



## Summer 2021

### Message from Mrs Richardson (Executive Headteacher)

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start this newsletter by thanking everyone for their support in the 2020-2021 academic year.

It has been quite a year for all schools, with bubbles and lockdowns, Covid-19 and testing. Every school has been required to change the way they have taught, parents have needed to adapt to having children at home and homeschooling, with lockdowns or bubble closures.

This doesn't include the emergency closing of the kitchens or the unexpected fire drill!

Then on top of all of this, Christ Church school has said good-bye to Mrs Pike. Mrs Hudson was Acting Executive Headteacher for a term. We had a new Chair of Governors appointed. Then in January, I joined the school, someone totally different who the staff, children and families needed to get to know.

With most people working from home, that has not been an easy task!

So I would like to say thank-you.

Thank you to the pupils, who have taken the time to get to know me, who have adapted to the changes this year and who have welcomed me to the Christ Church family with open arms.

Thank you also to the parents who have also been very welcoming. Thank you for the supportive comments and emails as well as the suggestions.

Thank you to the staff, who are exceptionally hard working and dedicated to providing the very best for every single child within our school. Who have been exceptionally supportive of me and helped guide me through my first 2 terms.

Thank you also to the Governing Body and everyone at Christ Church, who have supported and guided me through my time starting at Christ Church School.

Finally, I must thank the senior leadership team; Mrs Hudson, Mr Lane and Mrs Porter, who really have helped me to settle into the school.

I am very grateful to you all.

I am looking forward to moving into 2021-2022 and hoping that this will be a far more settled year for all in Christ Church School and further getting to know everyone.

I wish you all a fabulous summer break and pray everyone keeps safe.

Mrs Jo Richardson



## Curriculum News

It has been lovely seeing everyone engaging in their learning this term. We have had World War 2 days, Egyptian Days and Africa days. The school has been full of fun and everyone has been enjoying their learning.

### EYFS

In EYFS the pupils have been exploring their interests around insects. Lots of rain has encouraged the slugs and snails to come back out of hiding in the Spinney so they have used the opportunity to explore non-fiction texts about bugs and creatures and have even had a go at writing their own facts too!

### Key Stage 1

The children in Year 1 have been learning about different types of plants and life cycles, whilst in Y2, the children have been learning all about plants and growing.

### Key Stage 2

The children in Year 3 have been extending their historical knowledge of the Ancient Egyptians, whilst in Year 4 the pupils have been continuing to investigate World War Two, this term with a focus on Communication and Morse Code.

Years 5 and 6 have both been continuing to study Africa this term. Year 6 have been extending this, through their rehearsals for The Lion King. I must confess I have often found myself humming Hukuna Matata on my journey home from school.

## Website

Our website has been developing every single week this term. It now has a significant amount of information on it and should hopefully answer lots of questions. Please do take a look.

## REflections

You may have seen a copy of our new REflections magazine come out recently. Mr Lane will be producing a REflection magazine each half term to ensure you are kept up to date with everything in school related to RE, our Christian distinctiveness and our school values.

## Food Vouchers

Parents in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals will be issued with 2 vouchers during the summer holiday. This should come directly to your email on 28th July and 11th August.

There are also some additional food packages being provided for the summer holiday. If you qualify for these, you will have already been contacted by the office.



If your financial circumstances have changed recently and you feel you may now qualify for these, please contact the office who will be able to direct you to the appropriate application forms.

Please remember if you qualify for Pupil Premium, your first jumper is free from the school. Liaise with Mrs Joy on [office1@christchurch.croydon.sch.uk](mailto:office1@christchurch.croydon.sch.uk)

## Free summer clubs for Croydon FSM pupils – bookings now live

As part of the government's Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF), fun clubs will run throughout the summer in Croydon, offering free places to any pupils (5-16yrs) who are eligible for and claiming free school meals.

Clubs will include a range of fun enrichment activities, free meals, local trips and opportunities to engage in physical activities such as dance, sports, swimming and more.

A list of clubs and contact details for booking can be found at [Holiday Activities and Food \(HAF\) | Croydon Council](#)

Please note: clubs may also be offering spaces to non-FSM pupils on a paid or part-paid basis. Parents should enquire with the individual club providers.

