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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to provide you with a detailed school update and let you know the class arrangements for next year.

End of Year Reports

You will be receiving your child's school report towards the end of next week and your child's class teacher has set aside some time to be available to call you at home should there be anything you need explaining further or wish to discuss. The attainment sections relate to where pupils were in terms of their achievement at the point of school closure and the comments reflect the varying circumstances for different families during lockdown. Thank-you so much for working so positively with us over the past three months; your children have produced some super work from home and on site and staff feel that relationships with families have strengthened over this time due to the email systems. We are all looking forward to this continuing next year and to reaching a point where we can see you all in person safely! If you wish to arrange a telephone call with your child's current teacher, please email the year group address and they will allocate a slot on the following days (please be aware that home learning may reduce on the day allocated so teachers can make calls):

Staff availability for parents to request a call regarding their reports			
<i>Parents to email year group email addresses if they would like to receive a call to speak to teacher about their child's report. Staff will call parents during the specified time periods.</i>			
Class 1	Miss Cowell	Monday 13 th July	PM
Class 2	Miss Osborne	Tuesday 14 th July	AM
Class 3	Miss Hogg	Tuesday 14 th July	AM
Class 4	Mrs Tacy	Wednesday 15 th July	PM
Class 5	Mrs Edgington / Miss Shahi	Thursday 16 th July	AM
Class 6	Mrs Ashworth	Monday 13 th July	AM
Class 7	Mrs Radford	Wednesday 15 th July	AM
Class 8	Mrs Dolphin	Tuesday 14 th July	PM
Class 9	Mr Myatt	Wednesday 15 th July	AM
Class 10	Mrs Parrington	Tuesday 14 th July	PM
Class 11	Mrs Grant-Jones	Wednesday 15 th July	PM
Class 12	Mr Longstaffe	Thursday 16 th July	PM
Class 13	Mrs Lakin	Monday 13 th July	PM
Class 14	Miss Cooper	Tuesday 14 th July	PM

Returning to school in September

The Government has released expectations for September this week and we are anticipating a full return for all year groups in all classes. I will risk assess and plan for how we will continue to

keep the school safe in the Autumn term in line with the Government's advice. One of the things we are definitely going to do is move some year groups in the building; Year 6 pupils will be moving to the current Y3 area so we can create 3 teaching groups and Year 4 pupils will be moving to the Annex building. Our classrooms are well ventilated and airy, but we do have two smaller rooms and to ensure we can provide sufficient space and ventilation, we will be creating 2 open plan classrooms in the school hall for our Y3 pupils. It will look very like the current Y2 room with teaching spaces at either end and will provide more space for the children when they return. This will be in place until the Autumn half term holidays and we will then review if it is safe to move back into classrooms. Teachers will work hard over the holidays to set up their rooms safely and I will send you our reopening plan before we break up, once it has been approved by H & S and our Governing Body. This will hopefully reassure you of all the protective measures we will have in place so we can welcome you back safely.

End of term

So that we can say goodbye to our Y6 in a safe way and celebrate their successes, the Y6 team will be holding an online service for our leavers on the evening of Thursday 16th and we hope families will join us with their children for a fun and poignant celebration.

Please can I ask that families check parent pay **urgently** over the next week? With the sudden closure many have forgotten to pay for bills accumulated for school dinners and CC4C and whilst we have wanted to be sensitive to those whose income has been affected during lockdown, we do have outstanding monies owed to school and this will have a direct impact on what resources we can purchase for children next year if they are not settled. We have sent several letters and bills already and will be contacting parents in person, but it would be much appreciated if you could check and resolve any outstanding debts so we don't have to chase you. If you are struggling, please ring the school office to speak to Mrs Briscoe who can work out repayment plans with families. Thank-you for your support with this.

