



Christ Church School Newsletter

Nurturing lifelong learners with God's guidance

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

Summer 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of the year, some children and staff from our community embark on new adventures elsewhere. Our prayer is that all would continue to journey with God. I hope they will take with them one of our key bible verses from Joshua 1 v 9:

'Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

Our prayer for the children is that they will grow to be people of integrity who have strong caring core values. We also pray that they will have the courage to stand by these values so that they make good choices and build and strengthen community wherever they go.

Leavers Service

Next Tuesday, 23rd July, there is a service for our school leavers. The children will be reflecting on their journey through Christ Church School and sharing some of their thoughts and key memories about their time in school. We will be praying for them as we send them off to secondary school. The whole school will be going across to the service which starts at 9.30. Please come if you can. All are welcome.

Madagascar

This year's musical production of 'Madagascar' was amazing and was enjoyed by many. One of our visitors wrote, *'I was bowled over by the enthusiasm and skill of the children and by the teachers sitting cross-legged on the floor in front of the stage, enabling and encouraging the children to produce such a wonderful play. Also apparent was the delight in learning and achievement in the teachers and children, reflected in the slogans around the hall.'*

The slogans are our mission 'Nurturing lifelong learners with God's Guidance', our vision 'Together, inspiring excellence' and our values: love, courage, honesty, faith and forgiveness.

There were also many hidden stories of our values in action in the way children supported and cared for one another. They wanted the best for each other; reflecting the wonderful character of the children involved. Thank you.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank staff, parents and friends of Christ Church for their work with scenery, lighting and sound, costumes, props, hair and makeup and back stage support. Your contribution has helped to make a great opportunity and experience for the children and some wonderful life long memories. *#Together inspiring excellence*

Special Educational Needs Coordinator

Mrs Porter will be known to many of you. She is a very experienced Christ Church teacher who has taught classes at the school from Year 1 up to Year 6. She will be taking on the SENCO work at the school for the coming year. She has significant experience of working with children with a range of different learning needs.

Exciting curriculum and excellent behaviour

On Friday 21st June, 4C went on their trip to HMS Belfast. We were very pleased that the class were commended for their behaviour by members of the public on two separate occasions during the day. Miss Coleman has written the following:

We were very lucky with the weather as it was a gorgeous day. On the train up to London Bridge, sitting among the children was Miss Coleman's old English Teacher. She was incredibly impressed by 4C's behaviour; how nicely they were sitting and chatting quietly among themselves. Once on the HMS Belfast, the children navigated narrow walkways and steep ladders. There was a war veteran on board called Bernie, he was wearing his brother's medals from WW2 and his own medal from his service on HMS Belfast in Egypt during the Suez Canal crisis. Bernie taught the children about Morse code. The children used the Morse code machine to tap out the letters of their name and Bernie gave them certificates with their names on. At the end, he caught one of the adults on the trip to say that we were one of the best schools he has taught! 4C were amazing ambassadors for Christ Church School. Thank you so much to all of 4C and everyone that came on the trip.

Year 6 trip to Downe activity centre

Our Year 6 children have a two day visit to Downe Scout activity centre. This is in a beautiful rural location not too far from Purley. The children will be enjoying activities and a night under canvas!

A special thank you to the small group of Year 6 parents who have been working hard to raise funds to cover any shortfall in income associated with this visit. As school budgets have tightened, it has been harder to manage the exciting extras with our resources. Having this support has been wonderful and has made the current visit possible. With a supportive community such as this, we can continue to offer our children exciting and memorable learning opportunities.

Sporting successes

Lexie Clarke has a number of successes in both gymnastics and diving. She has a busy schedule that requires 25 hours of training a week on top of her school work.

In April this year she was the Gold medallist at the London Regional Gymnastics Championships. She qualified for the finals being selected for Team London. In the May competition, she was overall Silver medallist at the National finals. She was placed 1st on beam, 2nd on floor, 3rd on bars, 4th on vault (out of 54 competitors from GB).

Lexie also has successes in diving. In March 2019 she was the Gold Medallist in the East region Skills Qualifiers (youngest diver) scoring 30 points over her personal best! This month she was awarded the silver medal at the National Skills Finals in Plymouth.

