

# Newsletter

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## **“Let your light shine brightly.”** *(Matthew 5:16)*

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,

### Welcome back!

I trust that each of you had an enjoyable summer and managed to make the most of the lovely weather we had through most of August.

### Social distancing, staggered starts, bubbles, handwashing, PPE and plenty of fresh air!

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic means that – in terms of day-to-day school organisation – we continue where we left off before the Summer Holiday. During the school day, classroom doors and windows will remain open at all times to ensure maximum ventilation. And, as before, regular handwashing (for 20 seconds each time) and stringent standards of cleanliness and hygiene remain a priority.

Until further notice, all school and nursery staff and pupils will need to remain in their allocated “bubble” and must not mix with children and adults from any other bubbles at any time during the school day.

The staggered start and finish of class bubbles is designed to keep everyone safe and healthy by preventing bubble-mixing and cross-contamination. (Please see details, below.)

Class	Gate	Drop-off	Collection
Diamond	Tall black pedestrian gate to the small (KS1) playground	8.30am	2.40pm *
Ruby		8.45am	2.50pm
Emerald		8.55am	3.00pm
Pearl	Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre	8.30am	2.40pm *
Amber		8.45am	2.50pm
Topaz		8.55am	3.00pm

\* Collection times for Reception children in Diamond and Pearl:

Week 1 = 11.45am

Week 2 = 11.45am

Week 3 = 12.45pm

Week 4 onwards = 2.40pm

Nursery Sessions	Gate	Drop-off	Collection
AM only (3 hours)	Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre	8.15am	11.15am
PM only (3 hours)		12.45pm	3.45pm
All day (7½ hours)		8.15am	3.45pm

In the morning, children will need to line up with **one** parent/carer on the yellow “social distance” dots painted 2 metres apart on the pavement outside the correct gate. Bubble staff (wearing visors and gloves) will collect children at the gate and will then walk them to their classroom.

If a child is late and misses their bubble start time, their parent/carer will be expected to phone the school office to arrange a time for collection from the main gate by a member of staff from their bubble.

At home time, children will be brought back to their gate, one bubble at a time; parents/carers should wait on the pavement on the yellow 2-metre social distancing dots.

## A big THANK YOU to our secret supporters

Earlier this week a number of lovely gift boxes containing fresh fruit and luxury pastries from Keren's Comfort Kitchen arrived in school for staff. Each box carried a handwritten message: "Good luck and thank you from Christ Church families ♥ xxx". Whoever you are ... You didn't have to, but we're very glad you did! Thank you so much!

## Goodbye, Mrs Barney, Mrs Busson, Mrs Hall and Mrs Ives

Mrs Julie Barney (School Crossing Patrol Officer), Mrs Jo Busson (Midday Supervisor), Mrs Jessica Hall (Learning Support Assistant) and Mrs Kay Ives (Cleaner-in-Charge and Caretaker) finished working at Christ Church over the summer. We thank them for their work and wish them well for the future. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for our staff leavers, please hand your donation (in a sealed envelope labelled "Mrs Barney", "Mrs Busson", "Mrs Hall" or "Mrs Ives") to a member of staff at the start or end of the school day.

## Hello, Mrs Harrigan and Mrs Paulsson

Please join with me in offering a very warm welcome to our two newest members of staff: Mrs Charlotte Paulsson (Midday Supervisor) and Mrs Caroline Harrigan (Cleaner-in-Charge and Caretaker). Mrs Paulsson began work on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Mrs Harrigan starts on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September. We are delighted that they have chosen to join our amazing Christ Church staff team at this time.

## Collective Worship themes for the term

This term, in our class bubble Collective Worship times, we will be learning about some of the special stories (parables) told by Jesus. You may like to read and talk about these stories at home with your child(ren).

<b>Wk</b>	<b>Parable (<i>Bible reference</i>)</b>	<b>The big theme: Making good choices</b>
1	The Two Builders ( <i>Luke 6:47-49</i> )	Wisdom. Foolishness. Listening to advice.
2	The Lost Sheep ( <i>Luke 15:3-7</i> )	Everyone is important to God.
3	The Good Samaritan ( <i>Luke 10:25-37</i> )	Kindness. Compassion. Being a "good neighbour".
4	The Bags of Gold (Talents) ( <i>Matthew 25:14-30</i> )	Courage. Having a go. Trying our best.
5	The Unforgiving Servant ( <i>Matthew 18:23-35</i> )	Forgiveness and fairness. (God's love is like this.)
6	The Friend at Midnight ( <i>Luke 11:5-8</i> )	Perseverance. Prayer.
7	The Sower and the Seeds ( <i>Matthew 13:3-8</i> )	The Kingdom of Heaven is like this.

## Parable of the week: The Two Builders

This week we are thinking about The Parable of The Two Builders. The story is about building houses. But Jesus told his disciples that this story is *really* about listening to God and making good choices. Jesus said ...

Everyone who hears my words and then does what I say, is like a wise builder who builds a house on a firm foundation of rock. When the heavy rain falls and the floods come and the winds blow and beat against that house, it will not fall down.

But everyone who hears my words and then does not do what I say, is like a foolish builder who builds a house on sand. When the heavy rain falls and the floods come and the winds blow and beat against that house, it will fall apart and be completely ruined! (*Matthew 7:24-27*)



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Please note: sessions will only  
go ahead if we receive sufficient  
bookings to make this viable.