Staffing Structure for 2020/21

We have spent many hours reviewing the staffing structure to ensure we have the best possible dynamics to support children's educational, social and emotional needs as they return to school. You will see from the plan that in many cases we have a member of staff from an existing year group moving into the next year group so we can pick up and move forward with possible teaching and learning gaps and support any anxieties. We have also been able to provide additional teaching for Y6 next year so that we can ensure they are ready to transition to secondary school in 2021. Please support your child by talking positively about the coming year.

We will be saying farewell to Mr Myatt who is retiring at the end of term after a long service at Christ Church and also Mrs Liston who has worked as a midday supervisor for over 14 years; we would like to thank them for their hard work and commitment over the years, and wish them a long, happy and healthy retirement. In addition, Mrs Martindale moved to another school in Liverpool during lockdown and we wish her well for the future.

As you know, Mrs Deeks has had a long absence during this academic year after becoming unwell. Sadly, she is not completely recovered and will be taking a career break next year so she can focus on her health, with the hope of returning to work the following year. She has asked me to pass on her best wishes to everyone at school and especially her class this year and the Year 6 children whom she worked extensively with last year.

We have completed teacher recruitment over the past month and are delighted to be welcoming **Miss Parry as our new Y4 teacher and Miss Phillips in Y5**. They are both

excellent candidates and were appointed after we received over 50 applications for the roles. It is wonderful that so many teachers were keen to join our team and we were able to recruit two super teachers for your children.

We are pleased to see Miss Manley returning to Foundation after her maternity leave and Miss Ainsworth will be also returning from her maternity leave to her midday post in September.

Our new class organisation and teaching team for September is as follows and we have included photos of staff for you to share with your child as it will be so long since many have been in school!

<u>Current class</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>New Class</u>	<u>Classroom</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Teaching Assistants</u>
	FS2	1	No change	Miss Manley / Mrs Thornton (Fri)	Mrs McNay Mrs Cowin & Miss Whittle
		2		Miss Osborne	
1	Y1	3	No change	Miss Hogg	Mrs Pringle
2		4		Miss Cowell	
3	Y2	5	No change	Miss Shahi / Mrs Edgington	Mrs Harris
4		6		Mrs Ashworth	
6	Y3	7	Hall initially, then classes 9/10	Mrs Radford	Mrs Webster (Mrs Milward – Tues am)
5		8		Mrs Tacy	
8	Y4	10	Annex	Miss Parry	Miss Harding
7		9		Mrs Dolphin / Mrs Grant-Jones (Mon)	
9	Y5	11	No change	Mrs Parrington	Mrs Scott
10		12		Miss Phillips	
12	Y6	13	Moving to the current Y3 suite	Mrs Lakin	
11		14		Miss Cooper	
Y6		Y6		Mr Longstaffe	

Planning & Assessment Cover:

Mrs Millward
Mrs Webster
Brad Donelan (sports coach) & sports development

Pastoral Team:

Jenny Thornton (SENDCo)
Gill Baker (Child & Family Mentor)



Teaching team 2020-2021



Assistant Headteacher

Miss Mina Shahi



Headteacher

Mrs Amanda Donelan



Assistant Headteacher

Mrs Louise Grant-Jones



FS2

Teachers

Class 1

Miss Manley (Team Leader)
Mrs Thornton (SENDCo)

Class 2

Miss Osborne

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs McNay
Mrs Cowin
Miss Whittle



Year 1

Teachers

Class 3 - Miss Hogg

Class 4 - Miss Cowell

Teaching Assistant:

