

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

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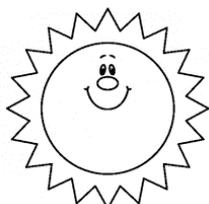
Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,

Welcoming back Mrs Gray and Mrs Sherred

Good news! I am delighted to announce that, starting this week, Mrs Niamh Gray and Mrs Jo Sherred are back on the Christ Church staff. Mrs Sherred is now working full-time as a Learning Support Assistant across Amber and Ruby classes. Mrs Niamh Gray will be teaching in Diamond Class on Thursday mornings.

Goodbye to Mrs Tunstall

Mrs Sandra Tunstall will be retiring from her work as a Learning Support Assistant in Key Stage 2 in May 2021. We wish her every happiness for the future. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift, please send in your donation in a sealed envelope marked “Mrs Tunstall”. Thank you.



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your child(ren)
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Collective Worship themes for the term

This term, we will be learning about significant stories and characters from the Old Testament. We will also be talking about three special Christian celebrations that follow the season of Easter: Ascension Day (Thursday 13/5/21), Pentecost (Sunday 23/5/21) and Trinity Sunday (Sunday 30/5/21).

Wk	w/b	Key concept: stories from the Old Testament help us to make good choices	Focus (<i>Bible reference</i>)
1	19/4/21	The creation story	When everything was new (<i>Genesis 1 and 2</i>)
2	26/4/21	Adam and Eve live in a beautiful garden	Caring for plants and animals (<i>Genesis 2</i>)
3	3/5/21	Noah, the ark, the flood and the rainbow	Saving animals from the flood (<i>Genesis 6–8</i>)
4	10/5/21	Abraham – the “father of three faiths”	Being faithful to our beliefs (<i>Genesis 12–17</i>)
5	17/5/21	Joseph the dreamer who became prime minister	Being powerful and kind (<i>Genesis 37–45</i>)
6	24/5/21	Moses leads people to freedom	Saving people from slavery (<i>Exodus 1–15</i>)
Summer Half-Term Holiday			
7	7/6/21	Moses and the Ten Commandments	Giving people rules (<i>Exodus 19–20</i>)
8	14/6/21	Deborah the wise judge	Making wise choices (<i>Judges 4–5</i>)
9	21/6/21	Ruth	Being a faithful daughter-in-law (<i>Ruth</i>)
10	28/6/21	David and Goliath	Being a brave shepherd (<i>1 Samuel 17</i>)
11	5/7/21	Jonah and the whale	Bad choices and good choices (<i>Jonah</i>)
12	12/7/21	Daniel and the lions	Being faithful to what he believed (<i>Daniel 6</i>)
13	19/7/21	Esther	Speaking up to save others (<i>Esther</i>)

Ofsted inspection report

The Ofsted report from Christ Church’s inspection on 23 March 2021 is now available on the school website. (There is a link on the “Noticeboard” on the left-hand side of the school homepage.)

This positive report praises the progress Christ church has made since our October 2019 inspection and demonstrates a massive vote of confidence in our whole school community. So, I’d like to take this opportunity to say a huge THANK YOU to each and every parent and carer for the hard work, support, feedback and kind words of encouragement you have provided. Christ Church is only amazing because we have amazing children, amazing families, amazing staff and amazing governors!

The two Her Majesty’s Inspectors (HMIs) who conducted the Ofsted inspection made it clear in their feedback that:

- 1) For Christ Church to have fully achieved all of the action points from the previous (October 2019) inspection so quickly and effectively would “be good in normal times” but “to have made this progress in a year of pandemic lockdowns and the tragic loss of a class teacher is really very good indeed”.
- 2) Parent responses on the Parent View website and made via free-text were overwhelmingly positive, demonstrating great faith and confidence in the ability of Christ Church staff to keep children safe and enable them to enjoy their learning. The HMIs noted that even the one case of very critical parent feedback concluded by saying their child was actually happy at Christ Church!
- 3) the HMIs told us they had used the most positive wording they were permitted to use in a remote inspection: **Leaders and those responsible for governance are taking effective action to provide education in the current circumstances.** This does not mean we are officially “Good”, but it does drop a heavy hint to the local authority and diocese that Christ Church is on the right track. In a nutshell, if we continue to do the right things in the right way, Christ Church will be judged as “Good or better” in our next off-line real-world two-day Ofsted inspection.

Again, THANK YOU for the part you have played in helping Christ Church to improve and “shine brightly” over the past year. THANK YOU for all you continue to do to make Christ Church a place of kindness, joy and learning.



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