



Christ Church Contact

Message from Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to inform you that the much anticipated feedback from Ofsted has at last arrived.

I am delighted with the Inspector's opinion to judge our school in Ofsted's terms as 'good'. I must say I was slightly surprised in the way the feedback came to us. I expected a report, but instead I received a short letter. Nevertheless I believe that, although the details in the letter are somewhat limited, they are fair and accurate. The staff, governors and I are particularly pleased with the fact that the Inspector's findings matched our own internal judgement of the school, which means that our own monitoring systems are effective and robust. This is key to any successful organisation. The main issues listed in the feedback are already in our School Improvement Plan. All we need to do now is to continue to build on what we have already accomplished since September.

I hope you will enjoy reading all the positive comments, there were plenty more in the verbal feedback the Inspector gave on the day to the governors and the SLT. It was a pleasure to hear so many kind words, describing Christ Church as an excellent school with a very strong and supportive community, of which you are an important part. Our Christian ethos was emphasised as a particular strength. I would also want to note that the Inspector was very pleased with how effectively the school copes with many different challenges, such as ill health of staff, recruitment problems etc.

Finally, I can only add that I am very proud to lead such an excellent team of children and staff. I am confident that, with your support, our wonderful children and excellent staff, the school will continue to thrive.

Well done to us all!

Ania Vaughan
Head Teacher

Golden Book

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

Hetty K—Hargreaves

Ryker D—Hargreaves

Zachary P—Hargreaves

Elliott B—Hargreaves

Grace G—Lewis

Emma W—Fine

James T—Fine

Lennard E—Fine

Chloe Ann B—Shakespeare

Martha C—Carle

Spencer G—Hargreaves

Amy A—Tolkien

Naomi D—Lewis

Sam C—Fine

Stanley H—Fine

Eleanor C—Carle

Sophie F—Carle

Hannah J—Carle

Noman O—Carle

Archie F—Tolkien



Dates for w/c 29th January 2018

Fri 2nd Feb—McKee Class Assembly and Join Me Learn—9.15am. Parents Welcome

Library Volunteers Required

If you have any spare time and are looking to volunteer, we are currently looking for people to help run our lunchtime / after school library sessions. If you are interested, please speak to the school office for further details.

Class Name Changes

We have decided to revamp our class names from September 2018 to match our fantastic newly updated library. The new names will still be based on popular children's authors but will be changed to reflect the favourite authors of the children in our school, allowing them to be able to relate better to the inspirations behind their class names. To ensure that we accurately reflect current preferences, your children will shortly be asked to vote for their favourite authors. Please prepare them for this by discussing their ideas in advance.

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Staffing Update

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As many of you have realised by now, Mrs Devine is expecting her first child and will be commencing her maternity leave in March. Naturally, the school will need an Acting Deputy Head for the duration of Mrs Devine's absence.

Therefore, I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Mrs Anstead and Mrs Whitmore to be our new Acting Deputy Heads. Both are outstanding teachers and experienced in a range of leadership roles. Mrs Whitmore was our Acting SENCo, Autism Lead and is currently a KS 2 Leader (the role she will continue to hold). Mrs Anstead is currently our joint Maths Subject Leader; she was also my Deputy Head when I joined Christ Church.

The staff, governors and I are looking forward to working with Mrs Anstead and Mrs Whitmore in their new role. I am sure they will also have your support.

Wet Play Donations Required

If you have any spare construction items that you no longer use and wish to donate to the school, please bring them in to the school office. We are looking for items such as building blocks, Duplo, Lego, Knex etc.

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