Mrs Pringle



Year 2

Teachers

Class 5 -

Mrs Edgington: Mon/Tues



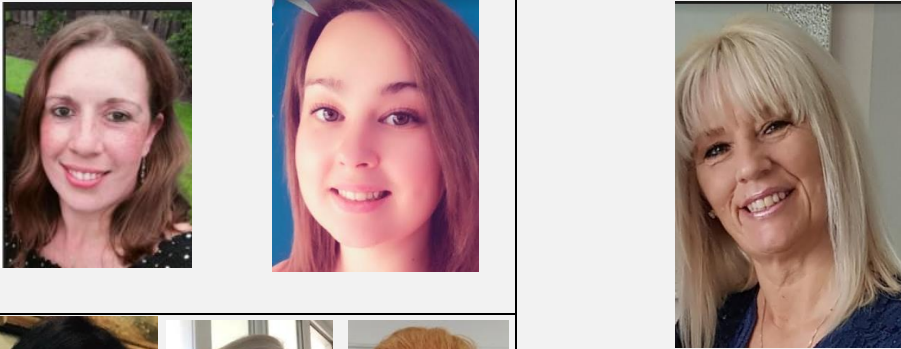

Miss Shahi: Weds/Thurs/Fri

Class 6 - Mrs Ashworth

Teaching Assistant:

Mrs Harris




<p>Year 3</p> <p>Teachers Class 7 - Mrs Radford Class 8 - Mrs Tacy</p> <p>Teaching Assistant: Mrs Webster</p>	
<p>Year 4</p> <p>Teachers Class 9 - Mrs Dolphin Mrs Grant-Jones: Mon</p> <p>Class 10 - Miss Parry Mrs Grant-Jones: Tues</p> <p>Teaching Assistant: Miss Harding</p>	
<p>Year 5</p> <p>Teachers Class 11 - Mrs Parrington Class 12 - Miss Phillips</p> <p>Teaching Assistant: Mrs Scott</p>	
<p>Year 6</p> <p>Teachers Class 13 - Miss Cooper (Team Leader) Class 14 - Mrs Lakin Additional Y6 teacher - Mr Longstaffe</p> <p>Teaching Assistant: Mrs Scott</p>	 <div data-bbox="1073 1062 1560 1325" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Mrs Scott will support Y5 English and Maths teaching and Mr Longstaffe will support Y6 English and Maths. Mrs Scott will then provide support for pupils across Y5/6 during the afternoons and Mr Longstaffe will provide Computing teaching.</p> </div>

Child & Family Mentor – Gill Baker



PPA cover – Mrs Millward



Sports Coach – Mr Donelan



Transition Plan

To help your children get to know their new teachers and learn about what to expect next year, we have spent time considering our transition arrangements. Transition week is going to look a little bit different this year, but there is nothing for children to worry about. Their new teachers have met with current teachers to find out about the children moving up and have been working hard to plan so that transition is as exciting and interesting as it would be if children were in school.

There will be two themes running throughout transition week:

- New classes from F2 – Year 4 will be exploring the theme of ‘Somewhere Over the Rainbow.’
- New classes in Year 5 & Year 6 will be focusing on ‘Dreams and Aspirations.’
- Our current Year 6 will be taking part in a ‘Virtual Careers Week.’

On Friday 3rd July, new class teachers will be sending children a massive ‘HELLO’ via email at 3pm to welcome children to their class. Accompanying the email, will be a leaflet all about your child’s new school year, as we know children are keen to know which topics that they will be studying from September. In addition, your child’s new teacher will be writing children a letter to tell them all about themselves.

In response to this, during the week of the 6th July, children’s new class teachers will be setting learning tasks for children to do as they cannot wait to get to know you all. These will be sent out next week, via email, and may include – children’s hopes, aspirations and wishes, zoom reading/story session with their new teachers, ‘All about me’ profiles and letters for children to introduce themselves to their new teachers! Please encourage and support your children to access these activities at home and we will make sure they also participate if they are in school.

The dates for our transition activities are:

- 3rd July – teachers prepare pupil profile information
- w/c 6th July – teacher handover meetings
- 10th July – new teachers email new classes
- w/c 13th July - Diversity week

It is so important that families support school through this period of transition so that children reduce any anxieties and know what to expect next year. Staff want to learn about their new class to enable their transition to be as smooth as possible.



