



Christchurch Infant School

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NEWSLETTER 1

Friday 10th September

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome Back! I hope you had an enjoyable summer. The children have certainly had lots of exciting stories to share. Mrs Simpson and myself have enjoyed meeting with families on the playground on recent mornings. Welcome to our new Foundation Stage children and their families who are settling in really well.

We wish all our new families a special Christchurch Infant School welcome and we hope they will continue to enjoy their time at our school. We look forward to working with you. We also welcome our new teacher assistant Miss Riggs, Mrs Goodridge, our new Cover Supervisor and Miss Bentley who is covering the maternity leave in Starfish class. I know you will welcome them to our school community.

The staff undertook 2 very important days of INSET training last week which focused on a range of items. Safeguarding and Health & Safety updates are essential and all staff took part in this. In addition to this, core subject leaders in Reading, Writing, Maths and SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) presented to reaffirm cutting edge curriculum updates and expectations for the school community. There was also the opportunity to revisit our school vision and values.

School Improvements

We would like to take the opportunity to share our school's planned development over the academic year. All schools work towards a yearly set of priorities that have been identified by the Senior Leadership Team in the Autumn Term based on the previous year's outcomes. This forms the School Development Plan that all staff work towards, reporting progress back to governors regularly. Our main priorities as a school are:

School Improvement Priority 1:

Quality of Education: Establish high quality provision, driven by effective Assessment for Learning, in order to raise attainment in reading, writing and maths for all children, based on their individual starting points.

School Improvement Priority 2:

Behaviour and Attitudes: Further improve attendance so it does not impact negatively on expected progress, attainment and well-being.

School Improvement Priority 3:

Personal Development: To further improve the culture of pastoral support and well-being through the school community for the benefit of all stakeholders.

School Improvement Priority 4:

Leadership and Management: To embed curriculum leadership, enhancing provision for all children.

School Improvement Priority 5:

Quality of Early Years Education: To ensure that all children have an equal access to a diet of learning in order to make good or better progress from their individual starting points.

To enhance the Early Years outdoor continuous provision to ensure high quality learning opportunities for all children.

School Improvement Priority 6:

Covid-19 Recovery: Ensure that the new academic year, from September 2021, reflects the DFE guidance so that all pupils and staff can work together in a safe environment.

To address gaps in learning for all pupils, alongside addressing pupil well-being.

Remember we operate an open door policy – feel free to book an appointment with your child's class teacher/teaching assistant if you have concerns or need support, help or advice. Below are a few key reminders as we start off the new school year and a few notices for your attention.

Raising a concern

Although we strive to ensure things run smoothly for you and your child, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns via your class teacher. Meetings with teachers are best arranged for the end of the school day. If you seek further assistance, please contact your Year Leader.

The Base Leaders are as follows:

Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) <i>Please use Tapestry for communications.</i>	Mrs Ladyman (Dolphins) and Miss Ashbee (Seahorses) – shared responsibility
Year 1 Year1@christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk	Miss Wrixon (Foxes) and Miss Peckham (Hedgehogs) – shared responsibility
Year 2 Year2@christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk	Mrs Wilkins (Woodpeckers)

At Christchurch Infant School we want everyone involved to feel well supported. We believe that good pastoral support focuses on nurturing the individual needs of each child. We aim to build trusting and empathic relationships with all our pupils and their families. If you require any further information about our Pastoral Support please contact Mrs Goldsack, our Pastoral Leader through the school office.

Child Protection

During our INSET days, all staff undertook very important Safeguarding Update training which all schools have every 2 years. Safeguarding is a very important part of our work and is every staff member's responsibility.

Every school must have a Child Protection Policy - often referred to as the school's Safeguarding Policy. The aim of the policy is to ensure that our school has effective measures in place to safeguard your children from the potential risk of harm and that the safety and well-being of the children are of the highest priority in all aspects of our school's work. Having the policy in place ensures that all members of the school community:

- Are aware of their responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and child protection
- Know the procedures that should be followed if they have a cause for concern
- Know where to go to find additional information regarding safeguarding
- Are aware of the key indicators relating to child abuse
- Fully support the school's commitment to safeguarding and child protection.

Safeguarding is not just about protecting children from deliberate harm. It presents schools with a wide range of issues that they need to be prepared for.

