



Term 2 Home-School Link



16th November 2018

Important Dates

November

Friday 30th November—CHRISTMAS FAYRE! 5-8pm

December

Tuesday 11th—EYFS Christmas service @ 2pm (at school)

Wednesday 12th—KS1 (Years 1&2) Christmas performance @ 9.45am and 2pm

Friday 14th KS1 (Years 1&2) Christmas performance @ 9.45am

Tuesday 18th—KS2 (Years 3-6) church service

Wednesday 19th—Children's Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Thursday 20th —KS1 & EYFS Christmas parties

Friday 21st— KS2 Christmas parties / End of term 2

January

Monday 7th—Start of term 3

Governors Needed

The Governors of Christ Church School are looking to appoint two new parent governors to join the hardworking and dedicated team.

The Governors work with the school to ensure that we are providing value for money and that the children at the school thrive during their time with us. They meet regularly at the school to challenge and support the leadership of the school with a clear determination to improve outcomes for children.

If you feel that you would like to be a part of the governing body and would like some more information please contact the school office and either Rebecca or Nicola (Chairs) will contact you and give you some more information. There will be forms in the office that you will need to complete if you wish to put your name forward. The deadline for completing the form is Friday 23rd November.

Fantastic Assemblies

Every Wednesday the Rev. Goodridge or the Rev. Waters lead our assemblies and they do a fantastic job. Many thanks to them both for taking the time to work with our children. As you can see below—the children have a lot of fun taking part in them!



Friends Christmas Fayre

I am delighted to say that after lots of hard work the Friends are able to go ahead with the Christmas Fayre on Friday 30th November. Many thanks to those of you who have offered support with the fayre—it could not go ahead without it.

The amount of work that goes into organising an event like this is huge and I would like to thank everyone on the Friends committee for giving up their own valuable time to support the school in raising funds. This year the Friends will be supporting the school in raising money to develop our outdoor area. Later this term we hope to be able to share some of the plans we have for the outdoor area. A huge thank you to the Friends of Christ Church School!

Absence Email Address

It is important that we know as soon as possible if a child is not going to be in school. In order to help with this we now have a dedicated absence email address that you can use to let us know if your child will not be in school. The address is—absences@christchurchhanham.org.uk You can still ring the school as before or use the new email address instead.

School Budgets

Many of you may have been watching the BBC2 documentary *School* which gives an unprecedented insight into three of CSET's academies, namely Castle, Marlwood and Mangotsfield School. Part of the documentary explores how budget cuts are having a negative impact on their work. You might be interested to know that South Gloucestershire is the worst funded local authority in England. I would strongly encourage you to read the article in *BristolLive* — <https://www.bristolpost.co.uk/news/bristol-news/letter-south-gloucestershire-heads-funding-2217157>

It outlines how the majority of South Gloucestershire schools are likely to go into the red over the next 3 years. The impact on Christ Church has been reduced slightly because we have been a growing school. However, we have still needed to reduce the number of teaching assistants we have across the school and reduce spending on support services such as pastoral support. Balancing the books over the next three years will be a challenge for our school along with many others and I felt that it was important you all understood the situation.

Children in Need

The children all looked fabulous in their stripes and spots—many thanks for the donations and cakes! We will let you know how much we have raised next week.