

9th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week proved to be memorable in lots of ways; a group of Year 5 pupils came 2nd in the **Shepway Maths Challenge** on Tuesday, we celebrated World Book day in spectacular fashion on Thursday (note our website for further information), and on Friday we welcomed **Bishop Rose** ending the day with an exciting football match (especially in the second half) against the Folkestone Academy. A brilliant start to the month of March!

Today **Year 6** travel to **Dungeness** to discover more about the power plant and the importance of the power generated for our locality. Tomorrow a group of Year 5 and 6 pupils attend an **Active Health Conference** at 3 Hills, on Wednesday **Year 3** participate in A **Shepway Singing day** at the Harvey Grammar School and finally on Friday our **football team** continue their quest for the Herald Cup, home to St Mary's beginning at 3.30 pm. As you can detect, a wide range of opportunities on offer for pupils to enhance their learning and demonstrate their many talents.

I am delighted to announce that **Mr Robin Flack**, currently one of our Deputy Head Teachers, will assume the **headship** of our academy in September 2020. I am confident that Mr Flack will build upon the successes we have had at Christ Church over the years and make our school even better for our children in the years ahead.

Our other Deputy Head Teacher, **Mrs Emma Cook**, has accepted a leadership position at the American School in Singapore at the end of this school year. Over the past four years Mrs Cook has made a fantastic contribution to our school community. We wish her well; she will be sadly missed.

Mr Goldsmith has also decided to retire at the end of the school year. As you know, during the past nine years Mr Goldsmith has been the bedrock of Christ Church, a calm and steady influence from which we have all benefited from. We wish him all the best in the future.

Although we are losing some key staff, please note that we are fortunate to have a very talented and committed staff who will work diligently with Mr Flack, the school leadership team and school governors to ensure that Christ Church goes from strength to strength in the years ahead.

As you know the **Coronavirus** (COVID-19) continues to receive constant attention in the media and is undoubtedly having a negative impact world-wide. As I stated in a previous newsletter, the governors have put in place measures to ensure that our community is safe. I receive daily advice from the government, the latest of which is highlighted below:

The importance of hygiene

Personal hygiene is the most important way we can tackle COVID-19, especially washing hands more; and the catch it, bin it, kill it strategy for those with coughs and sneezes.

Wash your hands more often for 20 seconds with soap and hot water.

In addition to handwashing before eating and after sneezing, both children and staff should also wash hands after using toilets and after travelling on public transport. The latest guidance on COVID -19 can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please be assured that the concerns you may have about COVID-19 are being addressed here on a daily basis.

Yours sincerely,

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