The School Safeguarding Webpage and related policies can be found here:
<https://www.christchurchinf.dorset.sch.uk/safeguarding-and-child-protection>

Designated Safeguarding Leaders

If you have a concern about a child, particularly if you think s/he may be suffering or at risk of suffering harm, it is your responsibility to share the information promptly with the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) or the Deputy/ies who are Mr Baxter, the Headteacher, Mrs Simpson the Deputy Headteacher or Mrs Darch, the Assistant Headteacher.

If you're concerned that a child or young person is at immediate risk of significant harm and you believe it requires urgent action, call the Police on 999.

The Governors, myself and staff of Christchurch Infant School, through the implementation of the Child Protection Policy (held in the School Office), endeavour to ensure that all child protection issues, or where there are reasonable grounds to suspect an issue, will be dealt with appropriately, including reporting to the duty social services officer who will act on the concern. We are **legally bound, in our duty of care, to make referrals**. Do let us know, for any reason, if your child is upset or distressed when s/he comes to school.

Other news...

Please could we remind parents not to park on the yellow lines or the zig-zags outside of the school. We have also been informed by Christchurch Junior School that CIS parents are **not allowed to use either of the car parks at CIS or CJS**. There is a large car park next to Costa Coffee should finding a space prove difficult. Thank you for your co-operation.



IMPORTANT – School Uniform

We believe it is very important that children are wearing the correct school uniform so would appreciate your help in ensuring that this continues to be the case. Trainers are not part of the normal school uniform unless it is your child's PE day.

Official uniform can be sourced from Stevensons in Southbourne, telephone: 01202 425192.

The expectations that the school has for uniform are aimed at ensuring that there is increased consistency.

Bug Club (READING)

At Christchurch Infant School we aim to support children's progress in reading and encourage them to develop a love of books.

Bug Club is an online and interactive resource that supports your child's reading development. It has a fantastic range of titles available. The Pupil Area of Bug Club is very easy to use. Your child can select an e-Book that they want to read or have read to them by clicking the 'Read to me' icon.



Each child has a personalised homepage where they'll find the e-Books that have been allocated to them by their teacher and some motivating rewards. There are a great range of fiction and non-fiction books available at each level. The children can click on the bug icon to answer a range of comprehension quizzes including literal, retrieval and inference style questions. They will earn extra 'Active Learn Coins' for answering the questions too. The children's responses to the questions will be sent back to the class teacher so that they can see how your child is progressing. When your child has finished a book, it will move to 'My Library'. Children can read these books again if they want to.

The Years 1 & 2 teachers are currently allocating children with a selection of books, and you will find their log in at the back of their reading record, as seen below:

www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

School ID: 9xwc

Thank you

Mrs Cottrell (Reading Leader)

Baby news

We are very pleased to announce the birth of Miss Sneddon's 2nd child, Skye, another baby girl. Both mum and baby are in good health!





Dates for your diary (cut out and keep)

Monday 20 th September	Year 2 Avon Heath Field Trip
Monday 20 th September	Year 1 Hedgehogs and Rabbits Christchurch Local Area Field Trip
Monday 20 th September	Year 1 Squirrels and Foxes Christchurch Local Area Field Trip
Monday 4 th October	Farm Day Visit for EYFS in the playground
Wednesday 20 th October	Parent Consultations
Thursday 21 st October	Parent Consultations
Monday 25 th – Friday 29 th October	Half Term Holiday
Friday 17 th December	Last Day of Autumn Term 3:05pm finish

Term Dates 2021 - 2022

Autumn term	2 September 2021 to 17 December 2021
Half term	25 October 2021 to 29 October 2021
Christmas holiday	20 December 2021 to 3 January 2022
Spring term	4 January 2022 to 8 April 2022
Half term	21 February 2022 to 25 February 2022
Easter holiday	11 April 2022 to 22 April 2022
Summer term	25 April 2022 to 22 July 2022
Half term	30 May 2022 to 3 June 2022
Summer holiday	From 25 July 2022

Bank and Public Holidays 2021-2022

- **Christmas Day: 27 December**
- **Boxing Day: 28 December**
- **New Year's Day: 3rd January**
- **Good Friday: 15th April**
- **Easter Monday: 18th April**
- **May Day holiday: 2nd May**
- **JUBILEE DAY Tuesday 3rd May**
- **Spring bank holiday: 2nd June**
- **Platinum Jubilee bank holiday: 3rd June**
- **Summer bank holiday: 29th August**

INSET Dates for 2021 – 2022

Friday 18th February 2022
Monday 6th June 2022
Friday 22nd July 2022

Finally, thank you for your support, and we look forward to another successful year, for your child, for you and for our whole school community.
Kindest regards, Mr D Baxter