Christ Church CofE Primary School







Blessing of the Backpacks

We had a lovely service with Alison this week. We were invited to take our backpacks to church so they could be blessed for the beginning of the year. We thought it each backpack would be blessed individually but they were blessed in a unique way with bubbles.









KEY DATES

Week Commencing 23rd September Meet the Teacher sessions- class teachers will send out information

Meet the teacher Year 1 - Thursday 26th September 2.30pm

Meet the teacher Year 2 - Wednesday 25th September 2:30pm

Thursday 3rd October- Harvest Festival Service. 9am in church. All parents Welcome

Wednesday 23rd October - Disco straight after school until 4.15

Friday 25th October - Break up for October half term

Tuesday 4th November- Children return to school

Week Commencing 11th November - Parents Evening

Week Commencing 9th December -Christmas
Productions

Week Commencing 16th December - Christmas Parties

19th December 9am Christmas Service in church - all parents welcome

Break up for Christmas holidays 20th December





For our new art topic this term we are looking at prehistoric art. This week we had to use scaling to sketch our animals using charcoal. Look at some of our amazing sketches.



Autumn Term 1 After school Sports Glubs

Monday-Netball-Yr 5 & 6 -Finish 4:15pm

Starts Mon 16/9
School Staff-Mrs Bell
School Netball team selected from club

Tuesday-Football-Yr 4, 5 & 6- Finish 4:15pm

Starts Tuesday 17/9

Access Coaching
School football team selected from club-All welcome

Thursday-Dodgeball-Yr 3 & 4-Finish 4:15pm

Starts Thursday 19/9 Staff-Mrs Smith

Sign up via Parent pay-Please ensure you indicate permissions for collecting your child.

Spaces limited





HEDGES FOR HOPE

27TH NOV

All classes from Nursery to Year 6 will be involved with every child planting a whip (baby hedge)

PNEUMATIC DRILL NEEDED
If anyone has any
contacts please let us
know, we need a small
amount of tarmac
broken if possible

HEDGES

The 420 whips are being provided free of charge from the Woodland Trust

VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to help planting our 420 whips please contact the school office, you will need to wear suitable clothing and come prepared to dig! This will be between 9-12

Hedges of hope will be supporting our planting with their expertise and trained volunteers, teaching children about the benefits of a living fence!

HEDGES FOR
HOPE

BENEFITS

This will increase biodiversity giving local wildlife a safe corridor to travel through as well as creating a screen between the main road and the school yard



Fixed Penalty Notices for irregular attendance at school

Important information for parents and carers

Penalty Notice Changes

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices issued by DfE the following will come into force for absences that start after 19th August 2024. This is nationwide and also across borders if you move school or house.

Leave of absence during term time is only allowed in exceptional circumstances communicated in advance with evidence provided as soon as possible to the Headteacher.

Changes are shown below

First Offence
The first time a penalty
notice is issued for
unauthorised term time leave
or irregular attendance the
amount will be £80 per parent
per child paid within 21 days.
Increased to £160 per parent
per child if paid within 28
days.

Second Offence

Within 3 years of the first offence the second time a penalty notice is issued for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance will be £160 per parent per child paid within 28 days. No reduction for early payment.

Please Note:

- Penalty notices will be considered for any 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in 10 school weeks.
- 5 Consecutive days of term time leave can trigger a Penalty Notice.
- Please ensure you communicate with your child's school.

Third Offence onwards Within a 3-year period: The third time an offence is committed for unauthorised term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued, and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court. Fines can be up to £2,500 per parent, per child. Cases found to be guilty can show as a criminal record and also on the parent's future DBS certificates due to failure to safeguard a child's education.