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**Newsletter**  
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## Diary Dates

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October ... Topaz Class Cake Sale at 3.15pm

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October ... school photos of individual pupils

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October ... sibling/family photos (school hall) and nursery photos (nursery)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October ... 2.00pm, Emerald, Topaz and Sapphire Parent Celebrations

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October ... 2.00pm, Harvest Festival at Christ Church parish church

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October ... 9.15am, Diamond and Pearl Parent Celebrations

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October ... 11.00am, Amber and Ruby Parent Celebrations

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October ... Headteacher’s Commendations and Golden Time Party

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October ... Autumn Half-Term Holiday**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November ... Parents’ Evening, 5–7.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November ... Parents’ Evening, 3.30–6pm

## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,



Unfortunately, last week inconsiderate parking by some parents put children in danger by blocking the road and

pavements near school. To keep all children safe, please observe the following rules:

- Wherever possible walk to/from school (less traffic reduces danger and pollution, and promotes exercise).
- Show consideration to residents and pedestrians by NOT parking in front of driveways or on pavements.
- DO NOT park on the yellow zig-zag lines or the disabled space (unless you are displaying a blue badge).
- Ensure children get out of a car on the pavement side.

Rupert Kaye,  
Headteacher

## Coats and Wellies

**ALL CHILDREN** should now be bringing a **warm, waterproof coat** to school every day.

Likewise, every child needs to keep a pair of named **wellington boots** in school



as this enables children to make use of the whole site in all weathers.

## French Club

Spaces are still available for **French Club** (which starts this Friday). This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn the basics of the French language in a relaxed friendly atmosphere, through dance, songs, games and role play.



## We need pre-owned children’s books

At home, do you have any **spare story books** that your children have grown out of? Would you like them to be read and enjoyed by other children? If so, please donate them to Christ Church First School.



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### **Book Fair**

Our Scholastic book fair is arriving on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September for one week. Books will be available to purchase before and after school.

The fair will be located in the school library.

As well as visiting the fair during class time, all children will have the opportunity to enter a competition to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair.

Books sold during the fair will help raise valuable funds for the school. Don't forget: books make excellent gifts, and Christmas is approaching fast!

# PTFA

The Parents, Teachers  
and Friends Association  
of Christ Church First  
School

The first meeting of the PTFA this year will be at **9.15am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October** in the school hall. If you would like to be part of the PTFA but cannot make the meeting, please get in touch with our office staff so we can add your email address and/or telephone number to the contact list.

The PTFA raise valuable funds for the school by hosting events for children, families and the local community, please support if you can.

### **School Harvest Festival**



Our annual harvest festival is taking place at 2pm at Christ Church parish church, located on Christchurch Street West.

Please note: all children will need to be collected from the CHURCH at 3.15pm. (So, even if you are not attending the festival, you will still need to collect your child(ren) from the church.)

### **Class Cake Sale**

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Topaz class cakes will be on sale at 3.15pm in the school playground (or the school hall, if it is raining).

### **Magic Breakfast: EVERY CHILD is entitled to a FREE BREAKFAST at school!**

Children need to come to the main entrance (by the school office) at 8.30am for breakfast in the school hall.

Although there is no charge, a voluntary contribution of 50p to help towards staffing costs would be most welcome.

For all children **NOT** having a Magic Breakfast, please arrive at the normal pedestrian entrance at 8.45am as usual. Thank you.



### **School Photographer**



This year we are going to do things a little differently.

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October every pupil at Christ Church will have their individual photo taken.

If sibling photos and/or photos that include children who are NOT pupils at Christ Church are required, these will be taken on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in the school hall. Nursery photos will also take place on 16<sup>th</sup> October, but this will happen in the nursery (in the Key Centre building).

More details will be sent out nearer the time.