

CHRISTCHURCH INFANT SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic start we have had to the new school year! It has been such a joy welcoming the children back into school this week, and we could not be prouder of how beautifully they have settled back into their routines. Across the school, we have seen so many examples of kindness, independence and team spirit. The children have returned with smiling faces, positive attitudes and a real enthusiasm for learning, and it has been wonderful to see classrooms and playgrounds buzzing with excitement once again. Thank you for all your support in helping the children return to school so confidently. We know that the start of a new year can bring lots of emotions, and your partnership has made this transition a very smooth and happy one.

Staff Training and Our New Handwriting Approach

Before welcoming the children back, our staff team came together for our INSET training days. A key focus of our professional development was the launch of our new Handwriting Policy and approach. This is an exciting development as part of our wider school improvement journey. We are committed to ensuring that all children develop strong handwriting foundations that support their confidence, fluency and overall success as writers. Over the coming weeks, we will be sharing a parent information handout that explains more about our approach and the research that underpins it. We look forward to working together to support the children's handwriting development both at school and at home.

Tea with Miss Tobin Gets a New Look!

Many of our children absolutely love the opportunity to attend 'Tea with Miss Tobin', and this year we are excited to be making a few special changes. To make the experience even more memorable, Tea with Miss Tobin will now take place at a specially decorated lunchtime table where children will enjoy lunch with Miss Tobin. This will be followed by a small treat and, most importantly, plenty of time to chat, laugh, share achievements and celebrate all the wonderful things our children do every day. We hope this creates an even more special opportunity for children to socialise, build connections and feel proud of their accomplishments.

We are incredibly grateful to Mati Delicatessen, who have once again very generously offered to donate delicious treats free of charge. Their continued support helps us make these occasions extra special for our children, and we thank them for their kindness and generosity.

As we reach the end of our first week back, I would like to thank you once again for your continued support and partnership. Together, we have helped the children make such a positive start to the year, and we are looking forward to all the exciting learning and experiences that lie ahead.

We hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday.

With warm wishes,
Miss Tobin
Head Teacher

