Date: Friday 19th May 2017

# **Christ Church Contact**



#### Message from Head Teacher

Dear Parents/Carers.

For some time now, our schools have been meeting the ever increasing challenges of diminishing budgets and rising costs. This has meant difficult decisions for Head Teachers and governors, such as re-structuring staffing, prioritising resources and providing minimal funds to maintain older buildings that demand repair work.

At Christ Church, we have worked hard to ensure that these rising costs and lower funds have had the least possible impact on the education of your children. However, this situation cannot be sustained for ever. Therefore, I encourage you to read the attached letter, sent on behalf of many schools.

During this time of financial uncertainty, please rest assured that we will continue to put your children at the heart of all decision making. Our children only have one chance at their primary years and we take our responsibility with the seriousness and dedication it deserves.

Thank you for your support.

Ania Vaughan Head Teacher

# Date for w/c 22nd May

**Tues 23rd**—Reception to Year 6 Theatre Production of The Little Princess

Wed 24th—Book Sale in playground after school

**Fri 26th**—PSA Hair that Rocks for Sweets and Chocolates!

Please come to school with funky hair, in return for a donation of sweets or chocolates that will then used for the Summer BBQ as part of raffles / games etc.

**Fri 26th**—Butterworth Class Assembly 9.15am Parents welcome to attend

**Fri 26th**—End of half term. Normal finish time of 3.15pm

#### Golden Book

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

Gracia M—Carle Ronnie F—Carle

Laurie O'L—Carle George B—Carle

Zachary P—Carle Hetty K—Carle

Tony F—Potter Naomi P—Tolkien

Eddie B—Shakespeare Jack O'R—Shakespeare

Mia P—Shakespeare Finley K—Fine

Jessica D— Fine Isabella A—Fine

Anna K—Fine Katie H—Fine

Tilly C—Fine Lucy W—Fine

Connor P— Potter Tarunika PS—McKee

Ryan G—McKee Harley B—McKee

Ollie R—McKee Daisy D—McKee

Xander N—McKee Berrie D—McGough

### SENCo Drop In Session

On Monday 5th June Miss Byrne will be holding a SENCo Drop In Session. There will be 5 slots available throughout the afternoon. If you would like to book a place or for further information please contact the school office.

#### **Lost Property**

Any items that have been handed in to the school office (non uniform related) are kept and held in a box in the office. We have several items now collected, from glasses to small toys and lots of various trinkets. If your child has misplaced something, please feel free to come and check in the box in the office, which we will start putting out in reception on a weekly basis. Please note we will only hand items over to parents and not the children directly.

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#### Toys in School

Please be aware that if your child brings to school a toy from home then they will only be allowed to play with them at unstructured times / playtimes and not during their class time.

It is your child's responsibility to look after the toy should they choose to bring one to school.

#### Safeguarding Issue

It has been brought to our attention that fidget spinners are dangerous and can very easily fall apart; they contain small parts which can easily be swallowed. At present we are allowing the children to have them in school under the same rules as bringing in a toy from home. They are allowed at playtimes only and are not to be used in the classroom.

#### **Music Month**

We will be taking part in Music Month during June, including BBC Music day on 9<sup>th</sup> June.

During the rest of the "month" children will be given a chance to perform individually. Any child who has music lessons will be able to sign up to play for us, as we enter and leave assembly, on a Tuesday or a Thursday. Please complete the form below and return it to the school office.

# Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Travelling by Tuba (ends our month)

The finale to the month will be on 30<sup>th</sup> June, when we will be having a visit from Travelling by Tuba, who will be doing a whole school assembly/performance for about an hour. The rest of the day will be timetabled to enable each class (including am and pm nursery) to take part in a music workshop. We will be asking each child for a £2 donation towards this (preferably via School Gateway), or in a named envelope to the school office.

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#### Messy Church

Messy Church at Christ Church is meeting this Sunday, 21st May, from 4-6pm in the Church Centre. It's for all members of the family and all ages. There will be lots to do including singing, crafts and story time, and tea provided for everyone. All are welcome, entry is free and we hope to see you there.

Messy Church Coordinator

#### **Missing Trousers**

A pair of girls rainbows trousers were left behind after multi sports club on Wednesday. They have the initials EB or LA inside. If you find them please return them to the school office.

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