



Dear Parents and Carers, Half Term and the Weather

I hope you and the children had a lovely half term break. Spring seems further away than usual with the weather this week. The forecast continues to suggest further snow. As mentioned before please **assume school is open** unless you receive a text via your mobile phone. Please send children into school with warm clothing and boots/wellies so that they can still go outside when it is safe to do so.

Building Work

Over the half term we had some new windows across the Reception and KS2 corridors. We also had some new blinds in some of our classrooms. As a school we are committed to ensuring our school is the best environment it can be for your children with a very tight budget!

Maths Challenges

Pupils in Year 1 - Year 6 have rainbow or planet maths challenges. These challenges are around times-tables and quick recall of number facts. Children can progress through these with lots of practise. Some children have made great progress through the stages; please remind your children to practise. There are activities linked to the colours and planets on the school website.

World Book Day

There are some lovely activities planned in school tomorrow around books. One of the activities is linked to a Where's Wally hunt around school - follow twitter and you will see some photos. Just a reminder that we are not dressing up as per previous newsletter. Uniforms as normal please.

Year 2 Trip

Our wonderful Year 2 children enjoyed their visit to Warwick Castle yesterday. The staff said that the children thought it was magical with the beautiful snow within the setting. The children behaved impeccably; the staff were extremely proud of them. Well done Year 2.

Mrs Kooner, one of our TA's in Nursery, left for Maternity leave today. I am sure you will join me in wishing her the best of luck.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

WEEKLY FOCUS

Assembly Focus: Phase Assembly – World Book Day

Musical Inspiration: I Can See Clearly Now – Johnny Nash

Language Word of the week: to say hello in Swahili say 'Hujambo' (jambo). Swahili has official language status in Tanzania and Kenya.

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



SPORTS NEWS

Once again, the weather is playing havoc with PE, Clubs and sporting competitions at St. Christopher. Sadly, our Y5/6 Boys Football Team have had another football match cancelled this week. The good news is that another match is planned for next Thursday when Moseley Primary visit us, they are also bringing a Year 3/4 Boys Football Team too.

This Saturday our Boys Cross Country Team will be competing in the Coventry Primary Schools Cross Country Championships at Bablake Fields. You may recall that our Boys Team finished runners up to Bablake Primary School last year. They are really looking forward to the event especially as the races were cancelled just before Christmas due to the weather.

Next week promises to be a very busy week too. On Tuesday, Whitmore Park Primary School will visit us with two netball teams for a league fixture and a friendly match. On Thursday our Y6 Sports Hall Athletics Team will try to defend the trophy that St. Christopher won last year in the Coventry West Sports Hall Athletics Final. On Thursday afternoon we look forward to the visit of Moseley Primary School as mentioned earlier. Then on Saturday morning our Y5/6 Girls Football Team take part in the Dave Moore Trophy qualifying tournament. It will be here as we are the hosts and current holders. So, a busy week of sport ahead. Mr Coyle is praying for fine weather.

REMINDER, THE REMAINING BALANCE FOR SKERN LODGE NEEDS TO BE PAID IN FULL BY 12TH MARCH AT THE LATEST. THANK YOU.

Pupil of the Week Awards



Pupil of the Week Awards go to:

Fearne - 1C: settling easily into Year 1 at St Christopher Primary School.

Arjun - 1W: trying his very best to recognise sounds and blend them to read words.

Alfie - 2A: always trying his best in all lessons. He has particularly impressed me in Maths and he produced some wonderful artwork in Theme.

Kasper - 2K: excellent effort with his reading and contributing his answers more in our Spy Time lessons

Gabriel - 3B: a huge improvement on his 'Jedi Mathsters' score. Gabe always tries his best to improve his work.

Penny - 3T: her enthusiasm with reading at home and school and enthusiasm and learning in all lessons.

Beau - 4N: his inventive and interesting ideas when drafting a piece of writing.

Freya - 4T: her 'can do' attitude and excellent effort in all lessons

Ray - 5G: great enthusiasm since Christmas, and great improvement in the presentation and quality of work

Keaton - 5P: his outstanding contribution to all lessons. His attitude to learning is excellent.

Ace - 6H: producing excellent homework and for his super contributions in Jigsaw lessons.

Jessica - 6L: working extremely hard to improve her quick mental recall in Maths and for being a pleasure to teach!

Well done to all of the above pupils

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change):

Thursday 1 st March 2018	World Book Day – activities in school
Friday 9 th March 2018	PTA: Mother's Day gifts to be sold in school (further details to follow)
Wednesday 14 th March 2018	Vision Screening Reception – letter sent out
Friday 23 rd March 2018	Sports Relief Day
Thursday 29 th March 2018	Nursery Closed
Thursday 29 th March 2018	PTA – Easter Disco (further details to follow)
Tuesday 17 th April 2018	Parents Evening: Y1-Y6
Wednesday 18 th April 2018	Parents Evening: Y1-Y6
Monday 14 th May – Friday 18 th May 2018	KS2 SATs week
Monday 21 st May 2018	Skern Lodge Parents Meeting
Wednesday 13 th June 2018	Music Performance – Guitar PM (further details to follow)
Friday 15 th June 2018	PTA: Summer Fete (further details to follow)
Friday 15 th June 2018	PTA: Father's Day gifts to be sold in school (further details to follow)
Friday 15 th June 2018	Reception/Year 6 Photos
Friday 22 nd June 2018 – Monday 25 th June 2018	Skern Lodge Residential – Year 6
Wednesday 4 th July 2018	Moving on Day/Year 6 Ball
Monday 16 th July/Tuesday 17 th July 2018	Year 6 Performance tbc
Thursday 19 th July 2018	Year 6 Mystery Trip
Friday 20 th July 2018	Reports sent home

SAFEGUARDING - Protecting Pupils

All schools have a duty to safeguard all pupils and our governors and local council check that we are meeting requirements. Safeguarding is another term for 'child protection'. We have a safeguarding policy that is available on our school website. This policy includes all the advice given to us by Coventry City Council. The policy is very detailed and staff are carefully trained. We also have to ensure children are aware of how to keep themselves safe as well as equip them with skills to prevent and deal with any issues. We do this through assemblies and class talk times. We also have a duty to make you aware that in the interest of safeguarding children there may be occasions when the school has to consult other agencies without a parent's prior knowledge. The school's first concern is the child's welfare and the school has a duty to act to protect the child at all times. Such consultation may result in a formal referral which could prompt visits from social services and/or the police.

We fully understand that this can be a very distressing set of circumstances, but we can only assure you that we follow the procedures laid down by the Coventry Safeguarding Board.

Coventry Education Psychology Team will be running a FREE session for parents on Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.

Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable**
- Are more resilient**
- Achieve more academically in school**
- Have fewer behavioural problems**

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and its scientific basis, and will involve practical activities and resource-sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

**Tuesday 14th March 2018
Arrival for Coffee/Tea from 9.30am
10.00am -12.00pm**

For further information and to book your place, telephone SENDIASS (024) 7669 4307 or Email: iass@coventry.gov.uk