



## Christchurch Infant School

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### NEWSLETTER 1

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back! I hope you have had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. Mrs Simpson and I have enjoyed meeting with families on the playground. Welcome to our new Foundation Stage children and their families who are settling in really well. We wish all our new families a special Christchurch Infant School welcome, and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at our school. We look forward to working with you. We also welcome our new teachers, Miss Bennett, Mrs Bell, Miss Peckham and Mrs Simpson, our new Deputy Headteacher. I know you will welcome them to our school community.

Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher/teaching assistant if you have concerns or need support, help or advice. Below are a few key reminders as we start off the new school year and a few notices for your attention.

### School Improvements over the Summer

Over the Summer Break all the learning environments have had a 'deep clean' as we do annually. Classrooms have been modernised by having more space and easier to access materials. I would like to thank the teaching team who have spent much time over August getting their rooms ready.

### Bug Club (READING)



At Christchurch Infant School we aim to support children's progress in reading and encourage them to develop a love of books.

Bug Club is an online and interactive resource that supports your child's reading development. It has a fantastic range of titles available, which are colour coded with the Book Band levels that we use at our school. The Pupil Area of Bug Club is very easy to use. Your child can select an e-Book that they want to read or have read to them by clicking the 'Read to me' icon.



Each child has a personalised homepage where they'll find the e-Books that have been allocated to them by their teacher and some motivating rewards. There are a great range of fiction and non-fiction books available at each level. The children can click on the bug icon to answer a range of comprehension quizzes including; literal retrieval and inference style questions. They will earn extra 'Active Learn Coins'

for answering the questions too. The children's responses to the questions will be sent back to the class teacher so that they can see how your child is progressing. When your child has finished a book, it will move to 'My Library'. Children can read these books again if they want to.

The Year 1 & 2 teachers are currently allocating children with a selection of books and you will find their log in at the back of their reading record, as seen below:

[www.activelearnprimary.co.uk](http://www.activelearnprimary.co.uk)

School ID: 9xwc

Happy reading!

Mrs Cottrell, Reading Leader



## Child Protection

Through the implementation of the Child Protection Policy (held in the School Office), the Governors, Headteacher and staff of Christchurch Infant School endeavour to ensure that all child protection issues, or where there are reasonable grounds to suspect an issue, will be dealt with appropriately including reporting to the duty social services officer, who will act on the concern. We are **legally bound, in our duty of care, to make referrals**. Do let us know, for any reason, if your child is upset or distressed when s/he comes to school.

## Curriculum Evenings

We will be holding our annual parents information meetings for all year groups, timetabled as follows:

- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September **Year 2** @ 6pm
- Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October **Year 1** @ 6pm
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October **Early Years Foundation Stage** (EYFS) @ 6pm

It is really important that at least one parent/carer can attend as the teachers can give an overview of the year and the expectations. This proved very successful last year and feedback was wholly positive.

## Other news...

Please could we remind parents not to park on the yellow lines or the zig-zags outside of the school. **Please be informed that CIS parents are not allowed to use either of the car parks at CIS or CJS.** Thank you for your co-operation.



## Joe Wicks – The Body Coach

This week our classes have been using the Joe Wicks School video resources to keep fit! The aim is to encourage the children to be more active and for them to feel the benefits of exercising. Joe Wicks is the online nutrition coach inspiring people all over the world to cook healthily and exercise well. For more information:



<https://www.thebodycoach.com/blog/my-mission-to-get-1-million-school-kids-exercising-in-a-week-138.html>

## Message from Christchurch library:



### Summer Reading Challenge 2019

At Christchurch Library

13th July—14th September

Not long to go now!

Our medal ceremonies are being held at the end of September, so please can you urge all your students who may have started the Summer Reading Challenge to finish their 6 books. Their medals are being awarded by the Mayor of Christchurch, so lots of opportunities for photographs! We look forward to seeing you in the Library soon.



### Fun Palace is back!

Saturday 5th October 11-3

Christchurch Library

A whole day of FREE science, art, music, craft and digital activities

Minecraft  
(Please book)

Dancing Ghosts! Chickens

Drumming Workshop  
(Please book)

Crazy Golf Competition

Sphero Robots  
(Please book)

Raffle

A room full of LEGO!

