

The Christ Church

NEWS DESK

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow – we have made it through our first half-term!

Firstly, a message from Rachel Jenkins – our new Parent Governor:

I would like to extend a big thank you for all those who have participated and voted. I look forward to rebuilding ties between the school and our wider community, further strengthening the efforts made by Mr Flack and his hard-working team at Christ Church Academy. We have available through our wider community a wealth of experience and skills, but more importantly a will to connect. I look forward to our alliance in creating an inclusive and supportive environment for our children, bringing families & the school body together as we navigate our way through what has been a tumultuous year (and a bit) for all.

This week, we have been celebrating Black History Month: it has been fantastic to see the children so inspired by a range of significant individuals in history from Mary Seacole to Martin Luther King! We celebrate all lives at Christ Church and we are so proud of our diversity and inclusivity as a school.

Some of you will have received letters in regards to tutoring which will begin next term; please do allow your child to attend if they have been invited.

On that note, I would like to wish you all a very happy half-term break. We will see you on Monday 1st November.

Have a lovely half-term.

Mr Flack

‘Be kind always: everyone is fighting their own battle.’

Ian Maclaren

Dates for your Diary

Monday 1st November
First Day of Term 2

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

Tuesday 9th November
Parents’ Evening @ 5pm

Thursday 18th November
Children In Need – 50p Donation

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

Friday 17th December
Last Day of Term 2 - 1:30pm Finish

A Prayer

Creator God,

May every breath we take be for your glory.
May every footstep show you as our way
That trusting in your presence in this world,
We may, beyond this life,
Still be with You
Where You are alive
And reign forever and ever.

Amen

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?

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 1st September 2021

Friday 11th February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Tuesday 7th June 2022

Thursday 21st July 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022