

The Christ Church NEWS DESK

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Even though we have had a four-day week, it has been incredibly busy at Christ Church. The children are in full swing, working hard and enjoying their lessons.

Year 6 Parents – information about Secondary School Admissions are on this newsletter. Please read carefully and check the deadline. You may of course be wanting to wait for Kent Test Results first before applying for secondary schools.

We know times are hard for many families. There are some obvious things we can do to support – for example, our food bank. Please speak to us discretely if you are finding things difficult. We are hosting a coffee morning too on Friday 14th October – why not come along? Sometimes, we just need a listening ear – it makes the world of difference.

We have seen a small increase in the number of children arriving late to school. **Please could I remind you all that the gates open from 8:25am and close at 8:40am. It's important your child is in school by 8:40am.** Being late can cause children to feel anxious and can unsettle their morning – always speak to myself or Miss Perkins if you are struggling or would like to talk through any solutions.

Finally, Term Dates for 2023-2024 (I know!) are on the home page of the school website.

Have a lovely weekend

Mr Flack

'You are a conductor of your own light'

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 28th September
Year 6 Residential Meeting @ 5pm @ School

Friday 14th October
8:30-10am – Family Coffee Morning

Friday 21st October
End of Term 1

Monday 31st October
Start of Term 2

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

Tuesday 8th November
Parents' Evening (Y1-Y6) 5pm-7pm

Thursday 10th November
Year 6 Cathedrals Day

Friday 17th November
Children In Need – TAG Day – 50p (instead of the Friday owing to photos on Friday)

Friday 18th November
School Photos – Individuals & Siblings

A Prayer

Merciful God,
Your son came to save us
And bore our sins on the cross:
May we trust in your mercy
And know your love,
Rejoicing in the righteousness
That is ours
Through Jesus Christ our Lord

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 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 are now on the Home Page of the School Website.

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 31st October 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

What is grief?

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 www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions.

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.
Monday 31 October 2022	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Wednesday 1 March 2023	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm .
Wednesday 15 March 2023	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link 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 kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk or kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

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.





www.familyfoodbank.org

Folkestone District

We Are Here To Help!

A sudden drop in finances can happen to any of us for a number of reasons. Please do not suffer in silence.

We have a number of local Family Food Bank Distribution Points which can help you. So please get in touch!

People Plus, 145-147 Sandgate Road, Folkestone, CT20 2DA

New Romney CC, Craythorne Lane New Romney TN28 8 BL Tel 03000
420000 Families Only

The Village CC, Denmark Street, Folkestone, CT19 6EQ Tel 03000
420893 Families Only

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

Folkestone & Hythe Social Services