



## Newsletter 1 – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Honesty

Friendship

Kindness

Love

Perseverance

Respect

*'Grow and Learn together with God'*

### Welcome Back

What a fantastic first week! I hope you have all had a lovely Summer and have enjoyed time with your children. It has been wonderful to welcome them back to school this week and see how much they have grown. I have enjoyed listening to their holiday news and tales of their exciting adventures. They have all been very busy indeed! It is great to see a sea of smiley faces, looking so smart. All children have returned enthused with excellent attitudes for the year ahead.

I would like to offer a warm welcome to all of our new starters and their families. I hope that you quickly feel part of the Christ Church community. We hope you will enjoy your time at Christ Church and look forward to working in partnership with you.



Mrs R Lunn  
Head of School

Loving God, watch over our children as they begin their new school year. Bless them with joy at seeing friends, excitement at new experiences, and a love of learning.

Guide and protect all who learn, replacing fear with joy, anxiety with peace, and tiredness with energy. Give wisdom, patience, and joy to teachers as they serve their students.

In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen.



### Attendance at School

I would like to remind parents at the start of the academic year about procedures for reporting absence and of the school attendance policy.

The ethos of the Christ Church Schools is one of a happy, caring environment. We believe that children learn best when they are happy and relaxed. All staff show concern and care about each child's welfare and provide a supportive and nurturing environment. As attendance is crucial to effective learning and the continuity of learning experiences the school places great emphasis on this and asks parents for their support.

All children should be in school everyday unless unwell or at an appointment that the school has prior notification of. Parents should contact school on the first day of absence to report the reason and keep in regular contact with the school should the period of absence continue. Where there is no communication around the absence this naturally causes welfare concerns for the school who has a duty to ascertain the whereabouts of children. If no communication has been received, the school will contact parents via text or telephone.

Punctuality is also monitored by the school. Please consider how arriving late regularly may impact on your child's ability to settle to learning and how they may feel walking in late to a class that is already underway. Understandably there will be the odd occasion, where this is unavoidable e.g. your car breaking down, however please do try not to fall into a pattern of regular lateness.

A polite reminder that holidays should not be planned or taken in school time unless there are exceptional circumstances. An application must be made to the school to take a child out of school during term time.

### Parking

As you are aware, parking can be difficult especially at peak drop off and pick up times. Your continued support with considerate and safe parking is appreciated. We ask parents to be mindful of our neighbours and pedestrians using the pavements. We also ask, that parents do not drive up the lane unless it is an emergency. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Polite Reminder**

Please remember to inform the member of staff on morning gate duty or the School Office if your child/ren are to go home with another pupil, or be collected by an adult who doesn't usually collect them.

We will not release pupils unless messages have been received from parents/carers. Please ensure you inform the school office by **2:30pm** to allow the message to be delivered.

### **Worship Focus**

This half term our focus will be **'Thankfulness.'**

The children will praise God in creation, consider why it is important to say thank you, reflect on the things they are thankful for and give thanks for the Harvest.

**Thought for the week:**

**'Always be thankful' 1 Thessalonians 5.16**

### **Pupil Data Recorded in School**

Are the records we hold for your child/ren up to date?

During the summer break have you;

- Moved house?
- Changed your job?
- Changed telephone numbers/email address?
- Changed family circumstances?
- Changed medical practice?

If these or any other personal details relating to your child/ren change please remember to notify the school office. It is essential that this information is accurate in order to make contact should we need to.

### **School Library: Volunteers Required**

Our school library is a fantastic resource to support the development of a love of reading and ignite children's imaginations. We have a wealth of wonderful books for the children to access however require additional help and support. With your help, we aim to enable the children to continue to borrow books from the school library on a weekly basis. We are therefore seeking a voluntary school librarian, who would be willing to run our library one afternoon each week. If this is something you may be interested in, please contact Mrs Lunn or Mrs McHale for further information. Thank you.

### **Free School Meals**

Children registered for Free School Meals attract additional funding to our school which can be used to cover the cost of their trips and attendance at school clubs.

If you would like to apply for Free School Meals, an application needs to be made for each child through the Wolverhampton City Council website. Applications can be made for children in all year groups.

[www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals). If you would like any advice on this, please contact the school office.

## Diary Dates

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Parents Evening Form to be distributed via text message
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Service in church @ 2:00pm (Year 1 to lead)
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	Deadline for parents evening form to be completed and submitted to school
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening appointments to be distributed via Marvellous ME
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:00pm SENCO onsite 3:30-5:00pm
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening 3:30pm-6:00pm
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Vaccination UK, Flu Nasal Spray (pm)
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Fabulous Finale Day – further information to follow in due course
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual School Photographs (Reception, Y1 and Y2) Nursery PM individual Photographs
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery AM Individual Photographs <b>Break up for half term @ 3:05pm</b>
<b>Half term: Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>INSET DAY SCHOOL AND NURSERY CLOSED TO ALL PUPILS</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Diwali Afternoon. Children are invited to come to school dressed in traditional dress or brightly coloured clothing.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Performance 1 @ 2:00pm. Parents of children in RSM are invited to attend.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity Performance 2 @ 2:00pm. Parents of children in RDS are invited to attend.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Nativity Performance 1 @ 1:45pm. Parents of children in 2LP and 1AF are invited to attend.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 (Year 1 & 2) Nativity Performance 2 @ 1:45pm. Parents of children in 2CM and 1WA are invited to attend.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Church Service in Church @ 11:00am. Parents are invited to attend. Save the Children <b>Christmas Jumper Day</b> . £1 voluntary contribution in cash Christmas Parties (PM) <b>Children break up for the Christmas holidays @ 3:05pm</b>

