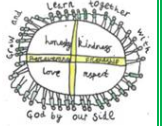




# Newsletter 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Honesty

Friendship

Kindness

Love

Perseverance

Respect

*'Grow and Learn together in the presence of God'*

Happy new year to you all! We hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas and are ready for the year ahead. May we express our sincere thanks for the lovely cards, messages and gifts we received. We are always overwhelmed by your kindness. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back to school this week. The children have returned refreshed and eager to learn – they have settled back into routine well.

A warm welcome to our new starters and Nursery children. We would like to welcome you and your families into the Christ Church community. All our new starters have settled in brilliantly and are enjoying exploring their new environment, forming friendships and building relationships. We hope you will all be very happy here at Christ Church.

Today your child will be bringing home their Topic Newsletter, we hope this provides you with an insight into what your child will be learning across the curriculum this half term. If you have any questions regarding the topics or feel you may be able to share your expertise, please contact a member of the appropriate year group team. The new topics for this half term are:



Nursery- Once Upon a Rhyme

Reception- Once Upon a Time

Year 1- Healthy Heroes

Year 2- London's Burning



In addition to this, please continue to support your child with daily reading, phonics and red word practise and the Spring term KIRFS. <https://www.christchurchfederation.co.uk/infant-ks1-curriculum>

Thank you all for working with us in school to support your child.

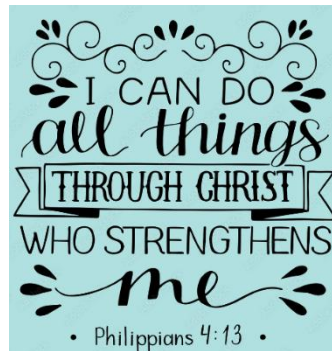
## Thank You

A huge thank you to our Parent Friends Association for all their support over the past year. The PFA raise funds to support the school and enhance our pupils' education. PFA fund a range of projects and experiences for the children including funding for our Christmas parties.

Also, a special thanks to **Nice & Fresh** for donating all the satsumas for the children's Christmas parties. They had a wonderful afternoon including a visit from Santa.

## Thought for the fortnight

Worship Theme - Perseverance



## Criss-Cross in Church

# *Criss-Cross* at Christ Church

family fun, crafts, worship, story and food

**THIS SUNDAY 14 January 2024:**

**Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

**4.00 to 6.00pm at the church**

*All families welcome*

*Criss-Cross* is on the second Sunday of the month, with a different theme each time:

11 February 2024—The boy Jesus visits the Temple

10 March 2024— Baptism of Jesus

## A Parent's Guide to Keeping Children Healthy

Please follow the link below to access UK Health Security Agency's blog post on how to keep children healthy this term: [A parent's guide to keeping kids healthy this school term - UK Health Security Agency \(blog.gov.uk\)](https://www.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/a-parents-guide-to-keeping-kids-healthy-this-school-term-uk-health-security-agency/)

## Year 2 Recorder Group

We are delighted to announce, Mr Gray will be running a recorder group for Y2 pupils this term. The group will run on a Thursday lunchtime from 12:30pm-1:00pm. **16 spaces are available.**

The group will begin next Thursday (18.01.24) and will run up until the Easter break. If your child would like to participate please sign up via School Gateway.

Recorders will be provided.

## Diary Dates – Please not any additions/revisions are highlighted in green

Wednesday 7th February	PSHE & RHE Parent Information Session at Infants' 1:45-2:45pm Please complete the form below to book a place: <a href="https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SyVVeqRHu0S6ajUxZmQbWTIzjsltfitHu6-RJ-GPZAdURDM3SVQ4TEc4WIA4UzM1SkdEN09OS09PRi4u">https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SyVVeqRHu0S6ajUxZmQbWTIzjsltfitHu6-RJ-GPZAdURDM3SVQ4TEc4WIA4UzM1SkdEN09OS09PRi4u</a>
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Children break up for half term @ 3:05pm
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school and Nursery
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day 2024 – further information to follow
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Children break up for the Easter holiday @ 3:05pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to school and Nursery

# New School Times.

Thank you to the parents that responded to the consultation on the proposed new school times for September. We had just 6 responses in total. The comments and views were considered at the Governors meeting on Wednesday.

I can confirm that the following times will be adopted from the 1st September 2024.

	Nursery	Infants	Junior
Start of day	8.30	9.00 (Gate opens at 8.50 for drop off)	8.45 (Gate opens at 8.35 for drop off)
End of session	11.30		
Start of afternoon session	12.15		
End of day	3.15	3.30	3.15
	2 x 15 hour sessions		
Recommended 32.50		32.50	32.50

We will now work with our Breakfast and After School Care Club to review session times and also review the end times for after school activities.

We will inform you of these final arrangements from September in the summer term.

Thank you for your support.

Regards

Mrs S Blower

Executive Head Teacher.

Protect your child this winter from

# Influenza

## Children's Flu vaccination clinics 2024

Available to all  
children from  
Reception to Year  
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### 1 To consent your child for a FREE vaccine:

It's not too late for your child to receive the flu vaccine. We are holding clinics for school aged children at **the following venues** in January 2024.

These are **free walk in** flu clinics, where we are offering the nasal flu vaccine and the **gelatine-free** flu vaccine.

You can walk in and get the vaccine, or we can book you an appointment. Please contact our team via telephone on the numbers below:

### 2 Follow up clinic dates and times:

**DUDLEY:** Fens Pool Community Centre, 111 Tennyson,  
Pensnett, Brierley Hill, DY5 4HY  
Call to book: 01384 431712

Saturday

20th Jan

9am - 13.30pm

**SANDWELL:** Wood Lane Community Centre, 157 Wood  
Lane, West Bromwich B70 9PT  
Call to book: 0121 592 1110

Saturday

27th Jan

9am - 1.30pm

**WALSALL:** The South and Central Hub,  
Birchills Street WS2 8NF  
Call to book: 01922 9020352

Saturday

27th Jan

9am - 1.30pm

**WOLVERHAMPTON:** Health Hub, Mander Centre  
Wolverhampton WV1 3NH  
Call to book: 01902 200077

Saturday

20th Jan

9am - 2.30pm



SAFE!

For further information go to: [www.schoolvaccination.uk](http://www.schoolvaccination.uk)