



## Christchurch Infant School

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**Headteacher: Mr D Baxter**



### NEWSLETTER 2

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Early Years Classes have settled very well into school and are making some lovely new friendships. They have also listened to the story 'The Enormous Turnip' in assembly to promote our learning values of 'working hard'.



Recently Mrs Simpson and I met with Mr Adorian, Headteacher, and Mr Croton, Deputy Headteacher, at Christchurch Junior School to continue our effective close working partnership. We were given a tour of the classrooms and it was fantastic to see the Year 3 children so well settled and busy with their learning.

### School Improvements

**All schools** work towards a yearly set of priorities that have been identified by the Senior Leadership Team in the Autumn Term based on the previous year's outcomes. This forms the School Development Plan that all staff work towards and report back to governors on its progress. The staff have already begun working towards these school priorities. Our main priorities as a school are:

#### **School Improvement Priority 1:**

To establish high quality first provision in order to raise attainment in reading, writing and maths in all year groups, for all children.

#### **School Improvement Priority 2:**

To ensure a consistent approach to behaviour management by all staff that follows very clear guidelines and rewards those for exceptional hard work, perseverance and attitudes to learning.

To further improve attendance for persistent absentees, to ensure that all children have an equal diet of learning and children can gain the expected attainment and attendance does not impact negatively.

#### **School Improvement Priority 3:**

To secure children's understanding of the school's learning values and British Values and how it relates to their world.

To enable all pupils to feel confident to challenge, question and think independently across all aspects of school life.

#### **School Improvement Priority 4:**

To further improve subject leadership with a focus on monitoring and reviewing curriculum implementation.

### **School Improvement Priority 5:**

To secure high quality first teaching consistently across **EYFS** (Early Years Foundation Stage) to ensure that all children have an equal access to a diet of learning, so they can make good or better progress from their individual starting points.

We will keep you informed on actions taken to improve provision for all children.

## **Other News...**

### **Chair and Vice-Chair of Governors**

We are very pleased to announce that Mark Green is our new Chair of Governors and Amy Thomas is the new Vice-Chair. We would like to say a huge thank you to Hazel Renshaw and Paul Rowlinson, our previous Chair and Vice-Chair, for all their dedicated time and support for the school. A Governors newsletter will be sent home soon. We look forward to another year of effective school governance.

### **Environment Issues**



Last week we welcomed Jackie and Meg from the Baptist Church who talked to each year group about the impact of waste on the world's environment. Meg and Jackie talked about how we can **reduce, reuse and recycle**. This year we would like to educate the children more about what we can do as a community to protect our planet for generations to come. We will keep you updated throughout the year about the difference we can all make!



### **School Council**

We will now be opening up our school council to all Year groups for the first time! A letter will be sent home regarding the opportunity and how to apply. Places for EYFS children will be in January and parents will be notified nearer the time.

### **Rainbow Garden Project**



We want to improve our Rainbow garden which is used alongside our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities room, the Rainbow Room. The garden is currently a little bare, with little sensory stimulation or shade. Miss Thompson and I have lots of exciting ideas but we would really welcome some advice from someone who is artistic and or with landscape design skills who would be happy to volunteer a little time to give us some guidance. If you can support this exciting project that will benefit many children please get in touch with our school office.

### **After School Clubs**

If you register your child at an after school club here other than Funtastic, could you **please let the class teacher know that they will be attending it every week**. If there is an alteration to those plans please let the teacher know. Thank you.

### **MacMillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you very much to the parents who could attend our Macmillan Coffee Morning this week on Monday morning. Over £100 was raised! There were a range of delicious looking cakes, all made and provided by the staff.



## STEM Lego

The STEM WITH LEGO club was a big success last week. Michelle, who leads the club, commented on the children's very good behaviour, amazing focus, investigation and thought at such a young age.



The starting theme was The Three Little Pigs, which she told using puppets. The pigs were finger puppets, just the right size for LEGO houses.

## ALDI Kit for Schools

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win **£20,000** to kick-start a health legacy for our school. Every time you spend over £30 in any Aldi store you'll receive a Team GB sticker. Please bring your stickers to school to help complete our poster. Once complete with 300 stickers we receive an exclusive sports kit and will be in with a chance of winning £20,000 for our school.



## Fab Fridays

Congratulations to the following children for receiving Fabulous Friday Stickers:

### Week ending Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Hedgehogs	Lucas, Mason, Connor & Isaac
Foxes	Jake, Amber & Evelyn
Squirrels	Asa, Eden, Lucas & Elizabeth
Rabbits	Jude & Dylan

Kingfishers	Archie, Sasha, Sadie & Eliza
Woodpeckers	Ethan & Josh E
Nightingales	Poppy & Lewis
Kestrels	Grace & William

### Week ending Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Hedgehogs	Alexis, Charlie P, Hayden & Elias
Foxes	Denny, Caiden, Delilah, Niamh & Rivarro
Squirrels	Alexa, Jack, Winston & Jemima
Rabbits	Chloe & Tilly

Kingfishers	Oliver, Charlie, Brody & Issy
Woodpeckers	Ella & Sienna
Nightingales	Riley & Elena
Kestrels	Bella & Alfie



**Dates for your diary (cut out and keep)**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Christchurch Walk Field Trip - Foxes & Squirrels
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 1 Christchurch Walk Field Trip - Rabbits & Hedgehogs
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Year 1 Curriculum Evening @ 6pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) Farm Dress Up Day
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Longdown Farm Day Visit for EYFS in the playground
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) @ 6pm
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	ALL EYFS parents invited in to hear children singing (time TBC)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultations
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>School Closed – INSET Day</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	<b>Half Term Holiday</b>
Week commencing 18 <sup>th</sup> November (Exact date TBC)	School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Carols @ 5:45pm in the playground
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Production Starfish @ 9.30 Seahorses @ 11.30
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Christmas Production Turtles @ 9.30 Dolphins @ 11.30
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Yr1 Christmas Production Rabbits & Squirrels @ 9.30 Hedgehogs & Foxes @ 1.45
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Autumn Term (Party Day) 3:05pm finish

**INSET Days remaining for 2019-2020:**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Kindest regards, Mr D Baxter