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NEWSLETTER 5

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week is National Anti-Bullying Week across all UK schools. As a school we believe bullying in any form is wrong and should not be tolerated, and that any environment that encourages bullying, or shows indifference to prejudice and discrimination is unacceptable. We also believe that anyone can be encouraged to change their behaviour. To keep the theme of the week positive and supportive to all children we have termed the week **'Friendship Week'**.

Miss Ashbee, our PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Leader.

The children have taken part in some engaging activities that have focused on children making the right choices, understanding what being a 'good friend' means and how to use appropriate language and kind words.

Promoting good behaviour is the responsibility of home, school and children's peers. We are also very proud of our Play Leaders who demonstrate good behaviour in our playground. We talk about this later in our newsletter.

This week EYFS enjoyed a very exciting 'hook for learning' into our new EYFS 'To infinity and beyond'. We welcomed Scientist and Drama Teacher **'Professor Plasma'** in who led a very exciting and interactive lesson for all the children. The children learnt about space travel to the moon and enjoyed a range of songs and vibrant visual effects!

School Improvements

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.

Mathletics

Thank you to all of you who have sent in a donation to allow us to purchase Mathletics this year. Remember the extra practise at home can make all the difference to your child's progress in Maths. If you haven't yet done so and are able to, please send in your donation via the office or parent mail. Thank you.



I have contacted Mathletics regarding problems some of you have had accessing Mathletics at home and this was their response.

'Firstly, make sure you are using Google Chrome if accessing Mathletics through your browser, as it will usually run Mathletics better than Safari. If you are using the Mathletics App on your device, please check that you are using the new version, the icon image for which is shown below for reference.'

If you are still experiencing problems it is best to contact Mathletics direct via the support tab on their website.

Mrs Green, Maths Leader

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.

Behaviour Rules

We have seven rules for behaviour that staff have agreed upon and these are displayed around school. We wanted to make the rules **consistent and easier to understand**. We always remind the children about what these mean and how to apply them daily. Each class teacher is responsible to log behaviour that is deemed to be inappropriate. The School Council will be reviewing the new rules at their next meeting and helping to monitor children's behaviour.

At Christchurch Infant School....

We say please and thank you.

We look after our school.

We walk quietly and sensibly.

We are kind to others.

We take turns to speak.

We keep each other safe.

We follow instructions.



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 Council

This week the School Council had their first meeting of the term. The children were introduced to their role as 'the pupil voice.' They did some fun activities to get to know one another and myself. They decorated a suggestion box for each class which look fantastic! If your child has any ideas/suggestions about the school please encourage them to write a note and put it in the suggestion box located in the Year 1 and 2 classrooms.

If you would like to see more of the School Council in action please look on our school website where, in the coming weeks, you will be able to see what they have been up to.

In the next few weeks they will be carrying out a survey in their class to help re-launch our school learning values and meeting with members of our local community to discuss this with them.

I am certainly looking forward to working with such a sensible group of young children to continue to support, improve and value our School.

Mrs Ladyman, School Council Leader

School Improvement Priority 4:

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

Subject Leadership

Curriculum Subject Leaders from our school met with other local leaders as part of our Christchurch Learning Partnership last week. As a cluster of Christchurch schools we firmly believe in sharing good practice and expertise across the schools. Subject Leaders meet each term and share resources, ideas for engaging strategies as well as professional conversations between colleagues.

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.

Last week we welcomed Judith O'Hare, BCP Education Improvement Advisor and Jonathan Payne, BCP Early Years Advisor, as part of their visits to Christchurch Schools following the merger of councils. Jonathan was very impressed with the routines the children in Early Years were accustomed to and we saw all of the classes enjoying a very engaging story time at the end of the day.

Other news...

Pantomime - Reminder

The brilliant Treehouse Theatre is returning to our school soon to perform 'The Snow Queen' for the children. We are requesting donations of £2 per child so that we can ensure this visit will go ahead for all our children. Please send your donations into school as soon as possible in a sealed envelope marked with your child's name and class. Thank you.



