

# The Christ Church NEWS DESK

## Issue 1.7 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow – what a great week we have had!

Firstly, I would like to congratulate Rachel Jenkins (Stella's Mum) on being elected as our new Parent Governor with immediate effect – she will be an asset to our Governing Body. Thank you to our fabulous other candidates who stood for election – it was a very close call and I would love to see more people stand again in the future.

We have been informed this week that the Holiday Club, which will take place here, is now fully booked (it's been great to see you all take advantage of the rather well-negotiated discount – thank you Mrs Richter!)

Just a reminder to parents: please do keep an eye on what your children are watching at home on YouTube and Netflix etc; we have had to have conversations with a few children this week in regards to some of the content they are accessing. Netflix particularly I know can be a little misleading with its age!

As part of our commitment to celebrating diversity at Christ Church, we are looking forward to exploring Black History Month further next week – keep an eye on Dojo to see what your child is up to!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Flack

P.S. It is not an early finish on the last day of term – the early finishes are always Christmas, Easter and Summer.

**'Do not judge me by my successes; judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.'**

***Nelson Mandela***

## Dates for your Diary

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
Last Day of Term 1

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
First Day of Term 2

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> November**  
Parents' Evening @ 3:30pm

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
Parents' Evening @ 5pm

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
Individual & Sibling Photos

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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
Pantomime @ Leas Cliff Hall

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year R, 1 & 2 Christmas Dinner  
KS2 Christmas Party

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December**  
Last Day of Term 2 - 1:30pm Finish

### 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

### 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

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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?