



Christ Church C of E Junior School Newsletter 15

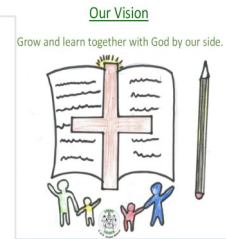
Wednesday 20th December 2023

This week our Collective
Worship theme was:
Christmas



Writer of the Week

Year 3- Marina Ferrigno
Year 4- Devan Singh
Year 5- Grace Ward
Year 6- Dhanveer Kooner



Spellings

Children will be receiving a spelling shed login. When you have your login, spelling games can be found via the link below:

https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login?return_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.spellingshed.com%2Fen-gb



For week beginning Monday 8th January children will complete list 13 for their year groups.

Spellings can also be found at:

<https://www.christchurchfederation.co.uk/junior-curriculum-maps>

Merry Christmas!



After a very busy Autumn Term, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. It has been a pleasure sharing the lead up to

Christmas with your lovely children. Have a wonderful Christmas, enjoy the magic young children bring to this time of year and we look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday 8th January.

Golden Jacket

Harrison Hardcastle has won the Golden Jacket this week! Look out for Harrison in the Golden Jacket around school this week!



School Dinners

Next week back will be week 2

School dinners are £2.60 per day which is payable on School Gateway. If your child would like a school dinner, they can order one daily. All they need to do is inform their class teacher during the dinner register.

All meals are freshly prepared on site and there is always the choice of jacket potatoes or sandwiches if your child does not like the main menu option that day.

REMINDERS-

- **School is closed on Friday 22nd December**
- **Inspiration Day Thursday 11th January Y3-5**
- **YEAR 6 Inspiration Day- Monday 8th January**

Dates for your Diary (new information in bold)

In order to make it easy for parents to find the information needed. Diary dates will be on the newsletter every week. Any new additions/ amendments are in bold to make them easy to identify and add to your diary.



Thursday 21st December– Festive Library drop in

Friday 22nd December– INSET DAY– SCHOOL CLOSED

Monday 8th January– School reopens

Monday 8th January– Year 6 Inspiration Day– YEAR 6 ONLY

Tuesday 9th January– Consultation period on the proposed new school day closes.

Wednesday 10th January– Year 6 London Trip

Thursday 11th January– Year 6– Optional late registration. Registration will close at 10.00am. The teachers will still be ready to receive children at the normal time. The late start is optional.

Thursday 11th January– Inspiration Day– ALL YEAR GROUPS EXCEPT YEAR 6.

Friday 12th January– Individual photos

Friday 12th January– Year 6 social media workshop with PC Brittle

Wednesday 31st January– Mini first aid course– more information to follow

Thursday 1st February– Y4 PE workshop at St Regis

Thursday 9th– Friday 10th May 2024– Year 4 residential trip to Kingswood.

Friday 1st March– Author visit- all year groups

Tuesday 2nd March– Y5 PE workshop at St

Year 4 DT Projects

I would like to share with you the outcome of the year 4 DT projects this half term. The decorations they made are absolutely stunning! I am sure they will hang on your trees for many years to come!



Christ Church– Events in Church

Christmas Eve 24th December
5.00pm Crib Service with 'scratch nativity':
everyone can have their chosen part

Christmas Eve 24th December
11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 25th December
10.00am Christmas Communion

Sunday 31st December
10.00am Joint Communion Service at the Good
Shepherd, Castlecroft:
NO SERVICE at Christ Church

Rev. Alison, who the child know from worship in school and choir, has asked us to highlight the Christmas Eve 'scratch nativity' which will take place in church. The children are invited to come along to the service dressed as a nativity character. Those coming, adults and children, can take on one of the following characters if they wish to do so:

Shepherd
Mary
Joseph
Wise Men
Angel

Church are able to provide masks for those people who would like to take part but do not have a costume.

The service will start at 5.00pm on Christmas Eve.

Year 6 Inspiration Day

Year 6 Inspiration Day will be on Monday 8th January rather than Thursday 11th like the rest of the school. This is due to the London trip which is taking place on Wednesday 10th January. Not only are Y6 having an optional late start but the teachers would like to spend Thursday 11th focusing on London.

Well done Ella!



A huge well done to Ella who received a recognition award for her commitment to her dance. Only 6 students were recognised in this way. Well done Ella. It is lovely to see your hard work and dedication has been recognised by your dance school.

Sports Fixtures

Please find below the sports fixtures which have been organized for this year. New additions will always be in bold. A Microsoft form will come out to you before the event to confirm attendance and arrangements. Only children who are playing in that particular match will receive the form. I try, where possible to get this information to parents a minimum of a week before the fixture.



