



St Christopher

Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

A number of children have been awarded certificates for good school attendance. I am delighted that 310 pupils were awarded certificates with 143 of these being gold. Well done to all these pupils and parents!

95% attendance of 190 school days is what is classed as expected attendance. Anything below 95% negatively impacts on a child's education. This means that pupils should not typically be absent for more than 9.5 days.

Main Entrance

It has come to my attention that a few parents and children are using the main school entrance as a short cut instead of the pupil entrance doors in the mornings when the bell has not sounded and the doors are still open. This is not permitted unless your child is late for school.

TikTok and other social media

Our staff have heard a number of our older children talking about videos they have shared on sites such as TikTok. As with all social media, it is imperative that as parents you are monitoring your child's use as should the control settings not be in place their videos can be viewed by the public. Be mindful that videos uploaded with identifiable clothes such as uniform can make pupils vulnerable. We regularly talk about online safety in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

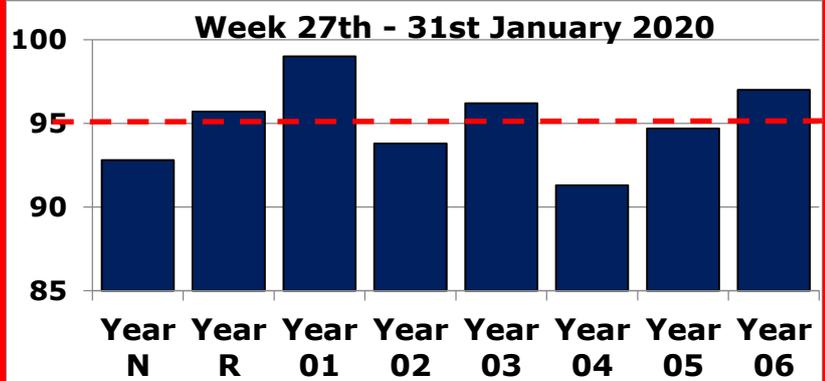
WEEKLY FOCUS

Assembly Theme: Rugby Six Nations

Musical Inspiration: Symphony No. 4 'Choral' (Allegro) – Ludwig van Beethoven

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

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



SPORTS NEWS

Our Year 5 & 6 Girls Football Team enjoyed a very tight match with St John Vianney Primary last Thursday. On the long grass of a very wet, muddy pitch both teams tried to play passing football but the conditions made it very difficult. The home team took the lead right on the stroke of half-time. The St Christopher girls created a host of chances throughout the game but just couldn't manage to force the ball home. Right at the end of the game the home team scored again to win the game 2-0. The girls next match is a friendly at home to Allesley. The girls also have the opportunity to play in an Indoor Football Tournament in the next few weeks too.

Mr Coyle was very pleased to see so many girls trying to get into the Girls Cross Country squad. Nearly 50 girls ran in the trial and 20 have been chosen to represent the school. Many schools struggle to raise a team. We don't have this problem at St Christopher! The Boys Cross Country squad have finished their training at Allesley Park and the race at Bablake Fields is fast approaching.

Our Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics team are competing in the final this week. The children have been practising and are very excited.

Pupil of the Week Awards

Pupil of the Week Awards go to:

Finley -1S: his increased improvement within all lessons including his phonics!

Jacob - 1W- a superb enthusiasm towards learning. I am amazed by your incredible facts you have learnt for our theme!

Emmie - 2C: never giving up and presenting her maths work beautifully. Well done Emmie!

Zack - 2I: fantastic effort, enthusiasm and improvement in his writing. Well done and keep it up!

Daniel - 3M: always being kind and helpful towards others. He is an excellent member of year 3

Eoin -3S: making some wonderful contributions to our class writing- carefully selecting the most exciting vocabulary to use.

Summer - 4C: a fabulous piece of homework about Antarctica. Great effort!

Lillie - 4P: listening carefully to advice given in English and implementing this into her writing to improve it.

George - 5L: working extremely hard in English to improve his writing by listening carefully to advice.

Tommy - 5P: his hard work to improve his times tables.

Isabella - 6T: writing a wonderfully descriptive story opening.

Aaron - 6N: his excellent effort and attention to detail when answering reading comprehension.

Well done to all of the above pupils

SAFEGUARDING AT ST CHRISTOPHER

At St Christopher Primary School, we take the role of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children very seriously. This means that we consider, at all times, what is in the best interests of children in our care.

We have a safeguarding policy and child protection policy, which include all of the advice and guidance given to us by Coventry City Council. These policies are available on the school website.

Children in school are aware of who they can talk to if they have any concerns and all staff who work at school receive safeguarding training regularly. Any concerns relating to the well-being of children are reported to the Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs).

The Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs A Harrison



The Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Mrs C Robinson



The school's priority is the welfare of the children and in the interest of safeguarding, there may be occasions when the DSLs need to make contact with external agencies without parent's prior knowledge. Such consultations may result in a formal referral which could result in social care and/or police involvement.

We fully understand that this can be a distressing set of circumstances, but we can assure you that we sensitively and confidentially follow the procedures, which have been laid out by the Coventry safeguarding Team in order to meet the statutory responsibility to safeguard children.