



Christ Church School Newsletter

Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance

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

Summer 1

Dear Parents and Carers

Our school values are at the heart of our school life and we all work to try to demonstrate the values every day. Children in Class 3F have been reflecting on what these values mean to them.

The school values to me, are some helpful things that help you get past tough times.

Daniel C

I think the school values are special actions, thoughts and words which help you on your journey through life. For example love helps you make friends and they will comfort you.

Sara

The school values mean a lot to me because they all help you in life, like if someone's being mean to you, you can show them love so they can learn and show others love too.

Iman

Love

Love means helping people and being kind to people.

Oliwer S

I have used love recently because when people are hurt, I rush over to help.

Myriam

I have used love by showing I love my mum and helping her tidy up.

Ella

Courage

Courage means to me never give up.

Kahvallie

Courage is my favourite value because when you're scared of something, courage helps you fight your fear

Daniel C

My favourite school value is courage because it helps me to stand up for myself.

Lydia

Honesty

My favourite value is honesty because you have to tell the truth to others and not lie to people

Tanatswa

I have used honesty recently. If I make a mistake, I will tell the truth.

A'miyah-Jaydah

Faith

Faith is my favourite value because sometimes I need faith because I'm scared but when I have faith I'm not scared.

Nevaeh

Faith is my favourite value because if you're struggling with something you could have faith in yourself.

Vedhik

Forgiveness

Forgiveness is if you've hurt your friend then you say sorry, then they will forgive you
Floriniq

Living as the people we want to be and acting with integrity in all situations is a challenge. Children are taught that Christians ask God to help us live up to the example of Jesus. However, we all make mistakes and it is important that we forgive one another.

Forgiveness is a key theme from the Christian faith. It is freely given by God to all who believe in Jesus and who are truly sorry for the wrong they have done. In Christ Church School we often talk to the children about 'fresh starts' because we believe that children's futures should not be marked by their past mistakes.

Young Quills Book Reviews

The Historical Association's Young Quills Book Reviews were published on the 10th May 2019 <https://www.history.org.uk/primary/categories/924/module/8700/young-quills-reviews-2019> including reviews by 8 Christ Church children: Imogen in 4P, Kinana and Anna in 4C, Eddie, Caleb W and Haydn in 5B and Amari D, Ulfat and PJ in 6B.

The Young Quills is unique in that it is the readers – children – who decide the shortlist. They are all Historical Fiction titles that have been published in the last year and the school receives free copies of each book. Our children's reviews ranged from books on the Stone Age, Anglo-Saxons and Medieval pilgrims through Victorians to Suffragettes and World Wars 1 and 2. Besides the UK they were set in Poland, France and Rome... and our reviewers' opinions varied widely too. Those, plus other many other newly published Historical Fiction books can be borrowed from Mrs Edser in the Resources Room on a Tuesday lunch time.

Thank you to Mrs Edser who secured the opportunity for our children to participate in this challenge.

Basketball competition

Our Year 5 team of Luke, Nehemiah, Caleb W, Claire and Ruby came 4th overall. Ruby Edwards was the top scorer. They reached the semi-finals. Each child worked really hard to give their best efforts for as long as possible in some very difficult hard fought games. They supported each other throughout the competition.

Our Year 6 team of Saniya, Amy C, Benediktas and Dan M came 3rd overall with Benediktas Venckus as the top goal scorer. They were one basket short of qualifying for the final. Mr Richards said that the way they played throughout was fantastic to watch. After being unlucky in their first match they quickly improved their team work against some quick, skilful and tall opposition. They supported each other brilliantly and showed great belief and determination in the teamwork systems they came up with.

Croydon Netball High 5 Champions!

Year 5 are Croydon High 5 Netball Champions! This is such a fantastic achievement for our school as we were up against some excellent teams. We recently played in the final tournament of three. We started the tournament in third place and were excited to see how the afternoon would go. We played matches against four other schools of which we won three and drew one.



