



5th OCTOBER 2020 * AUTUMN TERM * ISSUE NO. 1

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your family are safe and well.

Attendance Levels

Our attendance levels in school seem to have settled and are now fairly high, which we are really pleased about. At one stage this term we had between 50-60 children absent, but this has now changed and we seem to be having between 15-20 pupils absent per day. Initially, at the start of term we had a sickness bug and a common cold spreading, but this seems to have been suppressed and we now have normal attendance levels. It is obviously critical that everyone continues to follow the COVID guidance to keep everyone safe but other than that if your child is well enough please send them to school. We are working hard to support children with their learning and helping them to catch back up so every lesson counts!



Home Learning

It is fantastic that we have seen an increase in pupils accessing their home learning accounts but there are still a number of children who have not accessed their account. In school, we are able to see the levels of access. The school gmail accounts will be used for a variety of purposes going forward and we really need all pupils and parents to access each account and know how to use them.

We have a number of extra initiatives already in place to help pupils catch up on missed learning in school. There are other actions planned for after half term. However, when speaking to staff in staff meetings, they feel that the children who have kept up and continue to do so, are those pupils who are:

- **Reading on a daily basis**
- **Practising spellings on spelling shed**
- **Practising times tables on rockstars.**

If your child is not completing the above, then quite simply they will fall behind their peers and struggle to make progress. Parents, please help us to help your child and try to ensure your child is completing the above at the very least.

Early Years parents please follow the home learning guidance in your newsletter which is slightly different.



Playpals

Our Playpals team are contacting parents this week to confirm places for Half Term. We are one of the only schools still running wraparound childcare and I feel very pleased to be in this position. Governors and I know that childcare is so important to many of you and we are determined to maintain this provision as we have done throughout the year.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Later today all Year 1 - Year 6 parents will receive a google form via email. The form will enable us to set up the online Parent/Teacher meetings just after half term. The meetings will take place on **Wednesday 4th November and Wednesday 11th November between 3.45pm and 6.30pm**. The online meetings will run **through your child's gmail account**. These meetings are important so please look out for the form today.

PTA events

Our PTA are still active and have two planned fundraising events. As outlined in the email on Wednesday the personalised Christmas Gifts with Chameleon Crafts are underway. The PTA have also planned a Halloween Trail, please see the poster on the next page for details. I hope that you can support our PTA.

Training Days

Please remember that we have two of the school training days coming up. They fall either side of the half term and are on Friday 23rd October and Monday 2nd November.

Thank-you for your continued support,


Yours sincerely,

Mrs C Robinson
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

VACANCY

LUNCHTIME ASSISTANT - MATERNITY COVER

PLEASE DOWNLOAD AN APPLICATION FORM FROM THE SCHOOL WEBSITE OR CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



**ST. CHRISTOPHER
HALLOWEEN
TRAIL**

31.10.20

WITH 'TRICK OR TREATING' OFF THE CARDS THIS YEAR, ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PTA WILL BE HOSTING A FRIGHT-TASTIC 'FRONT DOOR TRAIL'!

DECORATE YOUR FRONT DOOR IN A SPOOKY HALLOWEEN STYLE WITH A PRIZE FOR THE BEST DRESSED FRONT DOOR!

ENTRY IS JUST £3. EMAIL STCHRISPTA@GMAIL.COM FOR AN ENTRY FORM BEFORE 27TH OCTOBER.