



October 2022 Newsletter

Heads Up

Dear Families & Friends,

Thank-you so much for your kind donations to Charles Thomson Mission and The Foodbank and for attending our end of term services; it was so lovely to see so many friends and families in church!

In the second half of the Autumn term class teachers are looking forward to meeting with parents and carers to talk about how children have settled into their new classes and how we can work together to help them achieve well.

Parent teacher meetings will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 8th November and the evening of Wednesday 9th November. You can book your appointments via school spider, any problems accessing your account then please contact Mrs Baker in the office who will be happy to assist you.

We have enjoyed so many activities during the first half term; participating in Rugby and Football tournaments, leading assemblies, welcoming visitors to school and parents to our weekly class coffee mornings; it has been so busy and we've had lots of fun together! Some of the highlights for children have been: the cycling proficiency lessons in Year 5; the Roman invasion in Year 4; our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils enjoying school trips to the Farm and Catalyst Museum where they all made us very proud and passers-by commented upon the children's excellent conduct! We welcomed PC Allinson and Otis to school to learn about the work of a police dog and handler and celebrated world mental health day with cheerful melon smiles and learning how to look after ourselves and each other.



Pre-School Celebrations

A great achievement for our school has been the new F1 Pre-School, which admitted pupils this September. After years of planning and working towards a provision for 3 year olds, it is fabulous to see our youngest children thriving in school. To celebrate we will be having a formal **opening for the current Pre-School pupils and their families on Wednesday 2nd November** and the whole school will be gifted a Christ Church cupcake to celebrate this historic development for our

school. Thank-you so much to all those families who have supported our provision and those who are waiting for their children to join us in January and April this year. We are filling up fast, so if you are considering a place for your three year old, please do not delay as we don't want our families to be disappointed and bookings for the Spring term are already very popular. To meet the increasing demand we have recruited an additional early years practitioner to join our F1 team; Mrs Sarah Kerr joins us in Pre-school this term and we wish her every success and happiness working in Christ Church. We are now arranging transition visits for our January intake with families so you can see the new facilities and visit the wider school. If you would like to see what we offer in our Early Years provision, please contact the school office.

Starting School in 2023

If you have a child or know of someone looking for a school place next September, please book onto one of our school visits. We have had so many changes to our school environment; our Early Years Outdoor area has been developed and pupils are enjoying exploring and playing in

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Is your child due to start Reception in September 2023?
Please join us for our open events to find out more about our school.

Headteacher tour
Parents/ carers are invited to meet with Mrs Donelan for a tour of the school during a working day on:

Tuesday 8th November - 10am
Thursday 10th November - 11am
Friday 11th November - 2pm
Starting school parent & child open morning: Saturday 12th November 9.30am - 11am

Book your visit by calling 0151 6775152 or email schooloffice@christchurch-moreton.wirral.sch.uk



their new spaces – they are having so much fun they don't even realise how much they are learning! We would love to show prospective families our facilities so please spread the word! For our existing families, our head boys and girls will be on hand to show you around school and look at our facilities when you attend for your parent, teacher meetings next week.

Year 4 have moved in!

Our Year 4 pupils are enjoying being in their smart new classrooms; we are so proud of how patient the children have been whilst the buildings were installed. The rooms are such a pleasant learning environment and another great achievement for our school as we work to provide for our pupils. Thank-you to all our Year 4 families for supporting us with the move and helping your children to adjust – definitely worth the wait!

School Performance

Our attainment data is now validated and available on our website – click here to look at the full range of data and see how we compare with local and National averages:

<https://www.christchurch-moreton.wirral.sch.uk/page/assessment-results/54703>

Our headlines are positive with children leaving us in a good position ready for their next stage of education. The

End of KS2 Test results	National Expected Standard 2022	Wirral Expected Standard 2022	Christ Church Expected Standard 2022	
English: reading	74%	70%	87%	Above Wirral & National averages
English: GPAS	72%	67%	74%	Above Wirral & National averages
Writing TA	69%	63%	64%	Above Wirral & below National averages
Maths	71%	64%	75.5%	Above Wirral & National averages
Combined RWM	59%	52%	60%	Above Wirral & National averages

school effectiveness team from CDAT visited to look at the provision for our pupils. The visit was very successful with our Early Years department and new Pre-school being a highlight as well as the development of our curriculum and the strong subject specialisms available at Christ Church. The Trust will continue to work with us this year to offer further support and challenge, but the conclusion was that that the school, 'consistently and reliably provide pupils with a good or better standard of education'. Wirral Local Authority has also undertaken its review of schools and determined that Christ Church is in a positive position with good capacity.

