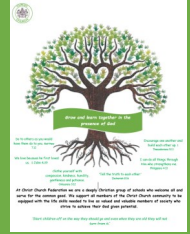




Christ Church C of E Junior School Newsletter 9

Friday 13th December 2024



This half term our Collective Worship theme is:

Love

Love your neighbour as yourself

Luke 10:27



School Dinners- Next week back will be week 3

School dinners are £2.65 per day which is payable on School Gateway. If your child would like a school dinner, they can order one daily. All they need to do is inform their class teacher during the dinner register.

All meals are freshly prepared on site and there is always the choice of jacket potatoes or sandwiches if your child does not like the main menu option that day.

Year 4 Residential to Kingswood

As you are aware, we have a residential trip to Kingswood for Year 4 in May. We now have only 37 children signed up to this. Thank you to those of you who have reserved a place this week. The deposit for the trip is not due until the end of January to allow families get Christmas out of the way.

However, we need to establish numbers as soon as possible in order for us to amend our booking. The product is open on Gateway but the payment is not yet due. If you would like your child to attend the trip, please complete the form below ASAP. Many thanks for your cooperation. <https://forms.office.com/e/OMsPzeHrCR>



Opportunities for the Choir

Carol Concert in Church

The Junior School Choir have been invited to perform again at the carol service to be held at Christ Church, church, on 15th December 2024 at 4PM. The service should last about 1 hour and the choir will perform a number of times. This will be a lovely occasion for all and you are very welcome to attend. Please give consent for your child to attend below. Children should wear full school uniform and arrive by 3.45PM. Your support of this event will be very much appreciated. <https://forms.office.com/e/v2JcDpT6Hc>



Carols at James Beattie House

During the last choir session of the term (Wednesday 18th December) Mr Gray will be taking the choir to James Beattie House to sing carols to the residents. Permission is not required for this as it is in the local area.

New Homework System

I am writing to inform you about an important update regarding the homework system we have been implementing in our school over recent academic years. As you may know, we have been utilising the EdShed platform to provide optional homework tasks. This system was introduced following consultations with families which highlighted the diverse needs and expectations regarding homework across our school community. We recognise that there is no one-size-fits-all approach that can cater to every family's circumstances. As only a very small minority of families are accessing the homework tasks on EdShed, we are rolling out a new approach from January.

Beginning January 2025, we will be recommending a **CGP Targeted Question Book** for each year group. The books can be purchased at many retailers but are available on Amazon:

Year 3- <https://amzn.eu/d/0ugQHwE>

Year 4- <https://amzn.eu/d/fzflL89>

Year 5- <https://amzn.eu/d/3veBUwE>

Year 6 already have their homework books which were purchased at the beginning of the year. These will continue to be used.

We encourage parents who wish to complete homework with their children to purchase these books as they will align with the curriculum and enhance your child's learning experience at home. For families whose children are entitled to free school meals, a copy of the recommended homework book can be requested the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/bEdjw1yCn0>

Teachers will assign a weekly task from the homework book that is designed to complement the learning undertaken in the classroom. The specific page number to be completed will be communicated via Class Dojo every Friday. The answers for all activities are in the book of the homework book. Children will hand their completed and marked homework book to their teacher on a weekly basis. The teachers will look at the tasks the children have completed to ensure any challenges or misconceptions are promptly identified and addressed.

Our goal in introducing this homework book is to make assignments more accessible for families who wish to reinforce their children's learning at home. It is important to note that while these activities are encouraged, they will remain optional, and it is not obligatory for you to purchase the book. The essential components of homework are as follows:

- Spellings weekly
- Engaging with Times tables Rock Stars at least once per week
- Read 5 times a week at home and record this in their reading records. It is expected that at least one signature from an adult who has listened to them read at home per week will be in their reading record- This will be checked during 1:1 reading.

Children have access to the padlet for extra reading homework. Children who cannot access the padlet at home have the opportunity to do so once a week at school during their padlet day in the library

Those students who demonstrate a commitment to their learning by completing assigned homework tasks may receive Dojo points as a reward.

We appreciate your continued support and partnership in your child's education and hope that this new system provides a homework option to suit all families. Should you have any queries or require further clarification regarding these updates, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Free Opportunity Over Christmas!

