

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 Autumn Half-Term Holiday.

Lockdown means stricter safety rules for parents

Due to the new four-week national lockdown announced by the UK Prime Minister on Saturday 31st October 2020, Christ Church's COVID safety rules are now stricter.

- 1) Adults must wear a mask when they line up outside school.**
- 2) Only one adult per yellow social distancing dot.**
- 3) Adults and children from different households must not meet up in a public outdoor place in groups bigger than two people. Also, they must not meet up with anyone else, either indoors or in any other outdoor place (including gardens, parks and play areas).**

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 Half-Term 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 (KSI) 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

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)		11.15am	2.15pm
All day (6 hours)		8.15am	2.15pm

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.

Our six core Christian values:



Kindness



Courage



Respect



Responsibility



Perseverance



Forgiveness

Virtual parents' evenings

We are able to offer parents' evening appointments over the phone on the following dates:

Diamond and Pearl	3–5pm on Tuesday 3rd, Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November
Amber and Ruby	3–5pm on Tuesday 10th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November
Emerald and Topaz	3–5pm on Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th November
Nursery	2.30–3pm spread over the three parents' evening weeks

Our teachers hope to speak with all parents and carers. The aim of each appointment is to discuss how your child has settled into the new school year and their attitude to learning. Each call should last 5–10 minutes.

Please be aware that the school phone number may appear on your telephone as withheld. If teachers are unable to get through to you when they call, they will leave an answerphone message.

Collective Worship themes for the term

This term, in our class bubble Collective Worship times, we will be commemorating Armistice Day with a respectful silence at 11am on Wednesday 11th November 2020. We will also be marking the season of Advent (the four Sundays before Christmas Day) as we remember the real meaning of Christmas. And we will continue learning about some of the special stories (parables) told by Jesus. You may like to read and talk about these parables at home with your child(ren).

Wk	Parable (<i>Bible reference</i>)	The big theme: Making good choices
8	The Lamp on the Stand (<i>Matthew 5:14–16</i>)	Let your light shine brightly for all to see!
9	The Plank and the Speck (<i>Luke 6:41–42</i>)	Nobody is perfect. We all get things wrong.
10	The Lost Coin (<i>Luke 15:8–10</i>)	Everyone is important to God.
11	The Prodigal Son (<i>Luke 15:11–32</i>)	Everyone is important to God.
12	The Mustard Seed (<i>Matthew 13:31–32</i>)	The Kingdom of Heaven is like this. (Faith.)
13	The Workers in the Vineyard (<i>Matthew 20:1–16</i>)	The Kingdom of Heaven is like this. (Grace.)
14	The Great Banquet (<i>Luke 14:12–24</i>)	God's love is for everybody!

Parable of the week: The Lamp on the Stand

This week we are thinking about The Parable of The Lamp on the Stand. The parable is about things that can be seen – a town built on the top of a hill and a lamp on a lamp-stand.

But Jesus told his disciples that this parable is *really* about everyone “shining brightly” by making good choices. Jesus tells this parable to encourage his followers to stand out, to be good role models and not to hide away. Jesus said ...



You are the world's light. It is impossible to hide a town built on the top of a hill. People do not light a lamp and then put it under a bucket. (*That would be silly!*) Instead, they put it on a lamp-stand and it gives light for everybody in the house. In the same way, let your light shine brightly for all to see. Let people see the good things you do and praise your Father in Heaven. (*Matthew 5:14–16*)

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