Our final match was against Gresham, who were in first place before the match. It was a very close match with lots of fantastic netball. The final score was 1-0 to Christ Church, which meant we won the entire tournament! A huge congratulations to our team of Alex L, Alex S, Claire, Haydn, Maya-Marie, Ruby, Sam, Viktor and Zoë. We have been so impressed with their dedication to netball club, their huge improvement and hard work this year. We are very proud coaches.

Miss Preston, Mrs Walker and Miss Doyle

Thy Kingdom Come

Rev Doug McHardie, the new vicar of Christ Church, will be leading a 15 minute prayer session in the drama studio – the back half of the hall, on Wednesday June 5th at 3.30pm as part of the 'Thy kingdom come' initiative. Any parents, carers and children are welcome to pop in, entering the hall through the infant playground, to join us for this short time of prayer for our community.

Governors Day

Many of our school governors will be spending the day in school on Wednesday June 5th to help them better understand what school is like for children and staff. They will be helping out in classes, out in the playground and even having lunch with the children.

Road Safety

Parents with some of our small children have been seen dodging between traffic as they cross the main Brighton Road from the park. Whilst you may be confident that you are quite safe as you cross roads, please teach your children to find a safe place to cross. Please start teaching them how to cross the road safely by talking about and modelling this to them. One of the learning dispositions children have from an early age is imitation. They copy what they see other people do, particularly the examples set by their parents who they rely on to keep them safe. Please remember that your children will take more notice of what you do than what you say.

Travel to school

We have recently completed our annual hands up survey where we ask staff and children how they travel to school and how they would prefer to travel to school. We have seen a reduction in the number of children who travel to and from school by car, which is a very positive change. We have also seen an increase in the number of children using active travel (walking, cycling, and scootering) to get to and from school, again another very positive change. Results from the survey show that over 80% of children at Christ Church would prefer to use active travel to get to and from school. With summer approaching and the weather getting better, I would like to encourage you to use our onsite bike and scooter storage. If this is not possible for your family, please do consider 'park and stride' where you park your car further away from school and have a short walk. Along with the health benefits, this would help reduce congestion and pollution on Montpelier Road, which is something that we are working hard to address. Thank you for your continued support.

Miss Preston

FREE cycle training sessions

Croydon council are running FREE cycle training sessions for children of all abilities during the upcoming May half term. Click on the link to reserve a place <http://bit.ly/croydonholiday>

Parking

At 3pm on 25/4/19 a silver Ford: GF63 JEW was parked on the pavement outside school entrance and a silver Kia: LD17 FTK, was parked on the pavement on yellow lines. Please do not park outside the school on the yellow lines or on the pavement. This puts children at risk. Thank you for your consideration.

STEM Returners programme for returning Electrical Engineers with BT in Croydon

After a really successful first programme with BT (where 100% of local returners were offered a permanent position) STEM returners are delighted to be running another returners programme in partnership with BT in Croydon which will be starting in June 2019. Have you taken a career break from an engineering or a technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! After the unprecedented success of the first programme where 100% of returners were offered permanent roles, we are currently sourcing candidates for the 2nd BT 'STEM Returners' programme, a 13 week, fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in June 2019 in Croydon. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme. No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or email hello@stemreturners.com.

More information on the programme is also available here:

<https://www.stemreturners.com/2019/03/22/bt-engineering-services-running-second-electrical-engineering-returners-programme-overwhelming-success-first/>



Home School Communication

The volume of parent/carer emails to the school office has increased significantly in the last year, so we are planning to review our work flow and systems to see if we can manage this more effectively with our limited resources. In the meantime, I thought it would be helpful to give some information about how parent communications are currently managed and to give you some insight in to the day to day running of the school so you have a clear idea of what can be expected.

