



# Christ Church Primary School



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12<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,



Our thoughts are with the Royal Family following the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. So many happy events happened during our first week of term, but it ended sadly, as we talked with children on Friday about the loss of Her Majesty. Children of all ages had many questions and wanted to understand more about the life of our Queen. We shared collective worship in our classes and will be talking with them further during the forthcoming week to offer support, help understanding in an age appropriate way and give thanks for the Queen's life of service.

**The Department of Education has advised that all schools will close on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September in recognition of the Queen's funeral.** Children will be in school for the full week this week and then return after the weekend on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September.

There will be a **book of condolences available in the playground at the start and end of each day this week** if families would like to write messages, prayers or express their thoughts. Children will have the opportunity to write their own messages or prayers if they wish to and we will then send the book to Buckingham Palace on Friday afternoon.

Often when we talk about grief and see such wide spread media coverage of bereavement, it can raise feelings of personal experiences of loss; if your child or your family need any support individually, please let us know.

In happier news, it has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school and to see the children looking very smart in their uniforms. Thank you to families for supporting our uniform policies and making sure children arrive ready to learn; they all look fabulous.

We have been so pleased to greet our Early Years children – our brand new Pre-school opened last week and our 3 year olds have amazed us with how quickly they have coped with their new environment, teachers and friends. It is a hugely proud time for our school as we have worked hard to respond to parents' requests to develop a provision for 3 year olds. If you would like to know more or wish to inquire about available places, please contact the school office.



Our New F2 children have completed their first week of part time school and have all shown great confidence and independence. They all attend school for mornings and lunches this week and then become **fulltime from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September.**



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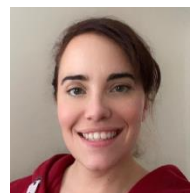
We have also welcomed a number of new employees to our team as we have grown our provision. We hope you and your children enjoy working with them and that they are happy and successful members of staff:



Mrs Ward and Mrs Rogers  
– welcome to EYFS



Mrs Askins – welcome to  
KS1 nurture



Welcome to Year 1 to Mrs Jones who is covering Mrs Tacy's Maternity leave. We are looking forward to meeting Mr and Mrs Tacy's new little one in a few weeks, and send them our best wishes for a safe delivery, lots of love and laughter as their family grows.



Mrs Ellis has been welcomed to the Year 2 teaching team so that Miss Shahi can develop her management role across the school.

Finally, thank you to our Year 4 pupils who have been so sensible whilst waiting for their new classrooms. The groundworks are well underway and we will be installing the new buildings on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Another exciting development for our school as we improve the learning environment for our children.

We will be offering open sessions for families to visit school to view all our updates and see children in their classes very soon – please see individual year group diary dates to help you plan ahead.

Thank-you for your ongoing support for our school.

Best Wishes,

*Amanda Donelan*

Headteacher

Y1 Welcome parent meeting	3.45pm	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> September in Year 1 room
Y5 woodwind tuition begins		Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September
F2 full day Friday	All day	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>SCHOOL CLOSED FOR HM QUEEN ELIZABETH II FUNERAL</b>		<b>MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER</b>
Y5 cycling proficiency		Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September
Governing Body Meeting	4.30pm	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September
Y1 Stay and Play sessions	1.45pm	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September in Year 1 room
School Photograph Day – smart and smiling!		Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October
Teaching & Learning Committee Meeting	4.30pm	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October

**School Closes for Half Term Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October and Re-Opens Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October**



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