Caleb Thompson, after successes in the local swimming gala, was selected to represent Croydon at the London Youth Games. His individual event was 50m backstroke where he came second by 0.2 of a second. He also competed in two different relay races and the Croydon team won both of these. Overall Croydon came 2nd out of 30 London boroughs.

Congratulations to both Caleb and Lexie. We are delighted that Christ Church pupils are being so successful in their chosen sports.

Theatrical success

Caleb Williams was selected, following audition, to be part of a theatre company performing 'The Bodyguard'. Caleb is one of the performers playing the role of Fletcher in this musical. He is performing at venues across the UK. Congratulations Caleb.

Late collection

Owing to the fact that we have a number of parents who are late to collect children, we now have to pay a member of staff to take care of those children who are collected late. As a result there is a charge of £5 for the care of children uncollected after 3.20pm. This will increase by £5 for every additional half hour. If you do not have money with you we ask that you pay this the following day or we will arrange to deduct the money from your parent pay account. This practice has been applied since Monday 24th June.

School lunch – price increase

Please note that the cost of school lunch, currently £2.30 per meal, will be increasing to £2.40 in September 2019.

Behaviour concerns

If your child reports concerns about the behaviour of another child towards them, please let us know. If this seems to be more persistent, it is really important that you keep us informed. Do not be worried about seeking our support, even for things that seem small as they may be quite a problem to your child. We can help if you keep us informed about your concerns.

Is it bullying or just a fall out? There are three agreed defining features of bullying:

- the victim is targeted by an individual or group on a regular basis
- there is intention to harm or humiliate
- there is a power imbalance, the victim is fearful of those targeting him or her



When all of the above are happening, it is highly likely that this is a bullying situation.

If the situation is a fallout between friends, but you remain concerned, please discuss with your child's teacher and ask them to monitor things.

East Surrey Museum Summer Holiday activities

1, Stafford Rd, Caterham, CR3 6JG

Wednesday/Thursday 24th/25th July	Make a human skeleton.
Wednesday/Thursday 31st/1st August	Make a plaster of Paris fossil.
Wednesday/Thursday 7th/8th August	Make a clay name necklace.
Wednesday/Thursday 14th/15th August	Make an Aboriginal dot painting.
Wednesday/Thursday 21st/22nd August	Make a spiral snake.
Wednesday/Thursday 28th/29th August	Make a clay coiled pot.

10.30am to 12.00 and 2pm to 3.30pm on each of these days. All materials supplied. Donations (please) to cover the Museum's costs.

Please also see website: www.eastsurreymuseum.org.uk for these details.

Idle free zone

As you may have noticed, we have got some help protecting our children from car pollution. There are now signs on Montpelier road declaring that this is an 'Idle free' zone. We have had some positive feedback that this is making a real difference. Thank you for your support in creating a safer environment for all of us and especially for the children whose growing lungs are so much more susceptible to pollution.

Please could the driver of **M77 RYY**, a black 4x4 Audi, also help us with this task of creating a safer environment. This car was outside school with engine running on the 8th/9th and 10th July. Thank you.

Diary Dates

Thu	Jul	18	1HB Class assembly 9.05am
Fri	Jul	19	Sports day
Mon	Jul	22	Class 4C visit to Cabinet War Rooms
Tue	Jul	22	Leavers' service 9.30am
Tue	Jul	23	School closes at 1.30pm for summer holidays
Wed	Sep	04	School opens for Autumn term
Mon-Fri	Sep	23-27	Year 5 residential trip to Isle of Wight

Term Dates: 2019/20

Autumn Term 2019

Open Wednesday 4th September

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 29th October

Close Friday 18th October at normal time

Close Friday 20th December at 1.30pm

Spring Term 2020

Open Tuesday 7th January

HALF TERM

Open Monday 24th February

Close Friday 14th February at normal time

Close Friday 3rd April at 1.30pm

Summer Term 2020

Open Tuesday 21st April

HALF TERM

Open Tuesday 2nd June

Close Friday 22nd May at normal time

Close Tuesday 21st July at 1.30pm

Please note:

Bank Holidays:

Friday 8th May 2020

Staff Training (subject to change):

3rd September 2019

28th October 2019

6th January 2020

20th April 2020

1st June 2020