The Wolves foundation are hosting the following events over the festive period. The events are for the young people ages 8-18 and are 'Free, Fun, Festive Football Events!'

Note: Girls Kicksmas is a female event only.

To sign up, all you need to do is scan the barcode and fill out the required details.



FREE FUN FOOTBALL FESTIVAL
with loads of chances to win prizes.

Premier League **Kicks**

KICKSMAS!

Saturday 21st December 2024

8-11 years	12:30pm - 2:30pm
12-15 years	2:45pm - 4:45pm
16-18 years	5pm - 6pm

Foundation Arena,
Aldersley Leisure Centre,
WV6 9NW

SIGN UP USING THE QR CODE
Any questions email: Nikkilal@wolves.co.uk



FREE FUN FOOTBALL FESTIVAL
with loads of chances to win prizes.

Premier League **Kicks**

GIRLS KICKSMAS!

Tuesday 17th December 2024

8-12 years	6pm - 7:30pm
13-18 years	7:30pm - 9pm

Foundation Arena,
Aldersley Leisure Centre,
WV6 9NW

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Year 4 Symphony Hall Trip

Year 4 will be going on a school trip to see a schools' concert at Symphony Hall on **10th February 2025**. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to visit one of the country's premier concert spaces and see a full orchestra perform.

The performance begins at 1.30PM and should last one hour. Children will travel by coach, leaving school at 11.45am and should return to school by approximately 4.00pm

As we are leaving school early, a packed lunch will be required, so that your child can eat in school before going. If your child is entitled to free school meals, this can be ordered from our kitchen. In order for a packed lunch to be provided by school, orders must be placed via the Microsoft form by Thursday 6th February. <https://forms.office.com/e/bSpANhha72>

Children will need to wear full school uniform please.

The product is now open on School Gateway where payment can be made. The cost of the trip is £14.60 per pupil. As I am sure you appreciate, without sufficient parental contributions, this trip cannot go ahead and would need to be cancelled.

Permission can be given when paying for the trip via School Gateway. If your child is entitled to free school meals, permission should be granted via the Microsoft Form. <https://forms.office.com/e/bSpANhha72>

We very much appreciate your support as we provide the children with exciting learning opportunities.

Dates for your Diary (new information in bold)

In order to make it easy for parents to find the information needed. Diary dates will be on the newsletter every week. Any new additions/ amendments are in bold to make them easy to identify and add to your diary.

Sunday 15th December– CHOIR- Carol Concert in Church <https://forms.office.com/e/v2JcDpT6Hc>

Tuesday 17th December– Church service– Parents invited to attend– 9.30am in church.

Wednesday 18th December– Choir to sing at James Beattie House during choir club time.

Thursday 19th December– Golden Awards Assembly– Your child's teacher will contact you if your child will be receiving an award.

Thursday 19th December– Break up for Christmas

Friday 20th December– School closed INSET DAY

Monday 6th January– School reopens.

Monday 6th January– 4S first swimming session

Monday 13th January– Year 6 Social Media workshop with PC Brittle

Tuesday 14th January– Year 5 Social Media workshop with PC Brittle

Monday 10th February– Year 4 Symphony Hall Trip- <https://forms.office.com/e/bSpANhha72>

Tuesday 8th April– Year 4 Residential Parents' Meeting

Thursday 8th May– Friday 9th May– Year 4 Residential to Kingswood

Tuesday 17th June– Year 6 Residential Parents' Meeting

Wednesday 9th– Friday 11th July– Year 6 residential to Laches Wood.



Year 4 Residential– Kingswood

We are very pleased to inform you that we are able to offer a **one night** residential to **Kingswood Outdoor Education Centre** in Staffordshire, for our Year 4 children. The trip is open to the whole year group and will take place on **Thursday 8th to Friday 9th May 2025**.



During the 2 days we will take part in a wide range of activities, which are organised and supervised by qualified instructors. Kingswood will provide breakfast, a mixture of hot and cold lunches and dinner. However, the children will need a packed lunch for the day of arrival.

During the trip we will be encouraging independent skills and good team work by combining an action-packed programme of daytime activities with an array of evening entertainment. Your child can get outdoors and stay active whilst making memories with their friends!