## Extended Activities

We are very excited to be able to plan for some extended schools opportunities for the Autumn Term. The opportunities that are currently on offer are:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Skillz (Yr3&4)	Skillz (Yr1&2)	Choir (Yr3-6)		French Club (Yr1-6)
Netball (Yr5&6)	Table Tennis (Yr4)			
	Tennis (Yr3-6)			

In addition we are still able to offer the following peripatetic lessons:

- **Piano (years 2-6)** – Mrs Williams: Mobile: 07713 020 627, email: [shiuwilliams@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:shiuwilliams@yahoo.co.uk)
- **Brass (years 3-6)** – Croydon Music and Arts – Tel: 020 8681 0909, email: [musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:musicandarts.education@croydon.gov.uk)
- **Recorder and Saxophone** – Mr Holdsworth – Mobile: 07966 142059, email: [rholdsworth@me.com](mailto:rholdsworth@me.com)



## Staffing Update

This term we say good-bye to several staff:

Miss Boateng - Miss Boateng has been teaching in Year 4 and Year 1 this year. She leaves us this term to take up a full time post from September.

Mrs Daniels - Having recently completed her Education degree, Mrs Daniels is now taking up a very exciting role from September, supporting pupils with additional needs across Sutton Local Authority.

Mrs Elfred - Mrs Elfred has been working at Christ Church School for almost 26 years. She has held various positions, and has been computing lead since 2002. We say good-bye to Mrs Elfred as she is moving on to work in her local church.

Mrs Franchi - Mrs Franchi has been supporting EYFS with language development this term. She is now moving on to take up a SENCo role.

Mrs Gonsalves - Mrs Gonsalves has been at Christ Church School for 4 years, most recently working in Year 6. From September she is taking up a new post at St John's Primary in Shirley.

Mrs Hall - Mrs Hall has been involved in our school for many years, as a parent, governor and teacher. We now wish her well in her retirement.

Mrs Simion - Mrs Simion has worked with pupils across our school for several years. She is going on to work in another local school.

Mrs Smith - Mrs Smith has worked at Christ Church School for many years, most recently in upper Key Stage 2. From September she is going to be moving to Riddlesdown Collegiate to support pupils in Years 7 and 8

Mrs Spellings - Mrs Spellings has been at Christ Church for 5 years. She has worked across the school with a range of pupils and is now moving on to become a full time psychotherapist.

Mrs Stevens - Mrs Stevens is also moving on to concentrate on working full time as a psychotherapist.

We also welcome staff to join our Christ Church Team:

Miss de Cintra - Miss de Cintra has been working in our Reception bubble this year during the lunch break. From September she will taking up a full time position as a teaching assistant.

Mrs Garg - Mrs Garg has been working in Year 1 this term on a supply basis, but will be taking up a 3 day a week contract at Christ Church School from September.

Miss Graves- Mrs Graves has been working in Year 1 this term on a supply basis, but will be taking up a 3 day a week contract at Christ Church School from September.

Mr John - Mr John has been working as a TA for several years and will be joining us full time from September.

Miss Morris - Miss Morris has been working in schools for many years and will be joining us full time from September.



Mrs Marti - Mrs Marti has been working with us at lunch time since May, she is now taking up a permanent lunch supervisor post.

In addition to welcoming new staff to our team, we have been creating some opportunities to further the specialities of the staff within our school. So I am very pleased to announce:

Mrs Antoniou - With Mrs Elfred leaving this term we had an opportunity for a new computing lead, therefore from September Mrs Antoniou will be taking on the role of Computing Lead.

Mrs Gravett - From September Mrs Gravett will be supporting senior leaders with Safeguarding.

Mrs Gray - As part of our Covid Catch Up Plan, we have decided to introduce a new role into school on a fixed term basis. From September Mrs Gray will be working with Mrs Porter, supporting SEN, providing support for pupils with Dyslexia and working with parents.

Mrs Jolaoso - As part of our Covid Catch Up Plan, we are also developing a new area within school, The Willows, as a Nurture Style Provision to support our pupils. Therefore we have introduced a new role in school on a fixed term basis in order to run this. From September Mrs Jolaoso will be running The Willow Nurture-Style Provision.

