



March 2022 Newsletter

Heads Up



Dear Families & Friends,

World Book Day

Thank-you for supporting children to have a super day celebrating reading! We really enjoyed having parents visit our classes, seeing the children in their costumes and talking with them about their favourite books and characters.



COVID19

Thankfully, we have kept healthy and had only a few positive cases reported at the start of this term. We will continue with our enhanced cleaning, ventilating rooms and handwashing routines and will also continue asking families to take children for tests if they present with symptoms or are identified as a close contact. All negative results will enable pupils to return to school quickly and give reassurance that we are minimising potential transmission. Thank you so much to all families for supporting our protocols and helping to keep everyone safe.

In line with the Government's National policy, we have relaxed restrictions and are returning to the school practices of nearly two years ago, whilst keeping some of the positives we learnt during the pandemic. Children are now mixing more widely and will only return to class groupings if we have increased numbers of cases in an individual class – we are all hoping and praying that this doesn't become the case and thank you all for continuing to be vigilant.



As part of our return to 'normal' we are delighted to be hosting face to face parent teacher meetings on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th March. If you have missed booking your appointment please phone the office urgently and they will let you know which spaces are available or email the year group to request a time slot.

Please access school via the main entrance and we will direct you to your child's class. Please do not attend if you are unwell or showing any symptoms of COVID as we do not want to risk any transmission into school. As teachers will be seeing a number of families each night they will distance from you, just to be cautious. It will be lovely to see everyone face to face and is very much needed; you will also have the opportunity to look at your child's books and see their classroom – something we have all missed for a long time!

PE Kits and Uniform Changes

During the pandemic we stopped pupils changing for PE to reduce fibres and airborne particles. As we have ceased restrictions we will be returning to pupils changing for PE from w/c 14th March. This may be tricky for some children so we do ask you to support us and help to prepare your child for this change. If your child has a PE lesson in the morning they can come to school in their kit and bring uniform to change into. If they have a PE lesson in the afternoon, they should attend school in their uniform and change for PE then can wear their kit to go home. This means they will only be changing once.



WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO CHANGE FOR PE AGAIN?

We have noticed that many of our younger pupils struggle to dress and undress themselves; changing for PE helps them to become independent and also to get their clothes organised – by doing this in school it will also help children with self care at home!



For older pupils, it is important for them to develop their organisational skills; bringing the correct kit and equipment and keeping track of their belongings. This will increase rapidly in secondary schools, so part of the primary school responsibility is to help pupils develop these independent skills. It is also important as children get older, that they recognise the need to change clothes for physical activity to keep fresh and hygienic.

Children have missed many of the social and emotional developmental opportunities as well as curriculum content. We have held back re-introducing PE changing, but feel now is the right time to return to this as an expectation. Children will be supported in their classrooms and older pupils will be provided with more privacy when changing.

If you have any worries about your child changing for PE, please discuss them with your class teacher.

Talking to Children About Ukraine

We know that the recent events in Ukraine have left many people feeling uncertain and worried. If you or your children are struggling, the British Red Cross [wellbeing resources*](#) may help (**click the link*) with practical ideas and advice to help you cope. We know that children may be listening to adults around them, seeing things in the media and having difficulty understanding what is happening in Ukraine. As a school, we will support children and reassure them as well as praying for a peaceful resolution and aid for all those who are suffering and feeling afraid.

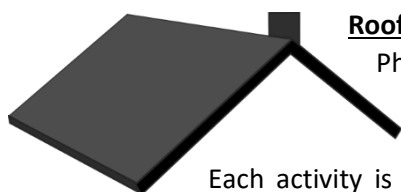
We had a quick and generous response to items collected for Ukraine and our teachers took your kind donations to a drop off centre after school on Thursday – they will be arriving at humanitarian checkpoints very soon. Thank-you for your kindness.



Exciting Visitor to Celebrate the End of Restrictions

On Monday 14th March we will be welcoming The Bishop of Birkenhead to Christ Church to worship with us and give thanks to God for keeping our community safe during the pandemic. That week will be two years since schools in the UK were asked to close their doors and go into lockdown for the vast majority of pupils. It will be a

time to reflect, praise and hope for better things in the future and an end to COVID19 impacting upon children's schooling. We know that for several families the effects of the pandemic will be long lasting; relatives may have been seriously ill or even died and the mental health and anxiety of our families is ongoing for many. We also know how hard children are finding returning to routines and boundaries after such a long period of uncertainty, so it is important that we mark this anniversary and focus on hope for the future for our pupils and families. If you have anyone you would like to include in our prayers for this service, please send them via your year group emails and we will include you. We will film the worship and share with our community so you can be part of this special time together. We are hoping that if the weather is dry we can come together as a whole on our astro so that all staff and all pupils can come together. **Please be mindful that the office will therefore be on answerphone only from 9.15 – 9.45am on Monday 14th March.**



Roofing Works

Phase 1 of the roof works are finally complete and the current scaffolding will soon be removed. Phase 2 involves work on the apex roof above F2 and class 10 as well as the corridor along the Y2 and Y5 classrooms.

