



Christ Church C of E Junior School Newsletter 8

Friday 26th October 2023

This week our Collective
Worship theme was:

Honesty



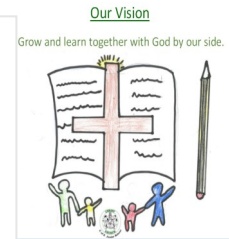
Writer of the Week

Year 3- Jessica Ryan

Year 4- Lana Barnfield

Year 5- Abdullah Afzal

Year 6- Zoha Siddiqui



Amitha Cherukuri has won the **Golden Jacket** this week!

Look out for Amitha in the Golden Jacket around school next week!

Who could be wearing the jacket with pride next?

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 6th November children will complete list 8 for their year groups.

Spellings can also be found at:

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



REMINDER– MONDAY 6th NOVEMBER IS INSET DAY– SCHOOL CLOSED

School Dinners

After half term there will be a new menu. The new menu is attached to the bottom of the newsletter

Next week back will be week 1

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.

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.



Monday 6th November– INSET DAY

Tuesday 7th November– Special menu for Bonfire night.

Tuesday 7th November– Year 6 gangs workshop– Permission required <https://forms.office.com/e/PcMQknHxQn>

Monday 13th November– Diwali Day– Bright coloured clothes or traditional dress.

Monday 13th November– Special dinner menu for Diwali

Wednesday 15th November– Year 4 cyber-bullying workshop with PC Brittle

Wednesday 22nd November– Year 5 parent lunch

<https://forms.office.com/e/vR9iAXTyeZ>

Wednesday 22nd November– Year 5 gangs workshop- Permission required- <https://forms.office.com/e/PcMQknHxQn>

Monday 27th November– Parents' e-safety meeting in the infant hall 5.00pm-6.00pm

Tuesday 28th November– Year 3 Bullying workshop with PC Brittle

Wednesday 29th November– Year 6 parent lunch

<https://forms.office.com/e/K736tJr95j>

Thursday 30th November– Year 4 Creative Church in the Junior hall– 10.30am- Form to follow– PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME

Friday 1st December– Christmas Fair

Sunday 3rd December– Santa Dash– West Park

Monday 4th December– Year 3 trip to Dudley Zoo

<https://forms.office.com/e/KDGVeafW1F>

Tuesday 5th December– Year 5 Safeside trip

Thursday 7th December Year 3 Creative Church in the Junior hall- 1.30pm- Form to follow

Wednesday 13th December– Christmas Dinner in school (no sandwiches or jackets available)

Friday 16th December– Year 6 STEM Workshop in school

Tuesday 19th December– Church Service– Parents invited to attend. 9.30am

~~Thursday 21st December– Church service 2.00pm. Parents invited to attend.~~ Please note– **The date of the church service has changed**

Thursday 21st December– Break up for Christmas

Thursday 21st December– Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December– INSET DAY

Monday 8th January– School reopens

Wednesday 10th January– Year 6 London Trip

Friday 12th January– Individual photos

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

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

Year 6 London Trip



We are delighted to inform you that our school has secured tickets to visit the Parliament in London, providing our children with a unique and exciting learning experience. This visit will give them the opportunity to witness history being made first-hand with a tour of the Houses of Parliament.

The visit has been scheduled for Wednesday 10th January 2024. To ensure prompt departure, we will kindly request that your child arrives at Wolverhampton Train Station no later than 6:40am. It is important to note that should any child not be dropped off on time, our group would not be able to wait.

Our journey will begin by taking the train directly to Euston, followed by a tube ride from Euston to Embankment. From there, we will walk approximately 25 minutes to reach Westminster. Rest assured, the children will be supervised in small groups to ensure their safety throughout the trip.

In December, before the children break up for the holidays, we will provide you with further details and information regarding the visit. This will allow you to be fully briefed before the trip takes place.

This educational visit not only promises to be a fantastic experience for your child, but it will also greatly contribute to their writing development. We are planning to base our English units around the visit, encouraging the children to produce creative and engaging written work based on their first-hand experiences.

To cover the expenses associated with this trip, we kindly request a payment of £30 to be made by Friday 15th December via the school gateway. This will enable us to carry out a thorough risk assessment and make the necessary arrangements for your child's safety and well-being.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are looking forward to providing your child with this incredible educational opportunity and are confident that it will be a memorable and enriching experience.

Please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/qH1pVt8Hr1>



Bright for Sight Day



Staff and pupils on Bright For Sight Day

Christ Church Primary School in Tettenhall held a charity Bright for Sight Day to raise money for Beacon Centre for the Blind in Wolverhampton.

Decorations were put up in the school's hallways and the charity also delivered a special assembly.

