

Christ Church CE (VA) Junior School



NEWSLETTER



SUMMER TERM

Friday 23rd June 2023

Headteacher Update

What a super week this week for Sports Week. Thank you so much to everyone who came to watch our wonderful Sports Day afternoon on Wednesday. It was a glorious afternoon! The staff and children from Tuel Lane then also came up for their Sports Day on Thursday morning. All the Tuel Lane staff were blown away by our Year 6 amazing role models: great leaders, encouragers, supporters and facilitators. Well done Year 6!

Please can I remind parents/carers and family members that school is a no smoking school. This also applies to vaping. Unfortunately, we are still seeing adults vaping on the school grounds, in front of children. This is unacceptable and not the role model that we are wanting to promote to our children. The children all learn about safe behaviours through our PSHE curriculum, so we want to make sure that adults are modelling the same behaviours when on school grounds. Thank you.

Transition Day:

As you know, Transition Day is planned to be Friday 7th July. This is normally Calderdale wide. The Year 6 children attend their secondary school and this then enables all the other children to move up to their next class. However, some secondary schools are changing their Transition Day because of the Teacher Strike days that week. We haven't yet decided what we will do regarding Transition Day. As we know more, I will communicate further in due course.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD

Well done this week to our Headteacher's Award winner this week!



Poppy Greenwood

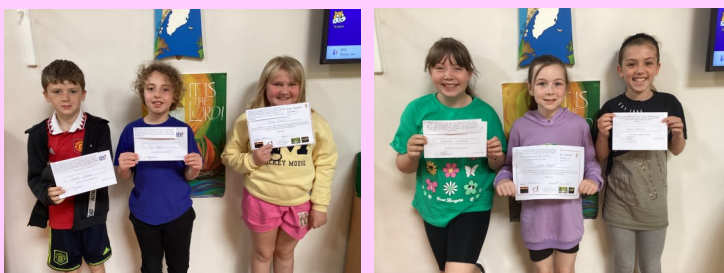


Thank you for everything you have done to earn the HT Award this week!

Key Dates:

- 7.7.23 Transition Day
- 13.7.23, 6pm, Y6 Leavers
- 19.7.23 Y6 Leavers' BBQ
- 21.7.23 School Closes

Photo Wall



Attendance

Class	Attendance %	Number of lates (after 9.00am)
Willows	89.4	0
Junipers	95.8	2
Chestnuts	91.6	1
Sycamores	88.9	2
Whole School	91.5	5

National Attendance Target = 96%

Sports Day:

What a fabulous day we all had on Wednesday. It was great to see so many families attending watching, in the lovely weather. Thank you so much for joining in with the day!





Term Dates: 2023-24

Please note that these dates are for both Christ Church and Tuel Lane.



Tuel Lane Infant School
and
Christ Church CE (VA) Junior School

Term Dates 2023-24



Autumn Term	Re-open	Wednesday 6 th September
	Half-term	Friday 27 th October
	Re-open	Tuesday 7 th November
	Christmas holiday	Friday 22 nd December
Spring Term	Re-open	Monday 8 th January
	Half-term	Friday 9 th February
	Re-open	Monday 19 th February
	Easter holiday	Friday 22 nd March
Summer Term	Re-open	Tuesday 9 th April
	May bank holiday	Monday 6 th May
	Half-term	Friday 24 th May
	Re-open	Monday 3 rd June
	Summer holiday	Friday 19 th July
	INSET Days	Monday 4 th September Tuesday 5 th September Monday 6 th November Monday 8 th April Monday 22 nd July

School Attendance Matters!

School attendance is so important. We are working particularly hard at the moment to improve our 'Post' Covid Era' attendance so that we can maximise every child's learning potential. A day off here or there may seem to have little impact, but these soon build up over time. Please see below the impact of reducing attendance levels on face to face learning time.

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION SHEET

Above 97%: Less than 6 days absence a year

Excellent attendance! These young people will almost certainly get the best results they can, leading to better prospects for the future. Pupils will also get into a habit of attending school regularly which will help in the future.