Messages for teachers are emailed to them or put in their trays. Teachers generally do not have access to their email during teaching time. Their lunch hours tend to be very busy with marking and preparing for the afternoon so they may or may not look at email at lunch time. Office staff are not expected to spend time walking round the building looking for people and should not be interrupting teaching. Therefore, any communication for teachers needs to be sent in at least 24 hours in advance of them needing to know something if at all possible.

The school 'office1' email account is currently dedicated to one person and if they are unwell or busy with meetings your email will not necessarily be read on the day you send it. It is also not possible to reply to all the emails received by this account. Where emails are notifications of absence, no reply is normally sent. However, we have now introduced an automated response to give you reassurance that your email has been received by the school and will be dealt with.

During the day, caring for the children is our priority. There may be as many as 50 children visiting the office for medication or first aid in a typical day. This inevitably has an impact on the capacity to manage administration but the staff will do their best to reply to issues and concerns as soon as possible.

If your message is urgent, please phone the school office on 020 8660 7500 and they will do their best to help within the timeframe that you have allowed set against the other competing demands on their time.

If you are calling the school after the school lunch break, which finishes at 1.10pm, with a change of plan as to who is picking up your child, it is most likely that this will not get through to the teacher and so your child will be taken to the office at the end of the day so that staff can confirm collection arrangements have been approved by the parent or carer.

Unfortunately, we do not have the funding to offer a higher level of support than this.

Collecting children at the end of the day

Please be aware that the school has to have notification from the parent or carer of the child being collected if arrangements for collection have changed from the usual routine. It is part of our safeguarding procedures that if another parent or carer offers to take a child home 'to help' or as a 'last minute arrangement' this must be declined and the child brought to the office so that the school can find out whether this arrangement is acceptable to the parent. The person who has been designated to collect the child may have to wait until the rest of the class have been dismissed before going to the office. Any child who has not been collected by 3.25pm is taken to the school office.

Marsden March

Thank you to friends and families of Christ Church School who sponsored the staff team doing the Marsden March. The team successfully completed the 15 mile walk, last Saturday May 19th. Thank you for your support in raising funds for this local specialist cancer treatment centre.



Staff news

Mr Lane has been appointed as our new Assistant Head Teacher. He will join the staff team in September.

Two members of staff will be leaving at the end of the summer term. Mrs Blackmon has secured a post as KS 2 Phase Leader in another local school. Mrs Johnson has also secured a class teacher post in another school.

Miss Coleman and Mr Burke now have permanent posts as class teachers at Christ Church. They had both been covering maternity leave positions which cease on the return of the post holders.

Mrs Sutton, Mrs Imana and Miss Woodridge will be returning from maternity leave at the end of the summer term.

Diary Dates

Fri	May	24	School closes at normal time for half term
Tue	Jun	4	School opens for summer 2 term
Wed	Jun	5	Governors day
Fri	Jun	7	1JB Class assembly 9.05am
Mon	Jun	10	FCCS meeting 7.30pm
Fri	Jun	14	2J Class assembly 9.05am
Thu	Jun	20	New Reception parents evening
Fri	Jun	21	3O Class assembly 9.05am
Wed	Jun	26	Pupil led learning conferences
Thu	Jun	27	Pupil led learning conferences
Fri	Jun	28	4P Class assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jun	28	Mufti day
Sat	Jun	29	FCCS Summer fair 12-3pm
Fri	Jul	5	RL (Seahorse) assembly 9.05am
Wed	Jul	10	Year 6 production
Thur	Jul	11	Year 6 leavers service at Southwark Cathedral
Thur	Jul	11	Year 6 production
Fri	Jul	12	2NH Class assembly 9.05am
Wed – Thur	Jul	17-18	Year 6 residential
Thur	Jul	18	1HB Class assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jul	19	Sports day
Tue	Jul	23	School closes at 1.30pm for summer holidays

Term Dates: 2018/19

Summer Term 2019

Open Wednesday 24th April

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 4th June

Close Friday 24th May at normal time

Close Tuesday 23rd July at 1.30pm

Staff Training (subject to change): 3rd June 2019