Mixed Football

Warstones– Monday 22nd January

St Anthony's– Monday 29th January

Netball

15/01/23– The Royal– Away

19/02/23- Wolverhampton Grammar School– Away

Girls' Football

Woodthorne– TBC

15/01/23- The Royal– Away

Spring Term Clubs

The clubs are now available on School Gateway. If your child is entitled to free school meals, they are entitled to one free club per term. Additional clubs are chargeable. If your child is permitted to walk home alone, a note must be added when payment is made. Children without permission will not be allowed to leave school unaccompanied.

Clubs are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Bookings can only be made through School Gateway. We will no longer be sending a Microsoft form.

Year 4 Swimming

4S will be swimming after Christmas. Swimming will begin on Thursday 11th January 2024 at St Regis Secondary School. Swimming will take place during the afternoon.

The children will walk to St Regis during the afternoon session, have their lesson, then walk back. Please be aware that children may be slightly late returning at the end of the school day, especially when they first start to go and are getting used to drying and changing themselves. Children are to wear P.E kit on this day. The children will be accompanied by three members of Christ Church staff.

Splash Swim School will take the swimming lessons for us at St Regis. The teachers are experienced in working with swimmers and non-swimmers.

Please ensure you have completed the Microsoft form to provide permission for your child to swim.

<https://forms.office.com/e/q8vKP70vBK>

Changes to the School Day from September 2024

Please see the letter via the link below which consults families on the proposed changes to the school day for September 2024.

Your views are welcomed and will form an important part of the consultation process.

<https://www.christchurchfederation.co.uk/post/changes-to-the-times-of-the-school-day>

Inspiration Day.

Our Spring Term 'Inspiration Day' will be on Thursday 11th January.

Each year group will enjoy a day full of activities around their new humanities topic. The children are invited to come to school in themed dress. The information for each year group can be found below:

Year 3

In the Spring term, Year 3 children will be learning about the time period of 'Stone Age To Iron Age' in their weekly History lessons. During Inspiration Day, we will be immersing ourselves in creativity by researching and then designing our own cave paintings. We would really like the children to come dressed in Stone Age clothing on this day.



Year 4

During our inspiration day, Year 4 will be visiting mountains of the World. We will be considering what a mountaineer needs to complete a dangerous mountain trek and during the afternoon, we will create some mountain-inspired artwork. Please dress in your own clothes/hiking/ explorer clothes.



Year 5

During Spring 1, year 5 will be looking at Vikings and Anglo Saxons. For Inspiration Day, children are invited to dress up as Vikings. During the day we will learning about Viking invasion and Vikings and Anglo Saxon culture.



- Vikings

Year 6 Inspiration Day! MONDAY 8TH JANUARY

Year 6 Inspiration Day will be based on our Geography unit 'Amazing Americas'

Children are invited to dress up as a famous explorer or in the colours red, white and blue for the USA flag or even dress up as a famous American landmark!

During the day, children will be focusing on our world, continents and oceans, as well as biomes across North and South America.





End of Autumn Term – Optional STEM Homework

Our STEM activities can be completed by all members of the family, with children taking the lead, using resources found in the home. Take inspiration from Christmas; we'd love to hear how you're using the activities and see who gets involved! Please send your photos, comments or designs into school when we come back after the holiday! Or alternatively, tag us on

Instagram! – [juniorchristchurch](#)

SCIENCE – question, experiment, test and observe

Rudolf races!

Blow up a balloon, clamp the end with a food clip so no air escapes. Decorate your reindeer - cut out antlers and tape them onto the balloon along with googly eyes and a bright red nose (of course Rudolf must have his red nose)! Once you have decorated your reindeer simply tape a straw to the top and run a string through the straw. Anchor the ends of the string to chairs or something similar. When you are ready remove the clip and you are off to the races!



Design your own wrapping paper!

Use an online app, software or program to design a pattern which could be used as Christmas wrapping paper. You could use a search engine to find existing images, or draw your own from scratch. Either email your design or print it to wrap some pressies with - don't forget to take a photo of your super design! Can you change the background colour? Can you rotate the images? Is it a repeating pattern?



ENGINEERING – design, test and build

Ice Lanterns!

You'll need: a small and large plastic cup, decorations, food colouring, tape, water, freezer, battery operated candle. This is an engineering challenge so tinker until you get it right! Firstly, decide on your decorations. Pipe cleaners twist nicely up the outside of the large cup and act as a place to put other bits so they stay in place, like pompoms, sequins and beads. Once happy, slide the small cup inside the large cup then tape it into place. Carefully add water and food colouring between the two cups, only into the larger cup (add some weight to the smaller cup) up to 2cms from the top. Place in the freezer (or outdoors) for 5 hours or until completely frozen. Add your candle!



