# The Christ Church NEWS DESK



# Issue 1.2 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been yet another busy week at Christ Church. Our new Year R children have had a fantastic start to the term and have settled brilliantly so quickly! Well done to all of you.

Year 6 visited the Imperial War Museum in London and a great time was had by all. This was part of their curriculum learning about World War 1.

Clubs have started this week – thank you to the staff who are giving up their time to run them giving our children opportunities beyond the curriculum. It is very much appreciated.

Thank you to parents for supporting with our new starting time – it has been great to see so many families on time as this really does help your child to settle and have a successful day at school.

Have a lovely weekend – see you on Tuesday.

Mr Flack

'When peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place.'

> HM Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

# **Dates for your Diary**

**Monday 19th September** 

Bank Holiday – School Closed for HM The Oueen's Funeral

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September
Whole School Worship @ Harbour Goods Yard
with Bishop Rose

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September Year 6 Residential Meeting @ 5pm @ School

> Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October End of Term 1

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October Start of Term 2

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November Parents' Evening (Y1-Y6) 3:30pm – 6pm

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November
Parents' Evening (Y1-Y6) 5pm-7pm

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November** Year 6 Cathedrals Day

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November
School Photos – Individuals & Siblings

# **A Prayer**

Gracious God,

We give thanks for the life of your servant Queen Elizabeth,

For her faith and her dedication to duty. Bless our nation as we mourn her death and may her example continue to inspire us; Through Jesus Chris our Lord.

Amen

# **Year 6 Secondary School Places for 2023**

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

You have until Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October to do this. You can apply online:

https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-andchildren/schools/school-places/secondaryschool-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**

What is grief?

# **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-schoolmeals/kent

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

## Term Dates 2022-2023

Our Term Dates can always be found on the Home Page of the Website for this academic year (please scroll to the bottom on the right).

The Term Dates for 2023-2024 will be confirmed soon.

# Admission to

# Secondary school in Kent 2023

# Apply online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022

For children born between

1 September 2011

and 31 August 2012,

Transferring to Secondary
school in September 2023

### What to do

### Choose a school

It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form.

Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at <u>www.kent.gov.uk/</u> <u>secondaryadmissions</u>.

You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.

# Apply for a school place

A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Thursday 1 September 2022 and closes at midnight on Monday 31 October 2022.

If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details.

You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it.

You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.

# Receiving your offer

On offer day (Wednesday 1 March 2023) an email will be sent after 4pm informing you of your offer.

You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Wednesday 15 March 2023.

If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you have queries relating to this, please email the team on one of the email addresses below.

### **Key dates** Thursday 1 September 2022 Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply. Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed Monday 31 October 2022 to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk Wednesday 1 March 2023 Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm. Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link Wednesday 15 March 2023 in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application. Tuesday 28 March 2023 Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals. You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

## Need help?

Email <u>kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk</u> or <u>kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk</u>
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at <u>kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions</u>

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email – please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.





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Folkestone Early Years CC, Dover Rd Folkestone CT20 1QF Tel 03000 419727 Families Only

Caterpillars CC, Chart Rd, Folkestone CT19 4PN Tel 03000 416444 Families Only

East Kent College EKC - Westcliff House, Westcliff Gardens, Folkestone CT20 1SZ. Tel: 01843 230876 - College Students Only

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