Our priorities for this academic year are:

- To embed our new phonics scheme and improve outcomes
- To increase the number of pupils achieving greater depth in their learning across the school
- To develop immediate interventions so that children keep up with learning
- To build children's confidence and mindset so that they persevere and tackle challenges in learning and friendships confidently without giving up
- To develop emotional resilience and provide further training for staff in reducing anxiety
- To continue to decrease absenteeism
- To focus on healthy eating and participation, getting the most from our allotment and outdoor areas and exploring a wide range of activities for pupils to engage in
- To ensure sustainability by growing the school and managing increasing costs effectively whilst continuing to develop resources and provision on offer for our pupils

We will be asking parents and pupils their views over the next few weeks so we can include your priorities in our planning too.



Site Management

We are very proud to have been awarded Gold Standard in our recent external Health & Safety Inspection. The premises team and all staff work hard to keep our school safe for pupils and visitors and it was great to have this recognised. It was also a great recognition for our Site Manager Garry Jones who will be retiring at Christmas; he is sad to be leaving us but ready for a rest! We are currently recruiting for his replacement and have also extended our premises team by employing a new grounds person to focus on developing our outdoor spaces; Mike Smith will be joining our team this month and we are excited to welcome him!

Training and Development

As part of CDAT's teaching school provision, we have welcomed three graduate students who will train with us this year to complete their Qualified Teaching Status. We have delivered training for our Associate Teachers as part of the School Direct Programme as well as delivering sessions for the National Professional Qualification for Senior Leaders and the National Professional Qualification for Leading Behaviour & Culture. Christ Church is hosting Speech and Language Therapist training for local schools and we are supporting the development of Recently Qualified teachers across Chester Diocese. All of these professional opportunities help us to keep knowledgeable about education and ensure teachers are up to date and providing the best we can for your children.

Attendance

With so much going on in school, it is important that your child doesn't miss out on any of the opportunities to learn and socialise. Lateness and absence makes it very hard for children to develop socially and emotionally. We do understand that if children are poorly they should stay at home until they are well and the office can advise on the length of absence in these cases, however we have many families booking term time holidays or children arriving late for school. Please support your child and work with us on their attendance – we can't teach them or help with their development if they aren't here. If you are having any difficulties please contact Mrs Gill Baker in the first instance and she will look at ways in which we can support you and your child.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Support

As the cost of living reaches such high levels it is worth checking to see if your family is eligible for any support. Applying and checking is easy, just contact Mrs Rebecca Baker in the school office and she will be happy to advise you. You will qualify if you are receiving one of the following:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and have an annual income that does not exceed £16,190
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Parking

May we please request that parents park considerately when dropping off and collecting their children from school, and do not pull up in front of driveways or on the narrow pathways as this causes traffic congestion and stops local residents from accessing their properties. The driveway at the side of the school building is only to be accessed for CC4C drop off and collection before 8.30am and after 4pm for safety or for those families whose children have mobility issues. The driveway should not be used as a drop off point so please make sure we keep children safe around the school site and neighbouring roads.



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Governors

We have had a change in our Chair and Vice Chair of Governors this year as we thanked Ray Jeffrey and Graham Cousins for their support and commitment. The Governing Body have elected new officers to these roles:

Mrs Lynda Jones—Chair

Mr Steve Singleton— Vice Chair

Mr David Bates —Parent Governor

Mrs Belen Campbell—Staff Governor

Mr Ray Jeffrey—Associate Governor

Rev. Canon Graham Cousins— Foundation Gov.

Mr Steve Eaves— Foundation Governor

Mr Keith Culligan- Foundation Gov.

