



April 2022 Newsletter

Heads Up

Dear Families & Friends,

We have flown through this half term at a rapid pace, with so much going on in school – trips, visits, sports, celebrations and lots of learning! Staff and families have been so resilient coping with bring back our usual activities whilst also managing ongoing absences and we are so grateful to everyone for their flexibility. I hope you find this end of term update useful to see what is coming ahead after the holidays.

COVID19

Whilst we are enjoying living without restrictions and all the benefits of returning to normal life, rates of cases Nationally and locally are still high. We have coped so well as a school community throughout the past two years thanks to parents supporting school arrangements. We are so glad that children will no longer have long absences from school, however we still need families to make sure children don't attend if they are unwell, especially with a temperature. Several local schools have needed to partially close to year groups over the past month due to high staff absences, please be sensible when your children return to school so that we can remain fully operational.

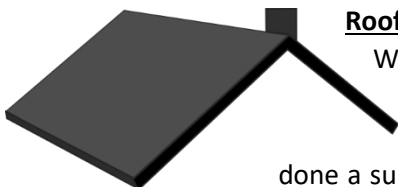


Bouncing Back – how has the pandemic affected you and your child?

We know that children have had their childhood disrupted by the pandemic and there are gaps in the opportunities for them to develop socially and emotionally. Educators across the country are reporting high levels of pupil anxiety and challenges with independence and relationships. We have seen this during this academic year for many of our pupils and also the remaining anxieties of our parents and carers as we all try to cope and move forwards. We know and understand how hard this has been and we also recognise that it will take time and different approaches for children to catch up on these lost opportunities. We want to work with families to achieve this and so have commissioned Emma Weaver, a specialist in human brain development, to work with us next term so we can bounce back better!

The whole school staff will be attending a training session with our Headteacher, SENCO and SEMH leads after school on Monday 25th April and we will then be hosting a series of “afternoon tea” sessions where families can come and work with school staff and Emma to share some cake and learn about why adults and children have found returning to “normal” life so challenging. No judgement, no blame - just time together to understand the impact of the pandemic, why children are finding things tricky and what we can do at home and school to support them best. Further details will follow, but I would encourage as many parents as possible to join these expert sessions, delivered with a warm and friendly approach. All sessions will be after school and last for an hour and a half – advance notice of dates are:

- 17th May – Infants **Building independence, growing in resilience, positive relationships and help at home**
- 24th May - LKS2 **Good routines, perseverance & resilience, managing challenges, friendships and fall outs**
- 7th June - UKS2 **Self-regulation, independence & responsibility, getting stuck, being resilient, social media care**



Roofing Works

We are hoping that the roofing works will be completed during the Easter holidays and the scaffolding and work cabins be removed. This will be dependent upon good weather and a welcome relief for the works to be completed. The roofers have done a super job; the school is almost water tight and the roofs are looking much improved.

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



Christ Church Primary School, Moreton

Secondary School Meeting for Y5 Parents

Tuesday 26th April 5-5.45pm

Parents are invited to a meeting to explore the application process for secondary school and find out about the 11+ testing arrangements for Grammar School. Please do try to attend so we can advise you about secondary admissions so you can make informed decisions on your child.

11+ testing applications open 1st May and secondary school applications open 1st September; we will explain how to go about applying for your child and answer any questions you may have.



Statutory Testing

During the Summer there are various tests that are required by the Standards and Testing Agency:

Year 1 phonics screening check completed 7 – 17th June by a familiar teacher with individual pupils

Year 2 – SATs completed from 16th May in class

Year 4 – Multiplication tables check during June – completed individually online

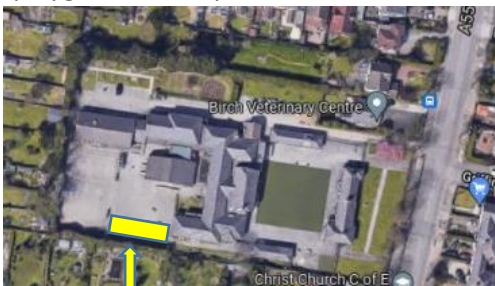
Year 6 – KS2 SATs completed Monday 9th – Thursday 12th May



Children will be supported by familiar adults so that they do not become anxious and will be prepared in advance so that they are familiar with the format. Please don't worry about these testing formats - year groups will send specific details out to parents to help children at home. Please reassure your children and make sure they have a good bedtime routine so that they feel confident and well rested.

Pre-School – new classrooms for Y4!

