

Christ Church CE (VA) Junior School



NEWSLETTER



SUMMER TERM

Friday 30th June 2023

Headteacher Update

Transition Day Update:

Transition Day will be going ahead for all children as planned. They will all move into their new class, meeting their new teacher for the morning. In the afternoon they will then return to their normal class. The Year 6 children who are going to Ryburn will attend as normal (Ryburn transition moved to Friday 14th July). These children will spend the day with Mrs Hirst and Miss Boddison, in Maples classroom.

Health and Safety Update:

A huge thank you to everyone yesterday for making the pick up so much safer. Everything went smoothly and there were much reduced numbers of people in the car park. We will leave the tapes out for a few days, but please keep to the same plan once tapes have been removed.

NEU Strike Days:

Letters have gone out to all classes this week regarding potential impact of strike action. Please make sure you have seen the letter for your child's class. Please call at the office if your child didn't bring theirs home.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



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

Harry Wilson



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 Show
- 19.7.23 Y6 Leavers' BBQ
- 21.7.23 School Closes

Photo Wall



Attendance

Class	Attendance %	Number of lates (after 9.00am)
Willows	95.9	6
Junipers	88.3	1
Chestnuts	94.5	4
Sycamores	95.4	10
Whole School	93.5	21

National Attendance Target = 96%

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:

Willows have had a hard-working and positive week! It has been assessment week this week, the children have demonstrated maturity and endurance during the tests, and this has resulted in some brilliant scores! All the children should be very proud of themselves - I know I am!



In History this week, we had great fun learning about what happens to the Ancient Egyptians once they enter the afterlife. We even turned one of our lucky students into a mummy! The children were captivated about what the Egyptians did to the mummies - they enjoyed the gruesome-ness!

In computing, the children have worked together to produce a PowerPoint, all about Tutankhamun, the children then presented the information to the rest of the class! We have finished off our week with a reward party, as I'm sure you can agree, the children have worked hard this week! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Stewart

Junipers:



We've had a very busy week in Junipers! The children have worked so hard on their end of year assessments this week, we are so proud of each and every one of them. In History, we have continued delving into Henry VIII's wives, finding out about what happened to them - we have decided that King Henry was quite the unforgiving man. We created PowerPoint presentations in groups about his second wife, Anne Boleyn, the children used a variety of animations and transitions to create eye-catching means of presenting their ideas. In Literacy, we have started our new book 'The Queen's Token', going back in time to Henry VIII's era, we have focused on what it means to make a promise and why keeping promises are so important to others futures. Just a reminder, please can you make sure your children have their reading book in school every day, this is so important - if they do not have their reading book, we cannot read in school with them! Have a great weekend - Miss Crawshaw and Mrs Page.

Chestnuts:

This week, Chestnuts have shown lots of resilience in completing their final assessments of year 5 – well done everyone!



We had science visitor in from RVHS, who taught the children all about electricity and provided some amazing experiments which the children loved – they then got to conduct their own experiments – showing great teamwork in the process. The children displayed their knowledge across the RE topic, on Thursday, by answering our key question 'How does following God bring Freedom and Justice? In PE the children had their first taste of a tag rugby game. It will take a little practice for the children to really get to grips with the sport but they are well on their way!

Sycamores:



We have had another great week in Sycamores. This week we have carried on with our topic of Medicine and disease; children have been learning how medicine has changed from the days of prehistoric civilisations and witch doctors, to the NHS and modern medical discoveries. I think we are all now very appreciative of our NHS! We have been also been shopping in French—learning how to ask for something we would like to buy, the names of different shops and how to describe their position in a street. In RE, we have been thinking about the Kingdom of God ; what this would be like and what Jesus would like to change from our world to make more like the kingdom of God. As well as that, children have been doing music and PSHE. In the afternoons, we have started rehearsing for our end of year performance and learning the songs; children auditioned for their roles and parts have been given. It would be very helpful if you could help your child learning their lines , some of them have got a fair amount to learn! Have a lovely weekend. Miss Firth and Miss Mor

Certificates

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

WILLOWS: Zoey Taylor & Caius Gomersall

JUNIPERS: Amber Broadhead

CHESTNUTS: Lola Figg & Otis Daines

SYCAMORES: Imogen Diggle & Lexi Binns

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:

OI Martin

Hayley Hargreaves

Poppy Hawdon

Maizy Sargeant

