



# Christ Church School Newsletter

*Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance*

**Love** **Courage** **Honesty** **Faith** **Forgiveness**

## Spring 1

Dear Parents and Carers

As many of you will now know, we have been on a journey to develop our understanding of Christian values to see that these are known, expressed and understood in our lives. Love, faith, courage, honesty and forgiveness are the values originally selected by children, staff, and governors. They were selected on the basis that these were some values that we thought were important in the Christian life and also would be widely accepted by those who are of other faith traditions or hold different beliefs. Some of our classes use a prayer at the end of each day which incorporates our values. This was written by a year 6 class a few years ago.

*Dear Lord,*

*Please help us to truly live out our school values wherever we go. Help us to show courage in difficult times, forgive those who hurt us, have faith that you know best for us, be honest even when it is hard, and most of all show the love we have for others with our words and actions.*

*Amen*

Class 4C have had a discussion about their favourite of our school values. Here are some of their quotes:

'Courage is my favourite because it is doing something you are afraid of, and I like to challenge myself' - Dominick

'Love is my favourite value because you need to show love to be kind, and showing love can make other people happy' - Milena

'My favourite value is honesty because if you weren't honest people would want to be your friend' - Gjenevyv

'Forgiveness is my favourite because it is good to forgive other people for what they have done, it makes people happy and then you can be friends again' - Savannah

'My favourite school value is love, because it is basically being kind to other people and being kind. You need to show love to everyone even if they are a different religion to you' - Hanna

'I think faith is my favourite value, because if you fall off the equipment you need to have faith in yourself to get back up and try again' - Benadicta

'Courage is the most important value because courage can help you help other people' - Luke

'Love is the most important value because without love I couldn't show courage, faith, forgiveness or honesty' - Kimberley

### **New Prefects**

Congratulations to our new prefects: Vaiga Dileepan, Henry O'Donoghue, Christian Georgiev and Yasmeen Hameed. Prefects are elected by their peers who consider them to be reliable, trustworthy and helpful. They are introduced to the school in assembly and are given a yellow shield badge to wear so that children around school can identify them and know they are a good person to go to for help and support.

### **School Games Competition**

A group of Year 6 children participated in the Croydon finals and Indoor Athletics competition, a School Games Competition which is part of the London Youth Games. Our team included PJ Marshall, Amari McDonald, Oliver Black, Bene Venckus, Jamie McPherson, Ibrahima Diallo, Saniya Mistry, Zoe Spellings, Emillie Cahoolessur, Nicole Rochoy and Amalie Milne. The organisers had special praise for our children's effort, enthusiasm and competitiveness. Congratulations go to Jamie who won the Javelin throw and Bene who won the long jump.

### **Diving**

Lexie Clarke in 5B won the South of England Regional Diving Skills competition scoring a perfect 10. She qualified for her first Nationals and finished 5<sup>th</sup>. In the autumn term she attended England Talent Games and finished third. She is now recognised as one of the top up and coming nine year olds in the country. Congratulations Lexi!

### **Quicksticks Hockey Finals**

Six children including Daniel Smith, Daniel Martin, Claire Chari, Aarav Gupta, Saniya Mistry and Ruby Ganpatsingh, participated in the Croydon quicksticks hockey finals at Croydon High School. The team played in cold and damp conditions; they kept going right to the end and tried hard against very good opposition. We are officially the sixth best school in Croydon for under 11's in 2019.

### **Swimming Gala**

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the Croydon Schools Swimming Gala heats. The final results have just arrived in school. Our boys freestyle relay team, Caleb Neal, Viktor Hubert, Aarav Gupta and Caleb Thompson, has been selected as second reserve for the finals. The medley relay team, Caleb Thompson, Dan Smith and Caleb Neal are also a second reserve team for the final.

In addition Caleb Thompson was fastest boy in the heat for the Year 6 boys backstroke and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the open boys butterfly qualifying to swim in the final for both these events. Caleb Neal has been selected for the Year 5 boys backstroke final and Viktor Hubert also merits a mention as he came 12<sup>th</sup> in the heat for this competition. Benji Daniel also did very well coming 9<sup>th</sup> in the Year 3 and 4 boys' freestyle.

The finals will be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

Our thanks go to Miss Doyle and Mrs Smith for preparing the children for the gala and giving our school the opportunity to participate in this event.

### **Site security and the pedestrian gate**

In order to ensure that our site is secure as it can be, the office staff have been asked to check who you are before opening the gate. If you arrive at a time when the gate is closed and require entry, please remember to speak into the intercom explaining who you are and why you have come.

Also, if you are on the premises and see someone waiting, please do not go and open the gates for them. Obviously there are times when you will be leaving as someone else is arriving and they will be able to enter at this point but by following the above guidance you will be helping to make our site just that little bit safer. Thank you.

### **Staff news**

Mrs Giles, one of our teaching assistants, is having some knee surgery and will be absent from February 5<sup>th</sup> and will not be back until the beginning of May.

