



Term 1 Home-School Link



12th October 2018

Important Dates

October

Monday 15th—Parents' Evenings

Thursday 18th—Parents' Evening

Tuesday 23rd—Harvest service (Year 1 & 2 @ 9.30, Years 3-6 @ 10.30)

Thursday 25th— End of term 1

Friday 26th—INSET DAY (No children in school)

November

Monday 5th—Start of term 2

Good Luck Mrs Sophocli

I am sure you will all join me in wishing Mrs Sophocli the very best of luck over the coming months as she takes her maternity leave. It will be sad to say goodbye to her and we are going to really miss her while she is off, but we are all very excited for her and wish her well. Good luck Mrs Sophocli!

Whilst Mrs Sophocli is on maternity leave I am delighted to say that Miss Maudsley will be taking on the role of Acting Deputy. She will be teaching in year 6 in the mornings and will be out of class in the afternoons. We wish Miss Maudsley the best of luck in her new role!

Chairs of Governors

I am really happy to say that we have not one, but two new chairs of governors. Rebecca Amesbury and Nicola Stephens were appointed to the role towards the end of last year and will work together as joint chairs. They both have children at the school and are very passionate about ensuring that the school is a wonderful place for children to grow and learn. They have both been working very hard for the good of the school and I have no doubt that they will have a positive impact on the school. A huge thankyou for taking on the role.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the governors of the school who work so hard to support the school voluntarily. Their work is often unseen—but it does make a huge difference to the school. Thank you!

Harvest Church Service

This year our harvest church service will be held on Tuesday 23rd October. The year 1 & 2 service will be held a 9.30am and the year 3-6 service will be held at 10.30am.

As always we would be very grateful if children could bring in food items that we will take down to the church on the day. If you are able to help walk the children down to the church please speak to your class teacher.

Safeguarding Children

Christ Church Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Staff and volunteers regularly receive training related to safeguarding and are subject to DBS checks where appropriate. We have a number of policies and procedures in place that contribute to our safeguarding commitment, including our child protection policy which can be viewed in the policies section of our website.

Sometimes we may need to share information and work in partnership with other agencies when there are concerns about a child's welfare. We will ensure that our concerns about our pupils are discussed with parents/carers first, unless we have reason to believe that such a move would be contrary to the child's welfare. All staff have a legal responsibility to share any safeguarding concerns with the designated safeguarding lead. If a member of staff has concerns which relate to the actions or behaviour of another member of staff this **must** be reported to the headteacher, or the chair of governors if the concern relates to the headteacher. Any allegations will then be passed onto to the local authority designated officer (LADO) who will work with the school to investigate the allegation. At Christ Church Primary School all staff know this process and are committed to it. It is openly discussed at staff meetings and training sessions.

If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child or the conduct of a member of staff, please report it to the designated safeguarding lead. (DSL)

Our designated safeguarding lead is **Ian Hutton (Headteacher)**

Our deputy designated safeguarding lead is **Emily Sophocli (Deputy Head)/Kelly Maudsley (Acting Deputy Head)**

Our chair of governors are **Nicola Stephens and Rebecca Amesbury**

All the above can be contacted through the main school office on 01454 867145.

The Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) can be contacted on - 01454 868508 - tina.wilson@southglos.gov.uk

Concerns about a child can be reported directly to South Gloucestershire on – 01454 86 6000

South West Safeguarding Procedures can be found at -

<http://www.proceduresonline.com/swcpp/>