Applying for Christchurch Junior School

If you are applying for a school place for your child to start Year 3 in September 2019 at CJS the closing date for applications is 15th January 2020.

<https://www.bournemouth.gov.uk/childreneducation/Schools/ApplyingForASchoolPlace.aspx>

Play Leaders

We are excited to announce we have selected 24 Year 2 children who will be the Play Leaders this academic year. We had lots of applications and would like to thank everyone who took the time to fill one out and we are sorry that we could not choose everyone. Play Leaders are very important people with a very responsible job in our school. They are in charge of our playground challenges as well as making sure children on the friendship bench have someone to play with. They were lucky enough to have a special training session with Dan Moody (School Games Organiser & Partnership Manager for Christchurch) focusing on leadership skills and health and well being. They are all very enthusiastic and ready to help all children attending Christchurch Infant School to reach their target of 60 minutes of physical activity every day!

Mrs Holbrook, PE Leader and Play Leader Organiser

Staff Update

At the end of the Autumn term Term we will be saying farewell to one of our teachers, **Mr Noble**. Mr Noble has been a teacher at Christchurch Infant School for four years and has led the Computing curriculum and has been a Year leader for just over a year. Mr Noble will be teaching in a school closer to his home in the heart of the New Forest and we wish him great success as he becomes a Year 1 Teacher at St Michael & All Angels CE Infant School. He will also be missed by the school community. We are currently recruiting for a new Year One teacher and we keep parents very informed of developments so that the transition for the children is smooth.

PTFA

We are very excited to have been chosen by the Co-op as one of their Community Causes. Money raised through this will be used to transform an area of unloved land in school into a SEN garden. It's easy to sign up to be a member online or in store. Choose to support us as your cause then every time you buy Co-op products you'll be raising money for the school.

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/40414>



Coming soon...

We hope you will be excited to learn that we will soon have a **new website** that will be easier to access a range of important information and updates of the children's learning. I am currently putting all the pages together with useful links and visuals. We hope to launch the website officially in December.

Fab Fridays

Congratulations to the following children for receiving Fabulous Friday Stickers:

Week ending Friday 8th November

Hedgehogs	Emma, Isaac, Frankie & Beaux
Foxes	Abigail, Jacob, Leah & Marissa
Squirrels	Mila, Winston, Rory & George
Rabbits	Lola & Jude
Kingfishers	Skye, Ewan, Faye S.P. & Isla
Woodpeckers	Eli & Eva
Nightingales	Daisy & Mithul
Kestrels	Evie & Leo

Spare girls' underwear request

We have run very low on our stocks of girls' pants and socks so if you have any spares we could have they will be gratefully received!



Dates for your diary (cut out and keep)

Thursday 21 st November	School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccinations
Friday 29 th November	Mufti Day (details in PTFA Newsletter 28)
Saturday 30 th November	PTFA Christmas fair @ 11am – 1:30 pm
Wednesday 11 th December	Year Two Christmas Carols @ 5:45 pm in the playground
Thursday 12 th December	Year One visit to St. Georges Church Squirrels 9:30 am & Rabbits 10:45 am (Helpers will be needed - letter to follow)
Friday 13 th December	Year One visit to St. Georges Church Hedgehogs 9:30 am & Foxes 10:45 am (Helpers will be needed - letter to follow)
Monday 16 th December	EYFS Christmas Production Starfish @ 9:30 am Seahorses @ 11:30 am
Tuesday 17 th December	EYFS Christmas Production Turtles @ 9:30 am Dolphins @ 11:30 am
Thursday 19 th December	Year One Christmas Production Rabbits & Squirrels @ 9:30 am Hedgehogs & Foxes @ 1:45 pm
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term (Party Day) 3:05 pm finish

INSET Days remaining for 2019-2020:

Friday 25th October 2019

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 1st June 2020

Monday 20th July 2020

Kindest regards, Mr D Baxter