Mr Daniels, the premises manager, has broken his foot and will not be back until after half term. We wish them both a speedy recovery.

Mrs Morrish gave birth to a baby girl; Lily Amber Morrish born on 13/1/19. She weighed 4.43kg. Mother and baby are both well.

Miss Wright will be leaving Christ Church at the end of the summer term. She is relocating, and has received a job offer from the Tudor Grange Academy Trust in Stratford-Upon-Avon to be the Deputy Head Teacher and, once settled, to become the Head Teacher for a brand new school opening in September 2019. Whilst naturally pleased for Miss Wright that she has secured this unique and exciting opportunity, we will be sorry to see her leave us. We will begin the recruitment for a new Deputy Head shortly.

Mrs Bambury will be joining the staff team at the beginning of March as a teaching assistant.

### **Marsden March**

Some of our staff team are participating in the Marsden March to raise money for the Royal Marsden hospital. Mrs Spellings, Mrs Smith, Mrs Chard, Mrs Antoniou, Mrs Carslake, Mrs Ofori, Mrs Hudson and her family and Miss Jones and her partner have explained their story. They will all be marching 15 miles to raise funds for this wonderful resource in our community. If you would like to read their story and support their fund raising efforts please follow this link. <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/polly-jones6>

### **New trim trail**

Our new trim trail funded through the fund raising efforts of the Friends of Christ Church School (FCCS) was due to be installed just before half term. We took the decision to postpone this until Mr Daniels returns to oversee the work. His input is essential to ensuring the work is done to our satisfaction. I am still hoping this can be installed before the Easter holiday.

## Switch off your engine

Please remember to turn off your engine when waiting outside the school. Children are particularly vulnerable to the car fumes as they are much closer to the emissions. Please support us in preventing children walking into unnecessary fumes from cars.

10.1.19: Silver Audi, S77 CYL, parked opposite the school vehicle gates with engine running for the whole of the school run period on several days that week.

01.02.19: OV67 ONM Mercedes regularly in the morning outside school with engine on.

## Childminder – Rabbit Warren Childcare

One of our Local childminders has contributed the following article to our newsletter: *Sally Warren a local childminder has received, on her first graded inspection, an Outstanding rating by OFSTED. Sally is often at the school and the Extravaganza with the children she collects. She has a wealth of experience in early years and she has built relationships with her minder's teachers and support staff at Christ Church to support their learning. Sally, trading as Rabbit Warren Childcare, is an Early Years Teacher based in South Croydon CR2. She offers education and childcare between the hours of 7am-7pm Mon-Fri and babysitting services. She also has 2, 3 and 4 year old 15/30 hour funding spaces. You can contact her on 07498 853 657 or by email at [rabbitwarrenchildcare@gmail.com](mailto:rabbitwarrenchildcare@gmail.com)*

## Diary Dates

Fri	Feb	15	1JB Class Assembly
Fri	Feb	15	School closes at normal time for half-term
Mon	Feb	25	School opens for Spring 2 term
Mon	Feb	25	Book swap week – bring in books for book swap
Fri	Mar	1	Choir sing at service for World Day of Prayer 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Fri	Mar	1	2J Class Assembly
Mon-Tue	Mar	4-5	Book swap for Reception and KS1
Mon	Mar	4	FCCS meeting 7.30pm
Tue	Mar	5	Year 3 trip to Battersea Zoo
Wed-Fri	Mar	6-8	Book swap for KS2
Fri	Mar	8	World book day
Fri	Mar	8	3F Class Assembly
Fri	Mar	15	4P Class Assembly
Tue	Mar	19	Year 4 trip to Blacklands Farm
Fri	Mar	22	1HB Class Assembly
Fri	Mar	22	Children's disco: YR–Y2 (5pm to 6pm); Y3 – Y6 (6.30pm – 8.00pm)
Mon	Mar	25	Year 1 trip to Chessington Zoo
Wed	Mar	27	Year 2 trip to Bodiam Castle
Fri	Mar	29	6B Class Assembly
Wed	Apr	3	Easter service led by Year 5
Fri	Apr	5	School closes at 1.30pm for Easter Holidays
Wed	Apr	24	School opens for Summer 1 term

**Term Dates:  
2018/19**

**Spring Term 2019**

Open Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

HALF TERM

Open Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

Close Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February at normal time

Close Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.30pm

**Summer Term 2019**

Open Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Close Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at normal time

Close Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 1.30pm

**Please note:**

Bank Holidays:

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Staff Training (subject to change):

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

**Term Dates:  
2019/20**

**Autumn Term 2019**

Open Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Close Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October at normal time

Close Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm

**Spring Term 2020**

Open Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

HALF TERM

Open Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Close Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at normal time

Close Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 1.30pm

**Summer Term 2020**

Open Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Close Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at normal time

Close Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July at 1.30pm

**Please note:**

Bank Holidays:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Staff Training (subject to change):

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019

28<sup>th</sup> October 2019

6<sup>th</sup> January 2020

20<sup>th</sup> April 2020

1<sup>st</sup> June 2020