Each activity is risk assessed to ensure we are safe in the building and any areas outdoors are sectioned off to keep everyone safe. The full works are due to be completed by Easter so we are hoping for good weather so we can reach a conclusion to this extensive project. Thank you for your patience during this ongoing work.

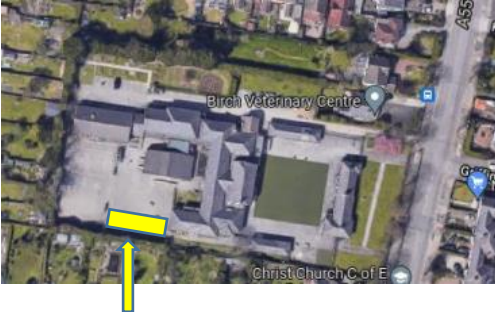
Any changes to routes will be notified individually to year group families affected so you can support your children.



Christ Church Primary School, Moreton

Pre-School – new classrooms for Y4!

We have explored many, many options for our new pre-school and have come up against repeated barriers, however, families continue to request this provision so we are determined to move forwards to support our community. We now have a solution; that is to construct two new Eco modular Year 4 classrooms on our back playground, complete with cloakrooms and toilet areas.



position of new year 4 classrooms



playground view



new classrooms

The rooms are a beautiful standard and will be linked to all existing utilities and wi-fi etc. This will be a super opportunity to house our year four pupils together to support teaching and learning organisation, as they are currently the only year group with classrooms separated.

New F1 classroom



Once moved, the vacant year 4 classroom at the front left hand side of the main building will become our pre-school classroom. This room has its own pupil toilets, adult toilet and small ante-room. It is also alongside the current F2 rooms and so is a perfect solution to develop our Early Years provision. The EYFS will then have a wider playing area allocated to them so that we can provide high quality learning environments for our youngest pupils.

Due to the new plans, there have been some delays which we know will be frustrating for families waiting for us to open. We do appreciate your patience and will let you know as soon as we have confirmed dates. The new build is being placed on the back playground so that it doesn't impact negatively on our neighbours living locally. It is a very quick installation of approximately 2-3 weeks and situated along the tree line so that it won't be visible to neighbouring homes.

We would very much encourage families to access the council planning portal to register your support for this project so that we may continue with plans as soon as possible. We will send you the link to provide your support as soon as we receive it from the council planning office.

Term Dates

All diary dates to note are at the end of this letter for advance planning.

We hope you and your children have a super half term and we look forward to being able to see you for activities and events in school at last!

Thank-you for your support,
Mrs Amanda Donelan
Headteacher

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Christ Church Primary School, Moreton

The school website is updated with details of our new curriculum and our live calendar for all school events

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- Mr Steve Eaves— Foundation Governor
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- Mr Chris Henderson—Parent Governor
- Mrs Belen Campbell—Staff Governor
- Mrs Amanda Donelan—Head Teacher



Tuesday 8 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings 2.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 9 th March	Parent Teacher Meetings 3.30 – 6.30pm
Thursday 10 th March	Y1 trip to Chester Zoo
Monday 14 th March	Whole School Praise with Bishop Julie 9.10am
Wednesday 16 th March	Y3/4 Corgi Cup Tournament after school
	Finance Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Friday 18 th March	Comic Relief – talent show day in school – children may wear red
Monday 21 st March	CDAT CEO curriculum meetings with teachers
Wednesday 23 rd March	Y5/6 Netball match v St.George’s after school
Thursday 24 th March	Health & Safety Governor Audit
Friday 25 th March	Y5 Ethos Group overnight stay
w/c 28 th March	F2 Child & Parent gardening sessions – groups 9.30 – 10.30am
Wednesday 30 th March	Schools direct candidate interviews
	Sports crew training after school
Friday 1 st April	Start of Ramadan for our Muslim families
	Y5 values assembly for parents and pupils 9am
	Y5/6 mixed ability football at Leasowe Rec
Sunday 3 rd April	Christ Church Children’s service in church 10.45am
Monday 4 th April	Governor teaching and learning visit to school
Thursday 7 th April	Year groups to church for Experience Easter reflection
Friday 8 th April	Easter services at Christ Church Parish: 9.15 – 9.45am F2 & Y1 10.15 – 10.45am Y2 & Y3 11.00 – 11.30am Y4, Y5 & Y6

School closes for Easter 3.30pm Friday 8th April and re-opens on Monday 25th April

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