Engineering
An Ice Lantern
Christmas STEM

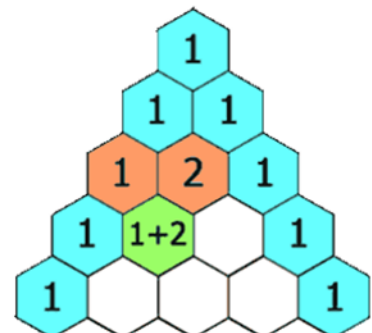
MATHS – practise, reason and problem solve

Pascal's Triangle!

One of the most interesting Number Patterns is Pascal's Triangle (named after *Blaise Pascal*, a famous French Mathematician and Philosopher).

To build the triangle, start with "1" at the top, then continue placing numbers below it in a triangular pattern. On the back of this sheet, you'll find a smaller penguin version and a trickier tree to really test your addition skills... How far can you go?!

Each number is created by adding together the two numbers directly above it. CHALLENGE: There are several patterns found within a completed triangle. Can you research patterns found along the diagonals, any symmetry, horizontal sums, or spot where the odd and evens are?





Christmas library drop in
mini roll and candy canes.
Please come and join us
Thursday 21st December



"READING IS A PASSPORT
TO COUNTLESS ADVENTURES."
- NEIL GAIMAN



**LIBRARY IS OPEN AFTER
SCHOOL THURSDAYS UNTIL 4PM
MRS WALKER WOULD LOVE TO
SEE YOU AND YOUR FAMILY**

FIRST VISIT

COLLECT YOUR BOOKMARK AND YOUR FIRST STICKER

GET A STICKER EVERY VISIT

EVERY 7 STICKERS YOU RECEIVE YOU GET A PRIZE.



THE WORLD
belongs
to
THOSE WHO
read



Week One Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	PORK SAUSAGE WITH MASHED POTATO & GRAVY	HOMEMADE BEEF LASAGNE WITH HERBY DICED POTATOES	ROAST CHICKEN WITH ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	MILD BEEF CHILLI CON CARNE WITH FLUFFY RICE	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS
VEGETARIAN	VEGAN QUORN CUMBERLAND SAUSAGE, MASH & GRAVY	VEGETARIAN LASAGNE WITH HERBY DICED POTATOES	CAULIFLOWER & BROCCOLI CHEESE BAKE WITH ROAST POTATOES	VEGETABLE ENCHILLADA WITH FLUFFY RICE	CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA & CHIPS
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	PEAS OR COLSLAW	SWEETCORN OR MIXED GREEN SALAD	GREEN BEANS OR CARROTS	BROCCOLI OR SWEETCORN	GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
DESSERTS	LEMON SPONGE & CUSTARD	SHORTBREAD FINGER WITH FRUIT WEDGES	ICED CHOCOLATE SPONGE	APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	FRESH FRUIT SELECTION

AVAILABLE DAILY Bread Basket, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.



Week Two Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	BEEF BURGER IN A BUN WITH 1/2 JACKET POTATO	BBQ CHICKEN & FLUFFY RICE	ROAST TURKEY ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	CHICKEN WRAP WITH POTATO WEDGES	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS
VEGETARIAN	CHEESE & TOMATO PINWHEEL WITH 1/2 JACKET POTATO	VEGETABLE BIRIYANI	VEGAN QUORN CUMBERLAND SAUSAGE, ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	MARGHERITA PIZZAS WITH POTATO WEDGES	BBQ VEGETABLE & BEAN WRAP & CHIPS
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	FRESH SALAD OR COLSLAW	PEAS OR BROCCOLI	GREEN BEANS OR CARROTS	SWEETCORN OR FRESH SALAD	GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
DESSERTS	JAM SPONGE & CUSTARD	MINI SULTANA COOKIE WITH FRUIT SLICES	PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE & CUSTARD	CHOCOLATE BROWNIE	FRESH FRUIT SELECTION

AVAILABLE DAILY: Bread Basket, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.



Week Three Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	HAM PIZZA WITH 1/2 JACKET POTATO	MEXICAN CHICKEN WITH FLUFFY RICE	TOAD IN THE HOLE WITH CREAMY MASH & GRAVY	BEEF BOLOGNAISE WITH WHOLEMEAL PASTA	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS
VEGETARIAN	MIXED BEAN FAJITA WITH 1/2 JACKET POTATO	MACARONI CHEESE WITH WARM BAGUETTE	VEGETABLE MINCE COBBLER WITH CREAMY MASH & GRAVY	VEGETARIAN CHILLI WITH FLUFFY RICE	VEGETABLE FINGERS & CHIPS
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 VEGETABLE	FRESH SALAD OR COLSLAW	PEAS OR BROCCOLI	CARROTS OR GREEN BEANS	SWEETCORN OR BROCCOLI	GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
DESSERTS	SHORTBREAD BISCUIT	CHOCOLATE SPONGE & CUSTARD	BANANA TRATBAKE	CHOCOLATE COOKIE	FRESH FRUIT SELECTION

AVAILABLE DAILY: Breadbasket, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.