Christ Church School

Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance

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

COMPUTING NEWSLETTER

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ICT Mark

We were awarded the ICT Mark at the end of the last school year and we have just received the report. The assessor spoke to parents, children, teachers and Governors and was very impressed by what she saw and heard.

"This is Christ Church's sixth ICT Mark and they are clearly continuing to demonstrate the areas of outstanding practice described in the 2016 ICT Mark report as well as developing for future challenges.

It is obvious that technology is embedded and embraced at the school. There is palpable excitement as technology-enhanced learning is described, and a clear vision for how it can empower and enable the school community."

Thank you to the whole school community for achieving this recognition.

What is a friend?

One of the things highlighted in the ICT Mark report is that children are sometimes confused when they use the word "friend" to talk about people they "know" online. Talking to the children, they all seem very clear about what a "stranger" is, but a great many of them seem to think that people that they play online games with are "friends". One child in year 2 said he has "100s of friends that I play with", whilst a child in year 3 said "my mum checks the profile of people I play with to make sure they are OK to be my friend".

We will be doing a lot of learning over the coming months to help children to recognise the difference between a friend and someone they only know through online interaction.

Parentzone Conference

Last week Mrs Elfred attended a conference organised by Parentzone and CEOP. She came back brimming with ideas to better support children and parents with Digital Literacy and is looking forward to sharing these over the coming weeks and months.

We were shown a really good website: https://parentinfo.org/ which offers "Help and Advice for Families in a Digital World"

Remember that keeping children safe is a team sport - we all need to work together to ensure that all our children are equipped to deal with life online.

Computing Team

We were very sorry to say "goodbye" to Mrs Walker at the end of last term, but we are really pleased to welcome Mrs Antoniou to the computing team. Mrs Antoniou is teaching computing to 2W, 4P and 5B and is really enjoying the challenges of her new role. Mrs Daniels continues to teach computing to Toucans and 1B, while Mrs Elfred teaches all the other classes. Please feel free to contact any member of the computing team if you have any concerns about digital literacy.