The total cost of the trip will be **£148.50**. A deposit of **£50** will be required to secure your child's place and this is to be paid via School Gateway no later than 31st January. Any additional payments can be paid in full or two instalments of £49.25 with the first payment being made on 28th February and the final instalment on 28th March

I am sure that you will appreciate that if the vast majority of parents do not agree to make the full payment the visit will be unviable and will therefore be cancelled.

It is our hope that the visit will be affordable to the vast majority of families as we see this as a valuable learning opportunity.

If you wish for your child to attend the Year 4 residential, please complete form by Friday 29th November to secure your child's place. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the year 4 team if you have any questions regarding the trip and we will be happy to help.

<https://forms.office.com/e/OMsPzeHrCR>

A parent's information meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th April at 3:15pm to share more details about the trip.

In the meantime, I thought I would provide you with some FAQs in order to help families discuss the trip with the children and decide if you would like your child to attend.

Kingswood FAQs

What time will the children go to bed?

The children will have an evening campfire. After this activity (approx. 8.30pm) the children will go to the dormitories, have a wash and brush their teeth before having 30 minutes quiet down time before lights out.

Do teachers sleep in the rooms?

No. The teachers will be in rooms nearby. Teachers' rooms are clearly labelled with our names and the children know where to find us.

What happens if my child is upset at bedtime?

We will look after any children who are upset with care and nurture. If your child is too upset and does not settle, we will give you a call. Sometimes children just want some reassurance over the phone. On some occasions, children need to be collected. If they are collected, they can come back for breakfast the next day.

Do I get a reduced cost of my child does not stay the night?

Unfortunately, the cost will remain the same as no reduction in cost is offered from Kingswood.

My child is a fussy eater. I am worried they will be hungry. What can I do?

It is unusual that there is nothing at all they children won't eat from the options provided. However, to avoid a potential issue, in extreme circumstances, families have provided a bag of 'emergency food' we can keep to one side and use if required. We will never let a child go hungry.

Will my child choose who they are in a dormitory with?

The children will be consulted and will be placed with some friends of their choice. We do not tell the children who they will be with until we arrive as on occasions last minute changes have needed to be made.

How much time will the children spend in the dorms?

Very little. They are very busy throughout both days.

Can my child take their phone or tablet?

No. This is not possible due to safeguarding. School will post regular updates on Dojo.

My child needs medication– can this be given?

This is no problem at all. We will be sending out paperwork for you to complete and medication will be signed in on the day.

What activities will my child be taking part in?

The programme of activities is not yet finalised. However, last year the children have various team building activities such as shelter building and buggy building. The children also took part in a climbing activity on a climbing wall. The children are encouraged to take part in everything and push themselves but they are never forced to do something they are not comfortable doing.

My child has occasional bed wetting incidents. Are they still able to come?

Absolutely. If your child has any night time issues such as bed wetting or sleep walking, please give Mrs Nash a call. We will discuss how we can support your child and ensure they have a fabulous time.

Spring Term Clubs

Clubs are now open on School Gateway. All places must be booked via the School Gateway and are allocated on a first come first served basis.

Tuesday

Football– Mr Slater 4.15pm end

Netball– Jacqui Greatorex 4.00pm end

Recorder– Mr Gray– this is open to the current group only 4.00pm end

Wednesday

Choir– Mr Gray 4.00pm end

Cricket– Soccer 2000 4.00pm end

Thursday

Dodgeball—Soccer 2000 4.00pm end

We are currently unable to confirm if board games and homework club will continue in the Spring Term. We hope to know by next week

Swimming

4S will start swimming after Christmas. Swimming is a statutory element of the curriculum. Please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/PEpdAyg0My>

4S swimming.

4S will be swimming next term. Swimming will begin on Monday 6th January at St Regis Secondary School. Swimming will take place during the afternoon.

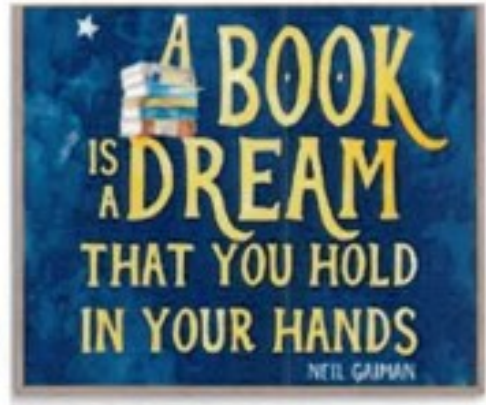
The children will walk to St Regis during the afternoon session, have their lesson, then walk back. Please be aware that children may be slightly late returning at the end of the school day, especially when they first start to go and are getting used to drying and changing themselves. Children are to wear P.E kit on this day. The children will be accompanied by three members of Christ Church staff.

