

Christ Church Contact



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents / Carers,

On Wednesday I took a group of children from Year 6 to a basketball competition at Presdales School. I wanted to let you know that the children made me feel very proud. Their conduct throughout the tournament was exemplary, the teamwork fantastic and some amazing basketball skills were demonstrated.

This is a list of children who participated (in no particular order):

Yianni S
Jessica F
Alex G
Esther H
Luke H
Ronja P
Scott W
Mayia A
Jasmine S
Tommy F
Amy B
Samuel L
Cleo C
Maeva L
Harley R-S
Ishara H
Isobel H
Izzy S
Isabella R

Well done to all of the children but special congratulations go to the B Team for winning their part of the competition.

Ania Vaughan
Head Teacher

Dates for week commencing 23rd November

Thurs 26th Nov - Bags2School Collection - Please place bags in the school playground by 9am. Thank you.

Sat 28th Nov - Jingle Bell Bonanza - 2pm - 4pm

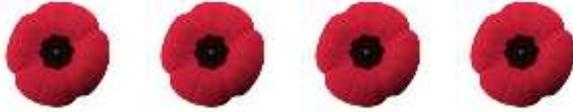
Golden Book

Congratulations to the children who have been entered into the Golden Book this week.

Izzy S - Tolkien Class
Opeyemi A - Tolkien Class
Imogen G - Lewis Class
Berrie D-B - Lewis Class
Oluwaaseyi A - Lewis Class
Isabella A - Lewis Class
Radigan H - Lewis Class
Finley K - Lewis Class
Anna K - Lewis Class
Amy B - Horowitz Class
Nathan D - Potter Class
Zoe K - Horowitz Class
Samuel L - Horowitz Class
Alfie S - Butterworth Class
2 x Katie H - Lewis Class

Poppy Appeal

We raised a fantastic £156.85 for the Poppy Appeal, thank you all for your support.



Emergency Closure Procedure

I would like to bring to your attention the school's Emergency Closure procedure. Although we will endeavour to keep the school open, there may be times when it will be necessary to close; the decision will be purely based on health and safety issues.

If the school has to close, we will inform you as quickly as possible via;

- Schoolgateway
- Our school website
www.christchurch.herts.sch.uk
- Our school blog
www.christ-church.blogspot.co.uk
- Herts Direct website
<https://www.imodus.com/summary.aspx?company=99>
- Local radio stations

BBC Three Counties 90.4FM /
103.8FM

Heart 101.7FM / 103FM

BOB FM 106.7FM

Our aim will be to circulate the information by 7.30am on the day of closure.

Nut Reminder

Please can we remind parents that we have some children in the school who have severe allergies to nuts. Therefore we ask you not to send your child into school with anything containing nuts e.g. peanut butter, snack / cereal bars etc. Thank you.

Menu Change - Monday 23rd Nov

The school kitchen will be making a **one off** change to the school menu next **Monday, 23rd November.**

They will be trialling a new vegetarian option - BBQ Quorn Pasta Bake instead of the normal Pasta Bake option.

School Event

On Monday 16th November All Nations students led drama workshops for Horowitz Class.

Our drama workshop was very exciting because first of all the leader told us we were on YouTube (which was not true). We then started to play fun games such as Grannies and footsteps. We also played sculpture making and pictures with different props.

Later on we talked about a man with no arms or legs. We also discussed our favourite heroes. My favourite heroes are my Dad and God.

That was the most exciting day of my school life.

By Lucy K - Horowitz Class

Dinner Money Payments

Payments for dinner money made through the School Gateway app will not be instantly reflected in your child's meal balance. Balance updates will occur at the end of each week and there may be a delay to the following week depending on the payment method used; you may check with the school office if you are unsure of the current balance.

School Communication

We now have **122 parents signed up** to the Schoolgateway, all the feedback we have received has been very positive.

If you haven't yet signed up please give it a try, the app is free to download and makes communication between yourselves and the school quicker and more effective.

You will also be able to make payments via credit and debit card, view lunch balances and give online consent for activities such as school trips.

What you need to do now

Download the app: If you have a smartphone or tablet, please download School Gateway from your app store (Android and iPhone).

The app shows the same information as the website PLUS you can send app messages to the school for FREE - this will also save the school money when we send text messages.

OR

Visit the website: www.schoolgateway.com and click on 'New User'. You'll receive a text message with a PIN number. Use this PIN to login to School Gateway.

Can't activate your account?

If you're having trouble activating your School Gateway account, it may be because the school doesn't have your current email and mobile phone number on record. Please call the school and we'll update the details on our system.

Scheduled Maintenance Schoolgateway / Schoolcomms

Routine maintenance work will be carried out on the Schoolgateway and Schoolcomms system tonight; consequently both systems will be unavailable between 5pm on Friday 20th November and 5am on Saturday 21st November.

School Photos

We are pleased to announce that the school photos were delivered to us this afternoon and have gone home with the children today. We hope you enjoy looking at them over the weekend.

Foundation Stage Production

The Foundation Stage production will be taking place on Tuesday 1st December at 10.00am for the children in Nursery and Reception classes. Tickets for the production were sent home earlier in the week.