

The Christ Church NEWS DESK

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we got to enjoy the Poetry Jam to celebration National Poetry Day – it was a fantastic afternoon enjoyed by all. A huge well done to the children for taking part! There were some great performances.

Thank you to the parents who came to the PTFA information meeting – if you are interested, but couldn't make it, please let us know! We would be delighted to have you on board.

I am unfortunately noticing an increase in lateness to school in the morning; the gates open at 8:30 – please aim for this time! They close just before 8:50 so you have a good 15-minute time slot where you can arrive. When your child is late, it can unsettle them for the morning especially when their friends are already learning. It also causes a lot of pressure on the office when we are trying to process dinners and the registers in case of an emergency. It also affects your child's overall attendance picture. Please talk to us if you need support or ways to help improve your punctuality. We know there are always going to be occasions where you are late but not every day.

Don't forget Year 6 Parents that Miss Wyatt and I will be holding an information Zoom Meeting at 5:30pm on Thursday to discuss the Activities Day for the children – if you would like to attend that is!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Flack

'Rise above the little things.'

John Burroughs

Dates for your Diary

Friday 22nd October
Last Day of Term 1

Monday 1st November
First Day of Term 2

Monday 8th November
Parents' Evening @ 3:30pm

Tuesday 9th November
Parents' Evening @ 5pm

Friday 19th November
Individual & Sibling Photos

Tuesday 14th December
KS2 (Yr 3-6) & Starfish Christmas Dinner
Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas Party

Wednesday 15th December
Pantomime @ Leas Cliff Hall

Thursday 16th December
Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas Dinner
KS2 Christmas Party

A Prayer

Dear Lord,

We pray for those in need.

We pray for those less fortunate than us.

We pray that you will bring joy and love to each and every life.

Amen

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

Year 6 Secondary School Places for 2022

Applications are now open to apply for a secondary school place for your child.

You have until Monday 1st November to do this. You can apply online:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-1>

If your child does not pass the Kent Test, and you have chosen a Grammar School as their first choice, this choice will automatically be discounted and your first non-selective school will be treated as their first choice. You can of course wait for Kent Test results first though.

Please speak to Mr Flack or Miss Wyatt if you need any support or assistance.

Thinking Question of the Week

Who looks out for you?

Term Dates 2021-2022

We will be following KCC Term Dates for 2021-22 which can be viewed [here](#)

Non-Pupil Days will be:

Wednesday 1st September 2021

Friday 11th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Tuesday 7th June 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022