

Christ Church Contact



Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a relaxing Christmas break; I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

The staff started this term with a busy INSET day, during which we hosted a training session on spelling, open to other schools and led by Jane Andrews, a Literacy Advisor from the Local Authority.

Amongst other topics, a range of strategies to teach spelling effectively was discussed. The staff from all the schools involved were enthused and excited by the ideas Jane presented to us on the day. We had a great deal of fun being challenged to spell some tricky or commonly misspelled words. Hopefully, as soon as the teachers begin to incorporate these techniques into their lessons, the children will find them just as engaging and as helpful.

The new National Curriculum expects children to spell correctly the majority of the words they use not only in their everyday writing, but also in their creative writing. Therefore, our aim is to develop the children's spelling skills so they feel confident using a rich and varied vocabulary in all their writing, rather than sticking just to words with which they are already very familiar. Although spelling correctly is very important, it would be a shame if the

children cannot express the original and highly imaginative ideas that they so often have in their creative writing.

Ania Vaughan
Head Teacher

Dates for w/c 11th January 2016

w/c Mon 11th Jan - Sponsored Spell - to be undertaken throughout the week. Please remember to practise spellings and ask family and friends for sponsorships.

Tues 12th Jan 2pm - Sports Committee
If you are interested in getting involved, please join us for a committee meeting at 2pm.

Fri 15th Jan - Lewis class assembly and Join Me Learn (JML)

Fri 15th Jan - Deadline for Reception applications for Sept 2016 intake.

Mobile Phone Warning

We have been advised of a dangerous mobile phone case which has caused burns to a child who fell asleep with the device in her pocket. The case was bought from New Look for an iPhone, although similar products for other phones may be available. It has

glitter in liquid on the back. Please be very careful if you have similar products.

Polite Notice for Nursery Parents

Please can you ensure you leave promptly after collecting your child at the end of the nursery session. We are not responsible for any accidents that occur in the play area, outside of session times. Please do not let your child go on or play with the equipment as this delays preparation for the next session.

Golden Book

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

Chloe-Ann Butler - Lewis Class
 Opeyemi Adenekan - Tolkien Class
 Lauren Hill - Tolkien Class
 Ishara Hettiarachchi - Tolkien Class
 Billy Holtby-Stapleton - Tolkien Class
 Jasmine Slater - Tolkien Class
 Arthur Davey - Tolkien Class
 Jessica Fletcher - Horowitz Class
 Nathan Dowling - Potter Class

Missing Scooter

Prior to the Christmas break a pink OXELO Mid 7 scooter went missing from the school playground. It is black with pink writing, large pink wheels with pink and grey writing on the base. If you have any information or have found the scooter, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Sponsored Spell

To raise money for new reading books we are holding a sponsored spell next week (w/c 11th January 2016).

Each child will do their sponsored spell with their class teacher.

The words chosen (particularly for KS2) are linked to the new national curriculum and are words children are expected to know.

Prior to Christmas, each year group had already been issued with a spelling list.

Children can decide whether to practice the whole list or whether it is more appropriate to focus on some of the words, ensuring they are spelt correctly.

If parents/carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and family friends could sponsor them for either each word they get correct or a fixed amount for trying their best.

There will be a certificate for every child's individual effort and achievement. There will also be a prize for the child who gets the most correct words in each class as well as a prize for the child who raises the most sponsorship money.

In Key Stage 2 we will also be holding a spelling bee competition. Children with the most correct sponsored spellings per class will be put forward to take part in the first Christ Church Spelling Bee Competition.