



# Christ Church Contact

## Message of the Week

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Christ Church we are very lucky to have a strong support from many volunteers, thanks to their work, the children experience a much richer curriculum. Frequently, the children learn new skills or knowledge that, due to the lack of time or expertise, the staff would not be able to deliver.

This week, since it was Autism Awareness week, the children benefitted from a very interesting and engaging presentation, prepared and delivered by Mrs Dean (Berrie's mum from Shakespeare).

Mrs Dean's presentation gave us an excellent insight into what it means to have Autism and how difficult it is to go through everyday life experiences when one is somewhere on the Autistic Spectrum. Hopefully, the short films we watched and Mrs Dean's comments helped the children and adults be more compassionate and understanding about the behaviour that the children with Autism might demonstrate. We also learnt how we could help anyone with Autism, when they experience difficulties or simply get them involved in social situations. These children are often unable to communicate their feelings or needs, therefore it is important for us to initiate conversations. There are many simple ways how we can do it, for instance by simply saying 'hello' to them.

I am very grateful to Mrs Dean for her excellent support; it is truly appreciated.

It is hard to believe how time has flown and another term has come to an end. I would like to wish you all peaceful and relaxing Easter. See you all after the Easter break on 17th April.

Ania Vaughan  
Head Teacher



## Golden Book

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

Joseph W—Potter	Lily D—Potter
Archie M—Potter	Hannah McG—Lewis
Gracie D—Lewis	Alice R—Lewis
Alex D—Shakespeare	Jack H—McGough
Alfie G—McGough	Niall P—McGough
William K—Horowitz	Amber A—McGough
Evelyn P—McGough	Kiera B—McGough
Katie C—Fine	Matilda W—Hargreaves
Serenna A—Hargreaves	Zachary P—Hargreaves
Eloise M—Horowitz	Luca P—Horowitz
Jamie M—Horowitz	Alex O'N—Horowitz
Max S—Butterworth	Louca S—Butterworth
Frankie R—Butterworth	Oliver C—Butterworth
Jack R—Butterworth	Emily D—Butterworth
Alfie H—Shakespeare	Berrie DB—Shakespeare
Chloe Ann B—Shakespeare	Jack P—Shakespeare
Gertie P—Fine	Sam C—Fine
Nathan D—Fine	Max CV—Fine
Harry M—Fine	Lennard E—Fine
Rhys M—Fine	Sasha C—Fine
Soham B—Fine	Stanley H—Fine

## Dates for w/c 16th April 2018

**Easter Holidays—Fri 30/03— Fri 13/04**

**Mon 16th**—Inset Day

**Tues 17th**—Back to school

**Wed 18th**—Professor Bubble Works—Science Day—whole school event—separate email to follow with full details

**Fri 20th**—Knex Challenge

**Fri 20th**—Tolkien Class  
Assembly—9.05am



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## World Autism Awareness Week

Thursday 29th March 2018

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As part of World Autism Awareness Week this week, the children have been participating in various different activities.

The week started with Mrs Dean coming in to talk to all the children from Reception through to Year 6 about Autism. We are extremely grateful to her for giving up her time to do this as it was so insightful and interesting. The children all greatly benefitted.

After school was the bake sale which raised a fantastic £160! So a huge thank you to everyone who donated cakes, bought cakes or who helped with the sale itself.

Lastly, as a follow-up to the talk by Mrs Dean, the children have participated in some activities in their classrooms such as talking about the fact it is OK to be 'different', about acceptance, or to understand what it might feel like to have autism or sensory issues.

Thank you once again to everyone who helped to make World Autism Awareness Week a success at Christ Church.

Liz Byrne  
SENCo

Picture of our reception children and their Easter Bonnet Parade in Church on Wednesday



## Congratulations

A massive congratulations to Mr and Mrs Devine who welcomed a baby boy at the weekend. We wish them all the best in this exciting new adventure.



Hannah and Esme from Lewis Class showing their Easter Cards

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