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

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# Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,

## Welcoming everyone back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March

We are delighted to confirm that Christ Church School and Nursery will be welcoming all pupils back next Monday as we move out of the present national lockdown. All of our staff are looking forward to seeing children catching up with their friends and filling the building with excitement and laughter.

## A big THANK YOU to parents and carers

We realise the lockdown has caused disruption to children's routines, relationships and learning. We also know that while some parents and carers have enjoyed every moment of supporting children with their learning at home for the last two months ... others may have found the experience a little challenging from time to time. To each and every one of you, we say a massive THANK YOU for all that you have done to work in partnership with school staff to keep children's learning moving forward.

## Our back-to-school priorities

Our back-to-school plan is very simple. We aim to ensure ...

- every child feels welcome, settled and happy to be back in school;
- every child is able to learn in a safe and nurturing environment;
- every child makes excellent progress with their learning;
- every child is given the opportunity to let their light shine brightly!

## Dates for Parents' Evenings

Class teachers will be phoning parents 2.30–5.00pm on Monday 29<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March and Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.



## Let's work together to stop head lice

We ask that all children are checked and treated for head lice at least every other day – from Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Together, we can blitz the bugs and stop them circulating. This should mean every child will be free from itchy head lice for the rest of the term.

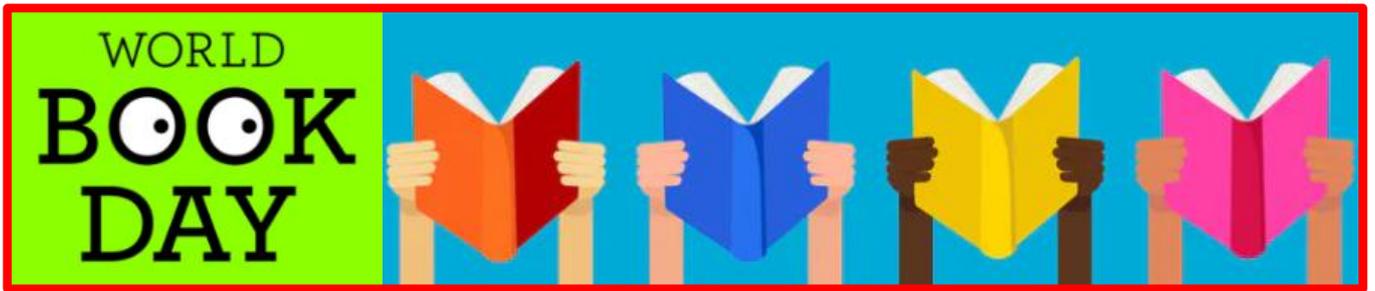
## Welcoming a new member of staff

We are delighted to announce that Miss Sophia Wormald started work as a cleaner at Christ Church on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March.

## School uniform and wellies

Where possible, we would like children to wear normal school uniform but this will need to be kept clean. Therefore, we are happy for families to choose plain navy sweatshirts/cardigans and other trousers will be fine. Remember, Pupil Premium families are entitled to one free sweatshirt per child each year. Information about when uniform will be available will come out separately.

Wellies will still be required for all children from Nursery to Year 4. This will help us to keep groups separate at break and lunchtimes. Please ensure your child has a suitable coat every day; we will be outdoors a lot as it is safer.



# World Book Day 2021

This year at Christ Church First School and Nursery,  
we are going to celebrate World Book Day  
in a different way!

When we are all back in school,  
we will have a ***Book Celebration Week***,  
starting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

This is very exciting because we will all be  
back in our classes and can look at, share  
and celebrate our love of books together.



## COVID safety means NO pencil cases, toys or rucksacks from home

Children must not bring in footballs, rugby balls, skipping ropes, fidget spinners, power balls, action figures, dolls or any other toys or games in from home. (School play equipment is made available to children at breaktimes and lunchtimes.)

As a matter of school policy, no pencil cases from home should be brought to school. Christ Church provides all children with the day-to-day stationery and equipment needed in lessons, e.g. exercise books, pencils, rulers, erasers and glue sticks. We do not want pencil cases, toys or games from home to become lost or broken, or to distract children from their school work. Thank you.



### Bubble timings

All adults must wear a face mask and wait on the pavement on the yellow 2-metre social distancing dots. Adults must be **punctual** for all drop-off and collection times. (If your child will be late, please phone the school office and we will arrange a time for you to drop your child at the main gate.) Thank you.

Nursery	Gate: Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre	
	Drop-off time	Collection time
Morning only (3 hours)	8.15am	11.15am
Afternoon only (3 hours)	11.15am	2.15pm
All day (6 hours)	8.15am	2.15pm

Class	Morning drop-off time	Afternoon collection time	Gate
Diamond	8.30am	2.40pm	Tall black pedestrian gate to the small (KSI) playground
Pearl	8.30am	2.40pm	Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre
Amber	8.45am	2.50pm	Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre
Ruby	8.45am	2.50pm	Tall black pedestrian gate to the small (KSI) playground
Emerald	8.55am	3.00pm	Tall black pedestrian gate to the small (KSI) playground
Topaz	8.55am	3.00pm	Small wooden pedestrian side gate by The Key Centre

### PE days

Your child will need to **wear their PE kit to school** on their PE day. PE will be outside, so this should be black or blue joggers/leggings (unless it is hot enough for shorts outside), a blue T-shirt and a school sweatshirt. This will prevent the PE kit needing to be sent home weekly to be washed. As well as being outside, PE will take place in small groups.

PE Day	Class
Monday	Ruby
Tuesday	Amber
Wednesday	Topaz
Thursday	Pearl and Emerald
Friday	Diamond

### Food and drink

Every child needs to bring their own water bottle every day.

There will be an option to order a school packed lunch or a jacket potato, or for children to bring in a packed lunch from home.

In Key Stage 2, children should also bring a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables.

Instead of attending Magic Breakfast club, when children enter the classroom each morning, they will be offered breakfast cereal.

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