



Newsletter - July 2015

Summer BBQ

Firstly a big Thank you to everyone that attended our annual Summer BBQ. The sun was shining, the Pimm's was flowing and hopefully everyone enjoyed the night. It's always lovely to see the children having great fun with their school friends whilst the parents/carers can relax.

The Performing Arts Committee again put on a great show and we are pleased to announce that over £2000 was raised on the night. This will be going towards our priority funding item of resurfacing the trim trail area on the school field.

Thank you to all of our teachers and volunteers who manned stalls for us on the night and also to everyone who sent in donations of chocolate and bottles for our tombola's.

We wish you a lovely summer and will update you with our next events in the new term.

Thank you for your support - Christ Church School PSA.

Recent Events

Our recent fundraising efforts have managed to raise -

Bag 2 school - £198 - next collection date 26th November.

Rummage Sale - £240 - a great success which we hope to hold again soon.

Easter Egg Treasure Hunt - £180

Christ Church has Talent - £240

Summer BBQ - £2100 - again thank you so much for helping to achieve such a large amount.

Christ Church has Talent



Our Performing Arts Committee recently put on our second "Christ Church has Talent" competition. It was a great night the children showed such bravery and confidence along with talent and put on some wonderful performances. We had some famous faces who had to make the difficult decision of judging although we think that you'll agree that they were all winners on the night!

Thank you to everyone that attended and supported the children. The following is taken from the Hertfordshire Mercury, the full article can be found on the newspaper website.

"BBC radio's Gavin Inskip and Nickelodeon presenter star Anna Williamson watched 50 children take to the stage at Christ Church Primary School. They were joined by musician Chris Barlow, whose band Box Deluxe will headline this year's Rock in the Priory.

After an impressive show, Miss Williamson said: "We were so impressed with the talent here at Christ Church School. "You're all winners - getting up on stage in front an audience of over 100 people is not easy and you should all be very proud of yourselves."

Maisie Walker and Isabella Acutt triumphed in the Year 1 and 2 category with their hula hoop routine to Uptown Funk by Mark Ronson. In Year 3 and 4, Molly Atkinson was crowned winner for her recorder piece. Hope Pearce succeeded in the Year 5 and 6 category with her piano and vocal performance of Keane's Somewhere Only We Know."

IPAD's

As you may be aware the PSA recently purchased 16 IPAD's to be used across all key stages. We hope that the children are enjoying using them and we have had some very positive feedback from Miss Clark;

"Thank you for purchasing iPads for our school. They are now set up and are beginning to be used in classes across the school.

We took an iPad to Kingswood and the children in Year Six enjoyed using them to take photographs and videos of each other participating in different events. The iPad also supported us in updating the blog. We used one of the applications to make photo collages of the children's experiences and the iPads aided easy uploading to the internet.

They have also been used with small groups to support Phonics, Literacy and Maths teaching in Key Stage One and the Foundation Stage.

During performances such as plays and Charanga assemblies' teachers have also used the iPads to record videos.

As the children are familiar with iPads and iPhones we have found that the iPads have been easy to use and are very accessible for the children. This means they will facilitate teaching and learning as the children can pick them up and use them straight away.

The uses of the iPads will continue to grow and will be an invaluable benefit for our school as we intend to use them as a cross curricular resource."

Here are some quotes from the children that have used the iPads:

I like doing learn it's on it.

The maths games are fun.

I like using it for phonics games.

I am happy when I get to play a,b,c games on the ipad.

We use the ipads when we do our maths.

I feel really happy when we get to use the ipads.

I feel joyful when we use ipads.

We get to use ipads for guided reading.

Mrs Matthews shows us exciting things on the ipad.

We can do phonics on the ipad and it makes it more exciting.

We also filmed the children at their first ocarina lesson and two weeks on so they could see how they had improved.

Musical Equipment

On the request of Mrs Matthews we have also purchased various musical equipment to help with the Charanga programme which brings music and education together. This includes -

Grab and go music bags to enable the Reception classes and Nursery to have a small bag (with appropriate percussion instruments in) which can be 'grabbed' by a child or staff member to play music anywhere in the setting (room or outdoors)'

Rainbow xylophones to help KS1 learn to use the Glockenspiels correctly we have provided one each in each classroom (with larger surface area notes than glocks, colourful and wooden so harder wearing) which can also be shared, using all 3 together if needed'.

Musical sacks, each sack contains 6 instruments, 6 puppets, fabric, song cards and teacher's notes. This will help the EYFS deliver their part of Charanga with the "hands on" approach which is vital for the under 5's'.

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