## Term and Holiday Dates 2023-2024 Academic Year

### Autumn Term 2023

- **Term Time:** Monday 4 September 2023 to Friday 27 October 2023
- **INSET DAY 1 – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023**
- **Half term:** Monday 30 October 2023 to Friday 3 November 2023
- **INSET DAY 2 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**
- **Term Time:** Monday 6 November 2023 to Friday 22 December 2023
- **INSET DAY 3 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023**

### Spring Term 2024

- **Term Time:** Monday 8 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024
- **Half term:** Monday 12 February 2024 to Friday 16 February 2024
- **Term Time:** Monday 19 February 2024 to Friday 22 March 2024

### Summer Term 2024

- **Term Time:** Monday 8 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024
- **INSET DAY 4 – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024**
- **Half term:** Monday 27 May 2024 to Friday 31 May 2024
- **Term Time:** Monday 3 June 2024 to Monday 22 July 2024
- **INSET DAY 5 – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024**



# Christ Church After School Care

*Wrap around provision for children in Reception – Year 6*

*Monday – Friday until 6:00pm*

*Located in the Nursery building, School Road, Tettenhall Wood*

**For further information, please call the Infant School office on: 01902 558945**

**Fun activities daily**

**Hot/cold snacks provided**

**Games**

**Outside play**

**Arts and crafts**

**Family Fun Worship at Christ Church, Church Rd, Tettenhall Wood**

## ***Criss-Cross* at Christ Church**

family fun, crafts, worship, story and food

**THIS SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023: *Creation***

**4.00 to 6.00pm at the church**

***All families welcome***

**This term *Criss-Cross* has moved to the second Sunday of the month, with a different theme each time:**

**8 October: The Miraculous Picnic**

**12 November: The Prodigal Son**

**10 December: Advent: Preparing for Christmas**

The menu for this half term remains the same as before the holidays. New menus will be issued after October half term. The current menu is available to view on the notice board by the school gates and a copy can be found below.

### ABM Menu Week 1



## Week One Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	PORK SAUSAGE WITH MASHED POTATO & GRAVY	CHICKEN & SWEETCORN PASTA BAKE WITH WARM BAGUETTE	ROAST TURKEY WITH ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	BEEF COTTAGE PIE & GRAVY	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS
VEGETARIAN	VEGAN QUORN CUMBERLAND SAUSAGE, MASH & GRAVY	MACARONI CHEESE & WARM BAGUETTE	ROAST QUORN FILLET WITH ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	VEGETARIAN MINCE COTTAGE PIE & GRAVY	CHEESE & POTATO PIE
JACKET / DELI OFFER	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham
SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SLICED CARROTS OR GARDEN PEAS	BROCCOLI OR MIXED GREEN SALAD	GREEN BEANS OR SLICED CARROTS	BROCCOLI OR SWEETCORN	GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
DESSERTS	SHORTBREAD & APPLE SLICES	LEMON SPONGE & CUSTARD	ICE CREAM & PEACH SLICES	CHOCOLATE SPONGE & CUSTARD	FRUITY FRIDAY

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.  
**YEAR 5:** Panini Bar

## ABM Menu Week 2



### Week Two Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	PASTA WITH SAUSAGE IN A TOMATO SAUCE	CREAMY CHICKEN AND SWEETCORN PIE	ROAST CHICKEN ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	BEEF CHILLI CON CARNE WITH FLUFFY RICE	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS
VEGETARIAN	PASTA WITH QUORN MEATBALLS IN A TOMATO SAUCE	CHEESE AND BAKED BEAN PUFF	ROAST QUORN FILLET, ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	VEGETARIAN MINCE CHILLI CON CARNE WITH FLUFFY RICE	CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA
JACKET / DELI OFFER	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Salmon Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham
SEASONAL VEGETABLES	GARDEN PEAS OR SLICED CARROTS	SWEETCORN OR BROCCOLI	GREEN BEANS OR SLICED CARROTS	SWEETCORN OR SLICED CARROTS	GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
DESSERTS	BANANA TRAYBAKE & CUSTARD	APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	SULTANA & OAT COOKIE WITH APPLE SLICES	CHOCOLATE COOKIE	FRUITY FRIDAY

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.

## ABM Menu Week 3



### Week Three Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>COWBOY HOTPOT &amp; MASHED POTATO</b>	<b>CHICKEN WITH PASTA AND A CHEES SAUCE TOPPING</b>	<b>ROAST CHICKEN &amp; GRAVY WITH ROAST POTATOES</b>	<b>CHEESE, TOMATO &amp; HAM PIZZA WITH POTATO WEDGES</b>	<b>FISH FINGERS &amp; CHIPS</b>
<b>VEGETARIAN</b>	<b>QUORN COWBOY HOTPOT &amp; MASHED POTATO</b>	<b>MACARONI CHEESE</b>	<b>VEGETABLE MINCE COBBLER &amp; MASHED POTATOES</b>	<b>CHEESE &amp; TOMATO PINWHEEL</b>	<b>PLANT BASED SAUSAGE ROLL &amp; CHIPS</b>
<b>JACKET / DELI OFFER</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham
<b>SEASONAL VEGETABLE</b>	<b>SLICED CARROTS OR GARDEN PEAS</b>	<b>MIXED GREEN SALAD OR SWEETCORN</b>	<b>SLICED CARROTS OR GREEN BEANS</b>	<b>SWEETCORN OR BROCCOLI</b>	<b>GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS</b>
<b>DESSERTS</b>	<b>STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM &amp; ORANGE SLICES</b>	<b>LEMON SPONGE &amp; CUSTARD</b>	<b>FLAPJACK</b>	<b>CHOCOLATE BROWNIE &amp; PEAR SEGMENT</b>	<b>FRUITY FRIDAY</b>

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.  
**YEAR 6:** Panini Bar