

The Christ Church NEWS DESK

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Dear Parents/Carers,

THANK YOU to all of you for your fantastic and supportive comments – they have meant so much to the staff and I.

We have had a really successful first week with remote learning – a few teething issues here and there but, as always, we will get there and things will keep on improving. The staff have been very impressed with the children's engagement and I know the Zoom calls have been especially effective. Thank you parents for your support with this.

Every week, on Mondays and Fridays, from next week, we will be opening the Community Building as a 'Collection Point' to change Reading Books or collect resources etc. Please see the next page for details and times. It was really lovely to see lots of you this week when you were picking up your packs.

A reminder that Class Teachers are your first port of call on Dojo for anything related to their learning.

We have recently discovered your child may be able to access Class Dojo if you have a PlayStation or an X-box! It may be worth looking into this as an option and there are instructions online and on YouTube how to do this.

Free School Meals

We are still waiting for confirmation as to what is happening. In the meantime, we can put a food hamper together for you – this is not an issue. Please contact Mrs Richter if you would like one.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr Flack

**'Let us always meet each other
with a smile.'**

Mother Theresa

**Friday 12th February
End of Term 3**

**Monday 22nd February
Start of Term 4**

**Thursday 1st April
End of Term 4**

**Monday 19th April
Start of Term 5**

**Friday 28th May
End of Term 5**

**Monday 7th June
Start of Term 6**

**Wednesday 14th July
Last Day of the School Year**

A Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for Your love each day,
We feel it in our work and play.

Lead us with Your guide and light,
To help each other do what's right.

Amen

Collection Point & Days

We are opening the Community Building on Mondays and Fridays only for parents to come in and change reading books/collect resources you may need. Please come through the main Infant Gate and stand next to a cone along the wall. You will then need to exit through the Junior Gate.

Monday:

Year R: 12:00-12:40

Year 1: 12:45-1:25

Year 2: 1:30-1:55

Year 3: 2:00-2:35

Year 4/Starfish: 2:30-2:50

Year 5 & 6: 3:00-3:20

Friday:

Year R: 9:15-9:55

Year 1: 10:00-10:40

Year 2: 10:45-11:15

Year 3: 11:15-11:40

Y4/Starfish: 11:45-12:15

Year 5 & 6: 12:15-12:45

If you have siblings, just arrive at one time of your choice. Thank you.

Mental Health & Well-Being Support

Our Pupil Mentor, JC, will be arranging virtual sessions for children he is working with this term – details to follow.

There are some resources available on our website by clicking [here](#)

Please do talk to us and contact us at any time if you or your family are struggling with your mental health. We will always try and support the best we can.

Free School Meals

Although children in Year R, 1 and 2 receive Universal Free School Meals, the school receives additional funding to spend on the children if you sign up for Free School Meals and are eligible.

Your child may be able to get Free School Meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support Under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16, 190.

You can apply here:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/kent>

Please do speak to the Office if you would like support with this or more information

The School Office

I would ask parents to not come to the School Office unless already agreed by a member of the Leadership Team or the Office Staff.

Mrs Diwell and Mrs Tickner, as ever, are doing an outstanding job to keep all the 'behind the scenes stuff' going and we have to minimise who comes in to the office during the day to keep everyone protected. Thank you for your understanding.



Starting at Primary school...

Do you have a child born between 1 Sept 2016 and 31 Aug 2017?

Apply for a place online at:

www.kent.gov.uk/ola

before **15 January 2021**

Step 1: Research schools and understand their admissions criteria.

Step 2: Complete the online application form naming up to 3 preferences.

Step 3: Complete any required Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and/or medical evidence and return to the school.

Step 4: We offer you a place on National Offer Day.

Step 5: You accept or refuse the place and provide your proof of address from the application period to the school.

Step 6: If you don't get a place at your preferred school you can join the waiting list and appeal.

..... Important dates to remember

November

5 November 2020

- Applications open. Apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola

January

15 January 2021

- Closing date for all applications

April

16 April 2021

- National Offer Day - offers sent by email after 4pm

May

5 May 2021

- Date by which places must be accepted or refused
- Date by which parents should submit a waiting list form for schools they named but were not offered

June

9 June 2021

- Reallocation of any vacant spaces

Need help?

Email the team at primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at: www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions

COVID SYMPTOMS AT HOME FLOW CHART