Lucy McWilliams, spokeswoman for the school, said: "Christ Church Juniors recently undertook in partnership with Beacon Centre for the Blind to celebrate Bright for Sight Day.

"The school community came together in support of individuals with sight loss, and it was a truly inspiring event.

"On the designated day, all of our bright young learners arrived at school wearing their most vibrant clothes.

"The hallways were filled with a wonderful array of colours, creating an atmosphere of positivity and inclusivity.

"This visual representation of support was coupled with a fundraising effort, raising £175 towards the cause.

"It was heart-warming to witness the generosity and empathy displayed by our students.

"We recognised that bright colours and good contrast can greatly impact individuals with sight loss, helping to improve their quality of life.

"To further enhance our students' understanding of this important issue, we invited Beacon to deliver a special assembly.

"The assembly provided our children with valuable insight into why we participate in Bright for Sight Day and the real-world impact of their contributions.

"It was a powerful and thought-provoking experience for all involved."

Dear Christ Church Junior School,
Thank you for joining this year's Bright for Sight,
we are thrilled to announce that your pupils and
their families collectively contributed an impressive
total of £185.85 adding to a grand total of
£967.39 raised for Beacon Centre for the Blind.
Your commitment to not only raising funds but also
raising awareness for Beacon is deeply appreciated.
Your Partnership means the world to us and couldn't
have done it without your generosity.
Thank you
Sarah Fundraising Co-ordinator.



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

20/11/23– Wolverhampton Grammar School– Away

23/11/23– Woodthorne– Away

27/11/23– Uplands Junior School– Away

4/12/23– St Anthony’s– Away

Netball

14/11/23– Tettenhall College– HOME

19/02/23- Wolverhampton Grammar School– Away

Girls’ Football

7/12/23—Woodthorne– AWAY– TBC



Parent Lunches

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent lunch this week! We hope you enjoyed the food and spending time with your child in the school environment!

We look forward to welcoming year 5 families after half term.



New Homework Policy



After half-term there will be a change to our homework policy. Children will be required to complete reading, TT Rock Stars and spelling shed every week. These tasks will be our 'non negotiable' tasks which are expected for every child. The only exceptions to this will be children who have met with their class teacher to discuss adaptations made in order to meet SEN needs.

We are aware that some families like to do weekly homework tasks with their children. In order to still accommodate this, teachers will be setting weekly tasks on Maths Shed. These tasks will be assigned by the teacher and will link directly to the class work they have been doing that week. Children will also be encouraged to use the 'Reading Padlet' as part of their optional homework. When a task is complete on Maths Shed, this shows on the teachers profile so they can see the outcome for each child. The tasks set by the teacher can also be personalised in order to meet individual needs.

In addition, there will also be optional project homework which will be set periodically throughout the year. The first one being a STEM project which is detailed below.

We hope that this new policy will meet the needs of all our families, providing flexibility where required but still providing tasks for those families who wish to complete them.



We want you to read every day and to an adult five times a week in lower school and three times a week in upper school.

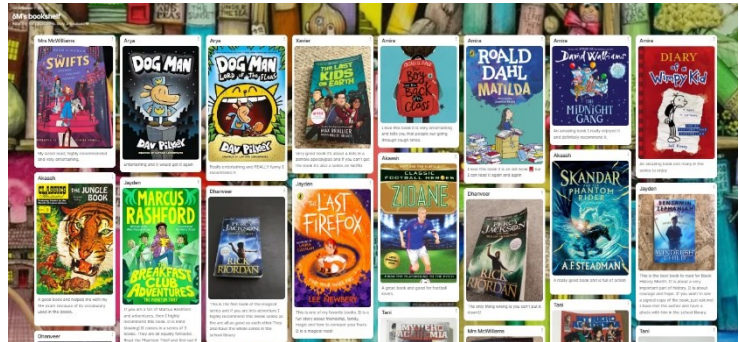


OPTIONAL

HOMeWORK

Reading Padlet

MathShed



Homework Club

Starting on Wednesday 8th November, we will be offering a homework club. The club will be led by Mrs Walker. During the session, children will have the opportunity to complete their essential and the optional homework tasks. Mrs Walker will be supporting the children with any aspects of the learning they may be finding difficult or challenging them further if required. If your child would like to attend this club, please logon to the School Gateway app where a £28 payment can be made. If your child is entitled to free school meals and you would like homework club to be your choice of funded club for this term, please select this option on the school gateway. Homework club is limited to 30 places. The places will be allocated on a first come first serve basis via the school gateway. Homework club will end at 4.15pm. Children will need to be collected from the office entrance. Children will not be permitted to walk home without specific permission to do so.

Year 4 Glockenspiel Club

After half-term we are able to offer a year 4 glockenspiel club at lunchtime for year 4 pupils. The club will be free of charge as it is in the school day. The club will be led by Mr Gray our music specialist. Playing the glockenspiel gives the children an excellent foundation for learning music skills. The club will take place every Wednesday Lunchtime between 12.20-12.50pm.