95%: 10 days absence a year

These pupils are likely to achieve good grades though increased attendance would be more likely to enable them to do the very best they can. Nonetheless, they will probably form a habit of attending school regularly

90%: 19 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing a month of school per year; it will be difficult for them to keep up with work so they are likely to fall behind their peers. If a child's attendance is at this level it will almost certainly be referred to the Education Welfare Service which will rigorously monitor the situation in order to secure improvement. The government classes children with attendance below 90% as "**persistent absentees**" and it will be impossible for them to keep up with work. Parents of young people in this group could face the possibility of legal action taken by the Local Authority.

85%: 29 days absence a year

Young people in this group are missing six weeks of school per year; it will be almost impossible for them to keep up with work so they will fall behind their peers. If a child's attendance is at this level it will certainly be referred to the Education Welfare Service which will take immediate action in order to secure improvement.

CHRIST CHURCH CE (VA) JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Willows:

We've had a lovely, sporty week this week in Willows! On Monday, the children researched and planned their own perfect PE session, which they picked as gymnastics! They did a marvellous job today delivering the lesson they had planned!



On Tuesday, the children experienced a PE lesson taught by 2 PGCE students, they loved this session and all the children got really stuck in! On Wednesday and Thursday, the children had great fun in the sports day activities, which entailed of football curling, long jump, egg and spoon races and an obstacle relay!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs Stewart

Junipers:



A very active week - wow! I am sure Junipers will sleep this weekend... I cannot express how proud I am of each child displaying their determination and resilience in every sporting activity we have given them; it has been a joy to witness. We started our week by looking at the ingredients for creating our Perfect PE lessons, whereby the children collectively created their own PE lesson using the key components of a warmup, practicing a skill, game and a cool down. We then ended our week by teaching our lesson to the rest of the class, it was quite the experience for all! A huge well done to everyone who participated in Sports Day events, what a great event and again a fantastic display of our school Christian Values. Have a brilliant weekend - Miss Crawshaw and Mrs Page.

Chestnuts:

We have completed some fab work in literacy using the masquerade masks made with Miss Larkin. We paired up as Romeo and Juliet and performed a Shakespearean meeting between the two. Maths has been sports-related puzzle solving each day, recapping the knowledge we have already gained and putting it to good use! Thursday's task proved tricky, but we solved the puzzle.



We had a reflective literacy/PSHE session on Thursday morning, too; thinking about transition, how we felt when we moved from Year 4 to 5 and what we had achieved throughout this year, was it as scary as you thought? With this in mind, the children have written lovely letters to our current Year 4s to allay any worries about moving into Year 5. And last but not least, we have had a fab sport-filled week, with a perfect PE lesson created by four groups of children. I am so proud of Team Chestnuts; they have been super supportive of one another and their houses. Fantastic sports days and great camaraderie. Mrs Hirst

Sycamores:



This week in Sycamores we have enjoyed lots of PE activities as part of Sports Week. In planning our "Perfect PE Lesson" we decided to invent a whole new activity – Dance Dodgeball! This was a very high energy activity but lots of fun and could be something we keep coming back to, once we've got the hang of it! Thank you Sycamores for coming up with such a fun idea. As well as this, everyone participated well in our Sports Day and built up lots of points for their House Teams. Also, a big thank you to those who helped out on Thursday morning with Tuel Lane's Sports Day – you were responsible role models for the younger children. In topic work, we have begun looking at medicine and disease through the ages. This also helps reinforce the children's knowledge of chronology and will take us up to the creation of the NHS and modern techniques. In Maths, we have continued with our problem solving sessions which have incorporated different concepts we have covered over the course of the year. We also watched the Science videos we created where pupils explained how light helps us to see objects. What a busy week! Have a lovely weekend. Miss Mor and Miss Firth.

Certificates

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

WILLOWS: Millicent Gill & Jacob Campbell

JUNIPERS: Jacob Webster & Pip Ligon

CHESTNUTS: Eleanor Lansdale & Esme Holmes

SYCAMORES: Sadie Park & Elenya Coates

Christian Values Certificates

Each week, we choose one person from each class who has exemplified one of our Christian Values throughout the week.

The winners this week are:

Elijah Taylor

Darcie Wilson

Lylah Taylor

Sycamores

