

Christ Church Contact



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

As you are aware, we have for some time been supporting a school in The Gambia. Chessay Ma Jaw is a part of a small cluster of schools which are helped by the local community of Hertford and Ware. The whole project is run by the charity called Helping.

This week we have had real pleasure to be introduced to Mr Jarra, who is a Headteacher of one of The Gambian schools. Mr Jarra, accompanied by Margaret and Chris from Helping, joined in our assembly, during which he talked to the children about education in The Gambia. Some of the hardships experienced by the children from Mr Jarra's schools are very difficult for our children to comprehend. There is a considerable shortage of resources, for example six children often share one exercise book and a pen, they just pass it round the table to take notes. Many children attend school for three months only; they have to work for the rest of the year to raise necessary funds. There is no free education in The Gambia.

The children presented Mr Jarra with a cheque of £600, which was raised during the Summer Term. The money will go towards stationery and uniform for the poorest children. One of the Gambian rules is that a child cannot attend school if they don't wear a correct uniform. Mr Jarra expressed the most sincere gratitude to all

the children for the continuous support. Although the sum may not seem big, it would certainly not buy many resources for us, however it will definitely make a huge difference in The Gambia.

I would like to thank you all for being so generous and supporting such an important cause. If you are interested in finding further information regarding the work of Helping, please visit www.helping-gambia.org.uk

Ania Vaughan - Head Teacher

Goodbyes

This week we have said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Aldiss who has gone on maternity and will return next year. We look forward to sharing her good news with you very soon.

We are sorry to be saying goodbye to Mrs Grimes who will be leaving us next Friday to start as an Administration Assistant at another school; we would like to wish her all the best in her new role. We are very grateful to Mrs Grimes for her hard work and commitment to our school she has shown over the years.

Dates for the Week Ahead

Tuesday 30th Sept - Individual School Photos

Thursday 2nd Oct - Steel Drums Workshop

School Photos - Siblings

If your child has a sibling that does not attend Christ Church School and you would like to have a photo taken of them together please arrange an appointment through the school office. Appointment times run from 3.00pm - 4.45pm.

Christ Church Chase

As you will be aware the Christ Church Chase is happening next week, Friday 3rd October. Sponsorship forms have been sent home, please can you support your child in raising funds through sponsorship which will be used to increase the range of sporting activities and equipment at Christ Church.

P.E. kit and suitable shoes (trainers) will be needed; nursery children please comes in suitable clothes and footwear.

Exciting News!

We are pleased to announce that Miss Ball and her partner Mr Hall are expecting their first baby in March next year. We will inform you of maternity leave and cover in due course.

School Absence

All absences must be reported to the school office as soon as possible, messages can be left on the telephone system by calling 01920 462158 option 1. This should be followed up with a letter upon your child's return.

If your child is off school due to sickness or diarrhoea they must not return to school until they have been clear for 48hrs after the last incident and they have managed to eat something. We hope this will minimise the risk of spreading. Thank you.

Playground Rules

For the safety of our children please remember that everybody must dismount from their bike / scooter at the school gate, no riding is allowed at any time on the playground. We would also like to remind you that children are not permitted to use the climbing wall before or after school.

Golden Book

Congratulations to the children who have been entered into the Golden Book since the beginning of the term.

Maeva L - Tolkien Class
 Alex D - Butterworth Class
 Hayden S - Butterworth Class
 Bryan C - Butterworth Class
 Callum F - Butterworth Class
 Sam K - Butterworth Kiers
 Susannah T - Hargreaves Class
 Francesca C - Hargreaves Class
 Tru R - Hargreaves Class
 Isabella A - Potter Class
 Eloise M - Lewis Class
 Amber A - Hargreaves Class
 Keira B - Hargreaves Class
 Ruby C - Hargreaves Class
 Tom B - Horowitz Class
 Finlay S - Fine Class
 Eddison B - Lewis Class
 Daniel S - Lewis Class
 Fletcher H - Lewis Class
 Evie S - Horowitz Class
 Rebecca S - Horowitz Class
 Daniel C - Lewis Class
 Mason D - Lewis Class
 Katie L - Tolkien Class
 Lucy K - Shakespeare Class
 Nate C - McGough Class
 Joshua T - McGough Class
 Bethany P - Horowitz Class
 Blake C - Potter Class
 Chloe-Ann B - Butterworth Class