Mr Chris Henderson—Parent Governor

Mrs Amanda Donelan—Head Teacher

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

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

@CCMPPrimary



Term Dates

All term dates to note are at the end of this letter for advance planning. We will publish term dates for 2023-24 after they have been approved in our December Governing Body meeting.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Amanda Donelan

Headteacher



Monday 31 st October	Flu Immunisations in school Light Party at Christ Church Parish Centre
Tuesday 1 st November	Year 3 stone age visitor
Wednesday 2 nd November	Pre-School official opening celebrations
Thursday 3 rd November	9am – Year 6 coffee morning and book look for families
Friday 4 th November	Year 1 & 2 Tennis Roadshow Staff First Aid Training
Tuesday 8 th November	10am Reception intake 2023 parent show rounds Parent teaching afternoon meetings
Wednesday 9 th November	Parent teaching evening meetings
Thursday 10 th November	11am Reception intake 2023 parent show rounds 9am – Year 5 coffee morning and book look for families
Friday 11 th November	2pm Reception intake 2023 parent show rounds
Saturday 12 th November	Reception intake 2023 parent and child visits
Wednesday 16 th November	Year 5 medieval medicine trip to Chester 4pm – Pre-school open evening
Thursday 17 th November	9am – Year 4 coffee morning and book look for families
Friday 18 th November	CCPA Parents Association Film Night
Saturday 19 th November	Choir singing for Moreton in Bloom community event
Sunday 20 th November	6pm Christ Church Christingle Service
Thursday 24 th November	9am - Year 3 coffee morning and book look for families
Monday 28th November	INSET day – school closed to all pupils
Thursday 1 st December	9am - Year 2 coffee morning and book look for families
Wednesday 7 th December	Y4/5 first round of Corgi Cup Tournament



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Thursday 8 th December	9am – Year 1 coffee morning and book look for families
Friday 9 th December	9am Y6 values assembly 4pm Parents Association CCPA Christmas Fair
Monday 12 th December	Y6 visit to Port Sunlight 2pm - Y2 Nativity
Tuesday 13 th December	2pm – Y1 Nativity
Wednesday 14 th December	Choir to sing at the Parish centre 2pm – Pre-School F1 and F2 EYFS Nativity 4pm – Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 15 th December	9am – F2 coffee morning and book look for families 1.30pm – Y3 Parent Christmas craft session with children
Friday 16 th December	Christmas dinner & Christmas Jumper day 2pm - Year 1 story time for children and parents
Tuesday 20 th December	9.30am – Year 1 & Year 2 Christmas church service 10.30am – Year 3 & Year 4 Christmas church service 11.30am – Year 5 & Year 6 Christmas church service 3.30pm school closes for Christmas to all pupils – NO CC4C
Wednesday 4 th January	School Opens for Spring Term

The Light Party

Games & goodie Bags

Craft activities

Christ Church Parish centre
Monday 31st October
6pm till 7.30pm

Children of all ages welcome,
children must be accompanied by a responsible adult

Come in your Party clothes, or non scary fancy dress 😊

The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear God,
As I carve this pumpkin, help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
Cut off the top

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.
Clean out the inside

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
Cut two eyes in the shape of hearts

I'm sorry for turning up my nose to all You have given me.
Cut the nose in the shape of a cross

Open my ears so Your word I will hear;
Cut two ears in the shape of a Bible

Open my mouth to tell others You are near.
Cut a mouth in the shape of a fish

Let Your light shine in me so others can see.
Place a candle inside

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Term Dates 2022 - 2023

Terms	Dates	Days Pupils / Teachers
Autumn Term Staff Development Day: Staff Development Day:	Thursday 1 st September Friday 2 nd September	35 days / 37 days
School Opens:	Monday 5 th September	
Half Term School Closes:	Friday 21 st October	
Re-opens:	Monday 31 st October	
Staff Development Day:	Monday 28 th November	36 days / 37 days
School Closes for Christmas:	Tuesday 20 th December	
Spring Term		
School Opens:	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	
Half Term School Closes:	Friday 17 th February	33 days / 33 days
Re-opens:	Monday 27 th February	
School Closes for spring break:	Friday 31 st March 2023	25 days / 25 days
Summer Term		
School Opens:	Monday 17 th April 2023	
May Day Bank Holiday:	Monday 1 st May	29 days / 29 days
Half Term School Closes:	Friday 26 th May	
Staff Development Day	Monday 5 th June	
Re-opens:	Tuesday 6 th June	32 days / 34 days
School Closes for Summer:	Wednesday 19 th July	
Staff Development Day	Thursday 20 th July 2023	