our new school values, we have considered the Protective Characteristics and British Values and how our values can promote these within our school curriculum. We want to help support and develop our children into becoming positive, independent, respectful and tolerant young people and adults.

As a school we have decided to use the Acronym 'MASTER' to help us share our values and aims of how we would like the children at Christ Church to be. This acronym will link in with our curriculum and the children aiming to 'master' or move onto 'mastery' tasks in the classroom.

M	A	S	T	E	R
Mindful	Aspirational	Supportive	Tolerant	Aim for Excellence	Resilient
					
<p>I am kind to others</p> <p>I am considerate of other people's feelings</p> <p>I take good care of everyone's belongings</p> <p>I help to keep my environment clean and tidy</p> <p>I take pride in my appearance</p>	<p>I have high expectations of what I can achieve</p> <p>I am ambitious</p> <p>I believe in myself</p> <p>I am proud of myself when I achieve my goals</p> <p>I learn new skills</p>	<p>I can help others</p> <p>I can listen to others when they are sharing their thoughts and feelings</p> <p>I share with others</p> <p>I encourage others</p> <p>I am happy when someone else is successful</p> <p>I can empathise</p>	<p>I am able to respect and learn from others</p> <p>I value people's differences</p> <p>I accept people for who they are.</p> <p>I understand that people have differences of opinion</p> <p>I stand up for others if they are being treated unfairly</p>	<p>I will always try my best</p> <p>I take pride in my work</p> <p>I work hard and take ownership of my learning</p> <p>I accept challenges to help push myself further</p>	<p>I will keep trying when I don't achieve something the first time.</p> <p>I find ways to help me solve a problem</p> <p>I believe that I can get better/improve</p> <p>I learn from my mistakes</p> <p>I try to look at things positively.</p> <p>I have a can do attitude</p>



Christ Church Values

How will we incorporate our values into our school?

- A new value will be introduced each half term in a key stage assembly
 - this half term it will be the Value – **Mindful.**

During this assembly the children will gain a greater understanding of what the specific value of that half term is and what it could/ should look like.

- We will then hold follow up assemblies, reminding children about the values
- Have classroom posters – which will also be sent home
- We will have value awards- where somebody in each class will be nominated for demonstrating the value(leaf)
- We will also make links throughout the curriculum – with references being made during lessons when these values have been shown.

Please talk to your child about the value and how they might be able to demonstrate this and let us know if they have shown these values outside of school and how!

Together we can help to develop our children into positive, independent, tolerant, respectful young people and adults!



Calendar Dates



Parents Evenings:

Monday 16th October - EYFS/KS1- 3.30-7pm

Tuesday 17th October -EYFS/KS1- 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 18th October- KS2- 3.30-7pm

Thursday 19th October – KS2 - 3.30-6pm

Half term: Monday 30th October- Friday 3rd November

Term ends: Friday 22nd December



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