

*“Children don’t care how much you know, until they know how much you care”*



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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  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November ... Remembrance Service  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November ... Parents’ Evening, 3.30–6pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November ... Amber and Ruby Fire Safety programme  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November ... Emerald Class Cake Sale at 3.15pm

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,

**There is a clear link between reading outside school and a child’s achievement in both maths and English.**

Once upon a time ... not so very long ago ... researchers from the Institute of Education in London found that children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gained higher results than those who read less regularly. So, why am I telling you this? Because **I would like every child at Christ Church to read to/with an adult or older sibling at least once a day** – hence the recurring theme in this newsletter about books: buying them, donating them, sharing them and reading them!

Rupert Kaye,  
Headteacher



Please **DO NOT** enter the school grounds through the large double gates to the staff car park.

To ensure everyone’s safety, enter and leave the school premises via the pedestrian gates and cross the road/car park using the zebra crossing and/or crossing patrol. Thank you.

### **CCFS book appeal**

*A big thank you to all children, parents, staff, governors and friends of Christ Church who have kindly donated books to the school.*

**Books received so far: 21**  
**Target: 100**



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**EVERY CHILD at Christ Church  
C of E First School is entitled to a  
FREE BREAKFAST!**

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.



### **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).

### **Scholastic Book Fair Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September for one week**

The fair will be located in the school library and books will be available to purchase before and after school.

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!

### **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.)



# **PTFA**

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

Please come along to our first PTFA meeting of the school year at **9.15am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October** in the school hall.

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