



Christ Church Contact

Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Christ Church we always recognise and value the views of our children, particularly with regards to the school. After all, they spend many hours here and their knowledge of our school is excellent; and they always suggest useful and constructive solutions for the issues we discuss with them. Our weekly Family Forums give the children an excellent opportunity to put across their suggestions, for whichever topic is being discussed.

Last June, we held a Family Forum about what helps the children focus on learning well. We wanted the children to let us know what helps them learn well and what may get in the way. Then in November, we asked the children to plan a Code of Conduct for lessons, which would help them focus and learn really well. Afterwards, House Captains and I discussed the children's ideas, concentrating on the ones, which were voiced most frequently. Predominantly, the children did not like noisy classrooms, where there were children walking around. As a result, a list of simple rules for lessons was written. They are shown overleaf:

As you can see the rules are neither totally new or unexpected. They are just put in a clearer and simpler form, which will help us all be more consistent, across the whole school. Throughout this term, the rules will be discussed and demonstrated in assemblies, to ensure that all children understand their importance and they know how to put them into practice. The SLT members will be also monitoring lessons closely. I am sure that there will be plenty of examples of classes demonstrating the expected behaviour. I have already seen many children follow the rules brilliantly.

In the Summer term, we will run another Family Forum, during which we will be able to gather more information about the children's learning experiences. Subsequently, we will evaluate whether the actions taken this year have made any difference for the children.

I would like to point out that we do not expect our youngest children to follow the Code of Conduct for lessons strictly; the children in younger classes are

taught the rules slowly and appropriately for their age. There will also be times when it is absolutely fine for the children in older classes to talk or move around in lessons; we are certainly not giving up the teaching techniques such as drama. We still want lessons to be fun and engaging. If you are interested in learning more about Family Forums and how we gather children's views and opinions on many please contact Lucy Croft (Key Stage 2 Leader).

Ania Vaughan
Head Teacher

New Code of Conduct

1. Listen To Others
2. Stay in our places
3. Work Quietly
4. Put Our hands up if we want to speak
5. Have any equipment ready at the beginning of each lesson

Dates for w/c 23rd January

Mon 23rd - Dick Whittington Pantomime

Thurs 26th - Year 6 Sports Hall Festival at Wodson Park (Letters sent home to those attending)

Fri 27th - Shakespeare Class Assembly and Join Me Learn—9.15am

Parents invited to stay and join the children for the first session after assembly—known as Join Me Learn.

Golden Book

Congratulations to the children that have been entered into the Golden Book this week:

Aaron B - Tolkien Class	Finn B - Tolkien Class
Topez - Tolkien Class	Julian—Tolkien Class
Olivia R - Tolkien Class	Naomi P - Tolkien Class
Daniel R - Tolkien Class	Riley H—Tolkien Class
Ella R - Horowitz Class	Austin S - Lewis Class
Frankie D - Potter Class	Sofie S - Potter Class

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