Summer Holiday Provision

I am delighted to inform you that we will be providing a holiday club for four weeks of the Summer holidays. We are not being asked to provide for keyworkers beyond Friday 17th July, but Governors and staff felt it really important that we were able to offer provision for those families needing to get back to work so you know your children are safe and well looked after. We also have a commitment to supporting those families who may have struggled through lockdown and children who are disadvantaged in any way should also be able to access activities and care over the summer. Really importantly, we feel as a school community that we have been able to keep children and families safe with our rigorous cleaning and protective measures and we want this to continue so pupils aren’t needing to attend wider holiday provision where they may be mixing with other pupils from multiple schools.

Our health and safety advice indicates it best that we close for the first week of the holidays so that children can move away from existing bubbles whilst the school is cleaned throughout, before being

allocated to holiday bubbles! Similarly, at the end of the summer holidays we will close again for a week so the school can be re-cleaned throughout and children separate from holiday bubbles before returning to school classes so that we can reduce the risk of COVID transmission.

We are delighted that our bid to the Holiday Activity Fund has been accepted and we will be able to offer some places without charge. We will be applying a criterion to our allocation of free places so that as many children as possible have the opportunity of accessing and we will also provide chargeable places so working families can use the facility and be able to maintain their employment.

We are providing 4 weeks of childcare provision from 8.30am to 4pm daily starting on Monday 27th July and concluding on Friday 21st August. This will include morning and afternoon snacks for all children and a healthy lunch will be available for funded places and can be purchased for paying places. The provision will be a childcare, holiday activity scheme and will not be teaching, however we will be offering forest schools, sports and cookery sessions each week for children to enjoy and develop their skills. The proposed timetable is indicated below and we will be emailing booking forms and further details on Monday for families to secure places.

	8.30-9am	9am-12noon	12noon – 1pm	1-3pm	3-4pm	4pm
<u>Daily Timings</u>	Registration & Table top activities in bubble rooms	See timetable below	Lunch: Red / Yellow in canteen 12pm then play Green / Blue in canteen 12.30pm play first	See timetable below	Chill time with film & clean down room & resources.	Home
<u>Weekly Activities</u>	Children will have a range of social play activities available to them throughout the day in their bubbles. This may include board games, arts and crafts, small world, puppets, books and iPads. All resources will be cleaned according to infection control guidelines. PSHE, social communication and reducing anxiety activities will be delivered each day in 2 x 20minute sessions planned by our family mentor using the various counselling and therapy techniques she has been trained in. The following directed activities will be enhancements:					
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>	
AM 10 – 11.30am	Team games carousel	Green / Blue sports coach	Outdoor art	Construction & modelling	Red / Yellow forest schools	
PM 1.30 – 3.30pm	Healthy cookery session	Red / Yellow sports coach	Den building	Water games	Green / Blue forest schools	

The places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis, booking forms will be issued on the afternoon of Monday 6th July and we ask that parents book as soon as possible and no later than noon on Friday 10th July, so that we can allocate places and confirm with families to enable you to make necessary arrangements. All activities will be risk assessed and children will be allocated to bubbles so we can maintain our high health and safety standards.

Capital Funding Bid

As an Academy, we were able to select a partner consultant to support us with a bid to develop essential building works. We are delighted to have heard the outcome of our CIF bid and have been successful in receiving funding to replace all school boilers. Christ Church is an old building and requires lots of maintenance. We are confident that with improved boilers, our heating supply will be more reliable and effective and we will be warm in winter and cool in summer! This project will be taking place over the summer holidays and we will risk assess and move the holiday provision rooms to enable this to happen safely. I would like to take the opportunity to thank our Governors who dedicated their time and knowledge to assist us in achieving this outcome.

School numbers

Our pupil numbers continue to rise at Christ Church and I am proud to share that we now have many full year groups across the school. Thank-you for your support of our school and all the positive messages you share with your friends in the locality. It is lovely to be so well regarded in our community and testament to the strong relationships we have between parents, staff, governors and our church that we have become so popular with families across the area.