Splash Swim School will take the swimming lessons for us at St Regis. The teachers are experienced in working with swimmers and non-swimmers.

Children are asked to make sure that they have the appropriate swimming kit.

- **All girls to wear swimming caps & boys if their hair is longer than collar length.**
- No jewellery (except studded earrings)
- One piece swimsuit for girls.
- Swim trunks or swim shorts for boys **(above the knee only)**
- Remember to bring a towel!

"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."
- NEIL GAIMAN



**LIBRARY IS OPEN AFTER
SCHOOL THURSDAYS UNTIL 4PM
MRS WALKER WOULD LOVE TO
SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

FIRST VISIT

COLLECT YOUR BOOKMARK AND YOUR FIRST STICKER

GET A STICKER EVERY VISIT

EVERY 7 STICKERS YOU RECEIVE YOU GET A PRIZE.



**THE WORLD
belongs
to
THOSE WHO
read**



Week One Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Beef Pasta Bolognaise Served with Carrots & Peas	Chicken Curry Served with Rice Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Pork Sausages with Mash Potato, Sweetcorn, Cauliflower & Gravy	Fish Fingers Served with Chips Baked Beans, Peas & Tomato Ketchup
VEGETARIAN	Vegetable Curry Served with Rice Carrots & Peas	Macaroni Cheese Served Warm Baguette Sweetcorn & Broccoli	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetarian Sausage Served with Mash Potato Sweetcorn, Cauliflower & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Chips Baked Beans & Peas
POTATOPASTA DISH	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
DELI BAR	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayonnaise
DESSERTS	Chocolate Cookie & Apple Slices	Iced Sponge & Custard	Vanilla Ice-Cream & Fresh Fruit	Shortbread & Apple Slices	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.



Week Beginning 17/03/25
 06/01/25 7/04/25
 27/01/25
 24/02/25

Week Two Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	BBQ Chicken with Rice Peas & Carrots	Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges, Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Beef Lasagne Served with Sweetcorn & Cauliflower	Fish Fingers Served with Chips, Peas & Baked Beans
VEGETARIAN	Veggie Nuggets Served with Potato Wedges, Peas & Carrots	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges, Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes Green Bean, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne Served with Sweetcorn & Cauliflower	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
POTATO/PASTA DISH	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
DELI BAR	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo
DESSERTS	Flapjack & Orange Slices	Jam Sponge & Custard	Shortbread & Apple slices	Apple Crumble & Custard	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.



Week Beginning

24/03/25

13/01/25

03/02/25

03/03/25



Week Three Menu



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	Chicken & Vegetable Noodles Served with Sweetcorn & Peas	Hot Dog in a Bun Served with Wedges Potatoes Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	Roast Chicken Served with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Chicken Wrap Served with Potato Wedges, Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Fish Fingers & Chips Served with Baked Beans & Peas
VEGETARIAN	Vegetarian Lasagne Served with Peas & Sweetcorn	Mixed bean Vegetable Noodles Served with Cauliflower & Sweetcorn	Roast Quorn Fillet with Roast Potatoes, Green Beans, Carrots & Gravy	Vegetable Nuggets Served with Potato Wedges Broccoli & Sweetcorn	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Served with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
POTATOPASTA DISH	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce	Jacket Potatoes With a Selection of Fillings or Pasta with Tomato & Basil Sauce
DELI BAR	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/ Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham/ Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham / Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Baguette with your choice of filling Ham/ Cheese / Tuna Mayo	Sandwich with your choice of filling Ham/Cheese / Tuna Mayo/Egg Mayo
DESSERTS	Chocolate Sponge & Custard	Oaty Cinnamon Cookie	Banana Muffin	Chocolate Orange Shortbread & Apple slices	Fruity Friday

AVAILABLE DAILY:

Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Vegetables, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Fruit Yoghurt and Fruit Jelly.



Week Beginning 10/03/25
 16/12/24 31/03/25
 20/02/25
 10/02/25