GIANT Games



### Libraries Week 7th—12th October 2019

DAY	TIME	ACTIVITY	AGE	COST	LOCATION
MON 7th	10:00—12:00	NEEDLES+PINS (Regular event)	ADULTS	FREE	CHILL ZONE
	10:15—10:45	TODDLER TIME (Regular Event)	0-4	FREE	CHILDRENS LIBRARY
	2:00—3:00	DISCOFIT	ADULTS	DONATIONS FOR ACTIVITY Please book	ROOM 6
TUES 8th	2:15—3:15	BORROWBOX / CLOUD LIBRARY	ADULTS	FREE Please book	CLASSROOM 1
	10:45—11:15	WRIGGLE+ RHYME (Regular Event)	0-3	FREE	CHILDRENS LIBRARY
	2:15—3:15	BOCCIA	ADULTS	DONATIONS FOR ACTIVITY Please book	CHILDRENS LIBRARY
	3:45—4:45	BOCCIA (Precision ball sport)	12+	DONATIONS FOR ACTIVITY Please book	CHILDRENS LIBRARY
	5:30—5:55 6:00—6:25 6:30—6:55	GLOW IN THE DARK BOWLING	FAMILIES	FREE Please book	ROOM 6
WED 5th	10:30—11:30	COLOURING/ CARD MAKING	ADULTS	DONATIONS FOR ACTIVITY Please book	CHILL ZONE
THURS 10th	11:00—12:00	EQUINE THERAPY TALK— THE HORSERAFT	ADULTS	DONATIONS FOR ACTIVITY Please book	COMMUNITY ROOM 3
	1:30—3:30	KNIT+ NATTER (Regular Event)	ADULTS	FREE	CHILL ZONE
	4:00—5:00	SARAH LEAN — CHILDRENS' WRITING WORKSHOP	8-12	FREE Please book	COMMUNITY ROOM 3
FRI 11th	10:15—10:45	TODDLER TIME with special guest (Regular Event)	0-4	FREE	CHILDRENS LIBRARY
	10:30—12:00	SHARED READING (Regular Event)	ADULTS	FREE Please book	CLASSROOM 1
	2:30—4:30	BOARD FRIDAYS (Regular Event)	ADULTS	FREE	CHILL ZONE
	4:00—5:00	THE WOODLANDER— CHILDRENS' STORYTELLING	6-11	FREE Please book	ROOM 6
SAT 12th	10—3	LEGO CLUB BOARD SATURDAYS (Regular Events)	FAMILIES	FREE	CHILDRENS LIBRARY

Christchurch Library and Learning Centre  
01202 485938 ~ christchurchlibrary@poole.gov.uk



## **IMPORTANT – School Uniform**

We believe it is very important that children are wearing the correct school uniform so would appreciate your help in ensuring that this continues to be the case. Trainers are not part of the normal school uniform.

Official uniform can be sourced from Stevensons in Southbourne, telephone: 01202 425192.

We also hold a considerable amount of second hand uniform which can be purchased at any time through the school office for 50p per item.

It is also important that children have their full, correct PE kits in school at all times during the school week. This includes appropriate footwear. Children should not be borrowing PE kit from other children for hygiene reasons. Thank you for your support in this matter. The expectations of the school are held to ensure consistency. Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled.

## **ParentMail**

Please be informed that electronic correspondence, for those who have chosen this form of communication, via ParentMail will resume in the week commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> September. For our new Foundation parents, information about ParentMail will be sent out in due course.

## **Fab Fridays**

Congratulations to the following children for receiving Fabulous Friday Stickers:

### **Week ending Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September**

Hedgehogs	Riley, Beaux, Kaci & Jack
Foxes	Leah, Thomas T, Bella & Oscar
Squirrels	Blake, Austen, Maisie & Anja
Rabbits	Flo, Grayson & Samuel
Kingfishers	Flo, Sammy, Eva & Luke
Woodpeckers	Lilly G & Alfie
Nightingales	Tabitha & Zachary
Kestrels	Eloise & Denny



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

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	PTFA Welcome Meeting in the Hall @ 7-8pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Macmillan Coffee Morning @ 9am
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 2</b> Curriculum Evening @ 6pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 Christchurch Walk Field Trip (classes TBC)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	Year 1 Christchurch Walk Field Trip (classes TBC)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	<b>Year 1</b> Curriculum Evening @ 6pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	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	<b>Early Years Foundation Stage</b> (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	School Closed – INSET Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Half Term Holiday
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	School Nursing Team – Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 Christmas Carols @ 5:45pm in the playground
Week commencing Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Nativity Productions for EYFS and Year 1 (specific details TBC)
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

Finally, thank you for your support, and we look forward to another successful year, for your child, for you and for our whole school community.

Kindest regards, Mr D Baxter