School Closures

The team have worked extremely hard all year, particularly during the lockdown period, managing home learning and teaching key worker bubbles in school. Our admin team, led by Mrs Briscoe have been flexible and adaptable, quietly keeping the school running operationally throughout the year and making over 55 phone calls to families every single day! The premises team, led by Mr Jones, have worked tirelessly to keep the school site clean and safe; the catering team have provided food hampers for families and prepared meals every day throughout lockdown; the support staff including CC4C, catering and midday teams have moved into new roles to support the school community so that we have been able to open for up to 58 keyworker children. Our school has been open continuously since February half term due to the dedication of our staff team.

Many children in our keyworker families have experienced huge disruption whilst parents have alternated shifts, worked longer hours and been unable to spend the time with their children that they usually would. We are so proud to have supported our parents to complete essential work in hospitals, surgeries, care homes, supermarkets, utilities and deliveries to keep the community fit and well.

We are so grateful to you for the work you have done and we also want to say thank-you to all those families who have been at home, staying indoors and managing the challenges of home learning to make sure that Moreton is safe. It has been a difficult time and I know some families have experienced loss over the past few months. Please know you are in our prayers and we are all genuinely so pleased to have seen so many of you returning your children to school this week.

Our governors have been pivotal in challenging and supporting school leaders to make the best decisions for the children. It has been a team effort all round and we all wanted to thank our community for the support, care and compassion that you have shown our team during this year.

September

We are aware that school attendance will be mandatory and children will be expected to be in school full time, every day and return to their usual classes. We are expecting that children will still need to mix in smaller groups as class bubbles and it will be likely for us to continue with the staggered start and end times of the school day, to reduce large amounts of parents and children congregating at any one time. I will update you with arrangements for September once they have been approved, but as an initial guide, the draft timings for the day are likely to be as follows:



	<u>Start of the day</u>	<u>Morning session</u>	<u>Break time</u>	<u>Lunchtime</u>	<u>Afternoon session</u>	<u>Collection</u>
<u>FS2</u>	9am (via grey gate and in through F2 doors)	Class worship / praise	10.15am	11.30 – 12.15pm Front	Creative Curriculum, wellbeing and focus on catch up	3pm (front astro)
<u>Year 1</u>	8.50am (via grey gate and in through Y1 doors)		10.30am Front	11.45 – 12.30 Back		3.05pm (front astro)
<u>Year 2</u>	8.50am (via front green gate and through Y2 corridor)		10.30am Back	11.45 – 12.30 Front		3.10pm (front astro)
<u>Year 3</u>	9am (via key pad gate and in through hall doors)		10.45am Front	12.30pm -1.15pm Front		3.15pm (front astro)
<u>Year 4</u>	9am (via front green gate and in through annex)		11am Front	12.30pm -1.15pm front		3.20pm (front astro)
<u>Year 5</u>	8.45am (via grey gate and in through Y5 doors)		10.45am Back	12pm -12.45pm Back		3.25pm (front astro)
<u>Year 6</u>	8.45am (via front green gate and in through new Y6 doors)		11am Back	12pm -12.45pm Back		3.30pm (front astro)

Before & After School Club – CC4C

We are hoping to re-open CC4C in September, but will confirm this following review of the DFE advice and gaining an understanding from parents about which sessions they wish their children to attend. Whilst we appreciate that this may be frustrating for families to forward plan, we must act upon the government guidance and Health and Safety of children, staff and families is our absolute priority. We will be sending a booking form requesting information from families for places next year so that I can distribute bubbles and avoid potential mixing of year groups as much as possible.

I know there is a lot of information in this letter; there is still a lot changing for schools and we are continually adapting to the information and guidance we receive. I wanted to share as much as possible in one document, rather than sending multiple letters. Please do take the time to read and digest the information and please telephone or email the office with any queries you may have. The full reopening plan will be sent to parents once it has been challenged and approved by Governors and I will also communicate any updates we receive from Public Health England or the DFE over the summer holidays, so please keep an eye on your emails and the school website periodically.

Kind regards,

Amanda Donelan

Mrs Amanda Donelan
Head Teacher