Don't forget that we have submitted plans 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



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.

We still have a couple of weeks for local residents to register their support or objections so, if you haven't already, please do go online to make a comment. The more support we have the more positive our planning application will be viewed!

https://planning.wirral.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=WIRRA_DCAPR_113239

Thursday Cuppa & Catch-up Sessions

After Easter we will be re-introducing our Thursday morning year group sessions for families to come into school to see their child's work and meet informally with teachers. The hall will be available after drop off from 9.10 – 9.45am and families will be welcomed in by Mrs Baker. Children will collect some work they are proud of from their classroom and come down with their teacher to join parents and chat about their learning. This is a lovely, informal opportunity to see what your child is doing in school and celebrate with your child's class teacher. Mrs Baker will send dates out to year groups after the holidays so please look out for them!



Celebrations



Monday 14th February, our Y5 ethos group took part in an online ethos conference with other ethos groups across Chester Diocese. They then had a fabulous time working and playing together at our church schools ventures weekend residential.

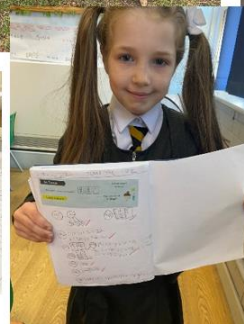


On Monday 14th March, to celebrate two years since the first lockdown, our whole school came together for an open air, collective worship. It was a sunny morning and Bishop Julie joined with governors and Reverend Debbi from Christ Church Parish Moreton. It was a truly wonderful morning of joyful praise.

Thank-you to our super Head girls and Ethos group for supporting the children's service at Christ Church!



We've been gymnasts, designers, readers, bakers, reporters, artists, scientists, historians, geographers, mathematicians, competitors, and now



..... We're ready for a rest!

Happy News! Our Y3 teacher Mrs Tacy has announced she is expecting her second baby! We are all very excited for her and she will be taking her maternity leave next academic year in readiness for an Autumn arrival – congratulations Mrs Tacy





Charitable Giving

You have been incredibly generous this year – thank-you so much for your kind support of the following charities and to our pupils for their hard work and compassion!

<u>Charity</u>	<u>Total raised</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>
Children in Need	£328.66	November 2021	Children came into school wearing spots and all things Pudsey!
Wirral University Trust Hospitals	£330.00	December 2021	Children and staff took part in the Elf Dash run!
PDSA	£348.86	January 2022	Y6 pupil initiative
MIND (Mental health charity)	£249.08	February 2022	2 x Y5 children made loom bands to sell in school
Refugees in Ukraine	Large amounts of materials collected	March 2022	Families, church and staff collected clothes, bedding, nappies and sanitary products for Ukraine
Comic Relief	£26.00	March 2022	1 x Y5 pupil made biscuits to sell to staff
Comic Relief	£206.91	March 2022	Red accessories and talent shows

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 joyful Easter break and we look forward to being able to see you for activities and events in school next term!

Thank-you for your support,
Mrs Amanda Donelan
Headteacher

Follow us on twitter to find out what your child has been doing in school!

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The school website is updated with details of our new curriculum and our live calendar for all school events
www.christchurch-moreton.wirral.sch.uk

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Mr Steve Singleton—Foundation Gov.
Mr Keith Culligan- Foundation Gov.
Mrs Lynda Jones—Foundation Gov.



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



Monday 25 th April	Return to school NO CC4C evening session due to whole school staff training
Tuesday 26 th April	Class 5 KS1 reading paper sample testing Y5 secondary school meeting 5pm
Wednesday 27 th April	Class 5 KS1 reading paper sample testing Y3/4 Netball match V St.George's
Monday 2 nd May	Bank holiday Monday
Wednesday 4 th May	Y3/4 football match V Oxton St.Saviour's TBC
Thursday 5 th May	Y4 Residential parent Meeting 5pm
Monday 9 th May	KS2 SATS testing week
10 th & 11 th May	Y6 team building after school games
Wednesday 11 th May	Governor Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting 4.30pm
Tuesday 17 th May	Y3/4 Football match V Eastway
Wednesday 18 th May	Y6 Ethos group to visit St. George's Primary Hyde
Friday 20 th May	CC Parents Association Film Night 3.30 – 5pm
Wednesday 25 th May	F2 visit to airport
Thursday 26 th May	Year 1 Values assembly – parents invited
Friday 27 th May	Christ Church Jubilee 'Street Party' School Closes for Half Term
Monday 6th June	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
Tuesday 7 th June	School re-opens