Mrs Joy - Mrs Joy will be adapting her role and changing her working pattern from September and will no longer be working on a Wednesday.

Mrs Porter - As many of you are aware, Mrs Porter is currently our SENCo. However, her role is quite complex and is much wider than the SENCo role. Therefore from September Mrs Porter will be our new Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion.

This term we are also welcoming back Mrs Lovarini and Mrs Boyd from their maternity leave. We are very pleased to have them both back.

Many of you will know Miss Jones, who worked at Christ Church for many years and who is now Head of School at Purley Nursery. Today Miss Jones is starting her maternity leave. We wish her and her partner the very best, and eagerly await news of their new arrival.

Finally, you might also have noticed Miss Preston was missing from our 2021-2022 staffing plan. This was not an error. Miss Preston will be getting married during the summer holiday and will be returning to Year 6 in September as Mrs Lawrence.

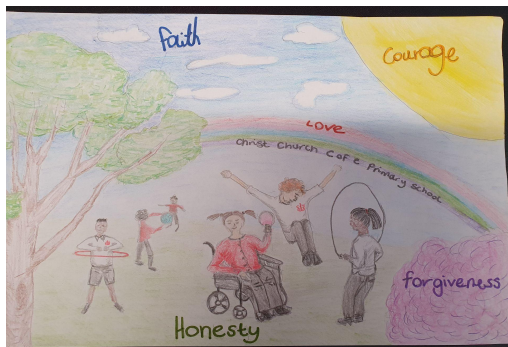
Her wedding was originally planned for 2020 and needed to be delayed. We are therefore all praying for her wedding and wish Miss Preston and her partner the very best for the future.



## Values Mural Competition

During the last newsletter we introduced our competition to design a mural for our KS1 playground. We had lots of entries, which you will be able to view in our entrance area.

Our finalists are shown below. We would love you to vote for your favourite by clicking on this [link](#).



A. Adam (Year 3)



B. Alan (Year 3)





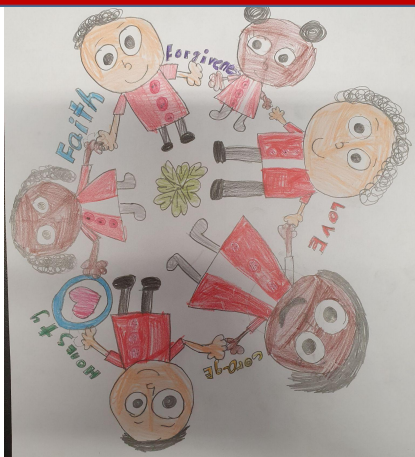
C. Macey (Year 2)



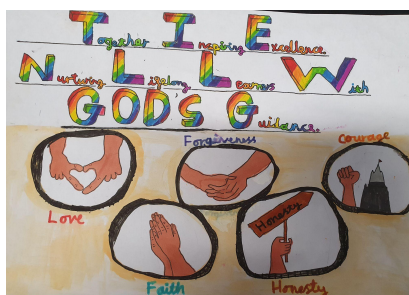
D. Joshua (Year 1)



E. Willow (Year 2)



F. Kiara (Year 2)



G. Daniel (Year 5)

## Diary Dates

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	Last day of the Summer term and academic year 1.10pm (YrR,3 & 4), 1.20pm (Yr1 & 5) and 1:30 finish (Yr 2 & 6)
Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September 2021	INSET Day School is not open to any pupils
Monday 6th September 2021	Autumn Term begins
Friday 22nd October 2021	INSET Day School is not open to any pupils
Monday 25th to Friday 29th October 2021	Half Term

## Friends of Christ Church School

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Friends of Christ Church School this term. Either in person or by purchasing the platters and joining the online Quiz.

The FCCS have been very creative and supportive this term, providing ice-lollies for sport's day, organising the smartie collection tubes and purchasing new wet playtime activities for children in their new classes. Thank you again to everyone involved.

Finally, we must say a huge thank you to Mark Channon who leaves FCCS this month. He has dedicated so much time and support in raising so much for the school and we are very grateful for all he has done.





