



Christ Church CofE Primary School Newsletter

18th March 2022

What do you get if you cross red nose day with a science mix up afternoon??



What a fantastic week we have had at Christ Church. As you are aware this week was science week and we celebrated it on Tuesday with a mix up afternoon. This involved the whole school being mixed up so

that children from reception- year 6 were all in the same group. Each group of children then went to visit 2 different teachers to take in science activities. They learnt how to make fossils, how rain clouds are formed and even how to make playdough.

Have you guessed the answer to my first question yet?

Well one group made the gunge ready for Friday! At the time of writing this I have no idea which teacher will have been gunged but I do hope the children made a good mixture!

Check out facebook and the website for pictures later on.

Parent Pay



Lots of the children have been talking to us about saving the environment and recycling. In order to try and decrease the amount of wasted paper and to make things more convenient to you we are going to be starting to use Parent Pay after Easter.

Parent Pay was selected because it is the system that you already use for school meals and it is the most cost effective system for us to use.

We will use the system to book and pay for breakfast club, book and pay for after school clubs and even pay for and sign consent forms for school trips.

This system will not be introduced until after the Easter holidays and I will share all the information you need before we start using it. You should not need to create different login details if you already use it for school meals so it should be really easy to use.

Parents Evening

Parents evening this term will be week commencing the 4th April. You will have received a link via the text messaging service to book an appointment.

We have taken on board all of the comments and preferences that you shared in our survey about parents evening. You will be able to book either a face to face appointment in school, a telephone appointment or an appointment using Microsoft teams. When you choose your time if you put in the comments which method you would prefer and we will ensure that your chosen method is accommodated.

If, when you receive the appointment booking text, you are unable to attend any of them. Please contact school and we will ensure that we can give you a suitable appointment at another time.

Attendance



It is well known that a child who attends school regularly is more likely to perform better, is more likely to establish good friendships and is more likely to fulfil their true potential.

· All of our pupils' attendance is colour-coded based on the number of days that they attend which is then converted into a percentage (as above)

· We expect all of our children to be able to achieve Green or Gold attendance levels.

· We will let you know if we become concerned about your child's attendance. This will be done either by telephone, discussion with the teacher or a letter

How Can you help us?

· Please ensure that your child does not miss unnecessary time from school for low level illness

· If your child is absent please contact school by 9.15am to provide a reason for absence and an expected date of return.

· Please ensure your child arrives on time for school (8.55am)

· Try to arrange medical appointments for outside of school time.

· You may be asked to provide medical evidence if your child's attendance is regularly affected by illness or if they are absent for more than 3 days in a row.

- Arrange holidays during the allocated school holiday periods.
- Let us know if there is anything affecting your child's attendance. This includes issues that may not be related to illness. We can support you.
- Please encourage your child to form positive views about their education. They learn from you! A child who feels positive about school is more likely to want to attend every day.

What can you expect from us?

- We will talk to you if we are concerned about your child's attendance and/or punctuality.
- For safeguarding reasons if we do not hear from you regarding an absence we will attempt to contact you to establish where your child is.
- We can offer 1-1 or group support for your child if there are specific issues affecting attendance e.g. friendship/confidence/social difficulties.
- We can offer family / parenting support if there are any difficulties at home affecting attendance.
- We have a duty to report repeated poor attendance to the Local Authority who may decide to take legal action against any parent whose child is of statutory school age and who fails to achieve expected attendance levels without sufficient supporting evidence.

What happens if my child has poor attendance?

- Your child misses valuable learning opportunities.
- Your child misses out on fun activities and social aspects of school life.
- Your child is less likely to reach their developmental milestones.
- Your child's teacher will not be able to make an accurate assessment of their learning needs. This could mean that vital opportunities for providing your child with additional support (if needed) are missed.
- Your child may find it more difficult to maintain friendships and so could feel socially isolated. This impacts on their future.
- You may be fined by the Local Authority or referred to the Magistrates Court for prosecution.
- Most children who truant from school as teenagers or who become "school refusers" have had a history of poor attendance during their early education.

Sports Camp

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Friends of Christ Church



The Friends of Christ Church have been doing a brilliant job fundraising and supporting across school. The next meeting will be on the 24th March at 2pm in school. If you would like to attend please let the school office know so we have an idea of numbers.

Dates for the diary-

Parents Evening- 6th April 2022 choice of telephone, face to face or virtual appointments

Thursday 7th April- Decorate an egg competition with Easter egg prizes

Thursday 7th April- Year 4 Badminton Competition

Breakup for Easter Holidays - Friday 8th April

School opens for the Summer Term- Tuesday 26th April

School will be closed on Friday 20th May for the Queens Jubilee

Thank you

Mrs. Bradford