If your child chooses to take part in glockenspiel club, we do ask that they commit to attending every week in order for the whole group to learn alongside each other.

We will be offering 20 places which will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

If your children would like to take part in this club, please complete the form below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/2z6Bn2853A>



Autumn Half 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 the arrival of autumn; we'd love to hear how you're using the activities and see who gets involved! Please send



Nature's Autumn Menu!

SCIENCE – question, experiment, test and observe

Have you ever seen feathered visitors in the outdoor spaces near to where you live? In gardens, parks or nearby trees, you may have spotted thrushes, sparrows, starlings and more! Between October and April, natural food is in short supply for our garden birds. Design a bird feeder and let's see if we can add to their autumn menu! Consider your own allergies, first! Choose a quiet place to place your feeder and observe which species of birds visit!



Create your own fat ball using lard! Mix the lard with your chosen ingredients, and hang from a piece of string, inside a yoghurt pot, or smeared around a pine cone!



Core an apple and loop a piece of string through the hole. Cover the fruit in honey or peanut butter before rolling in seeds.

Use tin cans, sticks, clean plastic bottles, or even tights – get creative!



What do garden birds eat? Birds need high-energy, high-fat foods during cold weather, like:

- seeds
- peanuts (plain)
- berries
- bruised fruit (apples, pears)
- insects (mealworms, waxworms)
- small amounts of breadcrumbs, cooked rice or pastry should only be offered occasionally.



TECHNOLOGY – collect, process and connect

Use technology to help you do something new!

Technology has become useful for everyday tasks and can provide us with answers to so many of our questions. It can also be used to teach us new skills, with many step-by-step videos available for us to follow along. Choose an instructional video to guide you to create something you've not done before!



- With so many videos out there, here are some ideas to get you started:
- paint an autumnal scene
 - build a Lego hedgehog
 - bake an apple crumble
 - braid your hair
 - learn a new dance
 - build a dragon on Minecraft
 - write a limerick
 - introduce yourself in another language
 - draw your favourite book character
 - make an origami frog...



Make sure an adult knows you're using the internet – maybe you can search for an instructional video to follow together!

TOP TIP: Use the word 'tutorial' in your search!



Build a weather station

ENGINEERING - design, test and build

There are many noticeable changes during autumn in the UK, including the weather! As well as the drop in temperature, we experience a variety of weather conditions so it's the perfect time to build your own instruments to measure the rainfall, wind direction, or air pressure!

Choose what to make!

1. Research:

Rain gauge - used to collect rain over a period of time.

Anemometer - used to measure wind speed and direction.

Barometer - used to measure air pressure.



Plan how to combine your materials!

4. Method:

You can find instructions for a DIY barometer with Met Office for Schools, the National Trust website demonstrates how to make a rain gauge, and NASA shares anemometer instructions. You could also make a pinwheel, wind vane or use pine cones for your weather station!



What will you need?

2. Materials:

plastic bottle, balloon, straws, cardboard, paper or plastic cups, plasticine, sticks...

3. Tools:

scissors, glue, tape...



5. Evaluate: Does your weather station work? Is it weatherproof? Are any design changes needed to improve its effectiveness?



Autumnal data!

MATHS - practise, reason and problem solve

Quantities and figures are often represented by numbers, but you can collect, organise and represent data in different ways, including using objects. Get creative and use autumnal objects to represent the data that is important to you or interests you!

Step 1

Collect a range of autumnal objects from outside. TOP TIP: Use grains of pearl barley or wheat for larger quantities!



Step 3

Use your autumnal objects to physically represent the data! Get creative in how you present the data - you may need to use a scale for any very large numbers you choose!



Step 2

Decide which data you want to show visually. You could choose:

- family members (different size objects)
- pupils at school / in your class
- characters in your favourite TV show
- numbers in nature (bird species migrating, number of bats in the UK...)





Mental Health
Support Team



CRAFT 'N' CHAT

Free drop in event for children, young people and their parents and carers.

Thursday 2nd November 2023

Drop in any time between 10:30am and 14:30pm

Location:

Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street,
Wolverhampton, WV1 1DU

Parking Information:

-Although there is no direct parking on location, pay and display are available in and around Wolverhampton. Active travel is encouraged and if you show a bus or train ticket you will receive a discount in the Art Gallery's café!



Happy Bonfire Night!

7TH NOVEMBER

**Bangers, Mash
& Baked Beans
OR
Veggie Bangers & Mash**

**WITH
Peas or Beans**

Rocket Lolly

**COME ALONG AND HAVE YOURSELVES A
SPARKLING LUNCH TIME!**



"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.