## Changes for September

As you know, the Government have been gradually lifting the different restrictions across the country. We have recently received some updated guidelines from the Department for Education. Below are some of the updates for September:

- Start and finish times
  - There will no longer be staggered starts and finishes to the school day. The gates will open at 8:45. Pupils will be expected to come in via the gates and go straight to their allocated door to line up. Staff will collect pupils from the door at 8:50.
  - We will still not be inviting parents into the school in the mornings. In the younger years, staff will be present to support the pupils and bring them into school.
  - The allocated doors are:

Class	Door
RC	RC external gate
RL	RL external gate
1E	1E external gate
1NM	1NM external gate
2I	2I external door
2BT	2BT external door
3G	3G external door
3LA	3LA external door
4S	4S external door
4B	Central door at front of school
5L	Lower door in KS1 playground
5O	Upper door in KS1 playground
6L	Side door on KS2 playground
6FH	Hall door

- PE kit
  - You will be informed of which day your child's class will have PE. Pupils should continue to come to school in their **full school PE uniform on this day**.
  - A reminder that our new School Uniform Policy can be found on our website and applies from September 2021. Any pupils not wearing the correct uniform may be spoken to by staff and a letter/email will be sent home.



- Masks
  - Whilst the wearing of masks is no longer compulsory, we still want to protect our pupils, families and staff and will therefore continue to encourage the wearing of masks.
- Lunches
  - The kitchen will be able to go back to offering a choice of 3 meals each day.
  - From September pupils will go back to choosing and ordering their meal each day in school.

We are still cautious that we have a role in safeguarding and protecting our Christ Church Family, therefore further details of any changes will come out to you in the Autumn when we have a clear understanding of the local picture.

## An update from Purley Partnership Federation Governing Body

Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of yet another challenging academic year, the PPF governing body has been reflecting on the highs and lows of the last twelve months. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Richardson as ex-officio governor when she joined PPF in January. We have been blessed with the addition of two new governors, Jane Hudspith who was appointed as a Foundation Governor in the middle of the Spring Term and Lucinda Hasell who has recently been elected to replace Asha Fowells as a Parent Governor. We are extremely pleased that Theo Turner, who has been on the governing board for many years, has agreed to be Vice Chair. We thank God for Zoom which has enabled us to keep in touch with each other and to continue with our usual meetings and training courses. We have completed our sessions on developing the skills and effectiveness of the PPF governing body, and are in the process of constructing a Governance Development Plan which will target areas for development. We have also successfully completed the Bishops Certificate, a governor training programme provided by the Diocese of Southwark.

Of course, the major disappointment of the last year is that we have been unable to make our usual visits into school to liaise with our link subject lead teachers, attend times of collective worship and other school activities, and meet with the children. In May, we said goodbye to our former Chair of Governors, Asha Fowells who performed a magnificent feat in steering us through such turbulent times. We are also saying farewell to two of our governors, Rebecca Pickering and Paula Reed: Paula has sat on the governing board for many years and has taken on responsibilities in numerous areas,

not least having been Vice Chair and Chair of the Curriculum Committee. We will miss her wise words and vast experience. We also said goodbye - but fortunately only until May 2022 - to Ms Jones, Head of School at Purley Nursery School, and we wish her well during her maternity leave.

As a governing body, we ASPIRE to be Ambitious, Supportive, Professional, Inclusive, Respectful and Empowering. Our new vision statement affirms our purpose:

*Uniting together as a Church of England Primary and maintained Nursery School, our vision is to develop well-rounded, responsible children who achieve their full potential and become lifelong learners, cohesively creating a sustainable partnership of pupils, staff, families, governors, the diocese and the wider community.*



We wish you all a safe and healthy summer holiday, and look forward to joining with you once again in partnership in September 2021.

Best wishes

Sally Marvin (Chair of Governors)

Dear Lord,

Thank you for your faithfulness and for your provision. You are our wisdom and strength. We trust in you. We pray for protection over all our Christ Church School families over the holidays.

Thank you that you go with our friends in Year 6 and our friends on the staff moving on to new schools and new opportunities.

In Jesus name ,  
Amen