



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #2

Whole School Information

It has been a fantastic week at CCH. Reverend Steve led our first worship of the term looking at our value of friendship through the story of Jesus and his disciples. Our vision and associated school values are the core of all that we do at CCH, supporting every member of our school family to think about being the best person they can be. This week, we are relaunching our Home-School Values Challenge in order to promote the opportunities for families to be more involved with our school values and supporting your children to reflect on the qualities and attributes we all desire to show in order to live well together. Further information is included later in the bulletin.

Attendance

As you will no doubt be aware, school attendance continues to be topical conversation and a focus for the new Education Secretary. Last year, our overall attendance was 95.1%. Whilst we have seen a year on year improvement in attendance post-Covid, there are still too many children whose attendance at school is a cause for concern. **We cannot stress enough how much every single part of every single day counts.** Schools have changed significantly over the past decade; our curriculum and learning is designed in such a way that even missing one lesson will have an impact upon your child's understanding and potential progress.

Children should only ever be absent from school if they are seriously unwell. As per the law, holidays during term time are not permitted and will result in a penalty notice fine.

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **This week's whole school attendance is 98.6%.**

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
EYFS	-	Michael Morpurgo	98.2%
Jill Murphy	99.0%	Berlie Doherty	100%
Oliver Jeffers	97.9%	Benjamin Zephaniah	96.8%
Emily Gravett	100%	William Shakespeare	98.2%
Cressida Cowell	98.4%		

Well done Team CCH- seven classes were above our target for the first week of term. A special shout out to Emily Gravett and Berlie Doherty for 100% attendance. Let's keep this going into next week☺

Home-School Values Challenge

Our Home-School Values Challenge for this term is attached with this bulletin. This year, we will be running the challenge for the duration of the term. At the end of the term, we will be displaying the responses as part of a school gallery to which families and church partners will be invited to see the children's responses. This is

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great opportunity for you to learn more about our value of friendship through discussions with your child/ children. We look forward to seeing the children's responses and sharing these with our school family later this term.

Uniform/ PE Kit

Thank you for supporting our uniform expectations. We would like to remind all of our families of our school uniform and PE kit expectations which are below. In particular, we would like to remind families that football shirts/ kits are not permitted to be worn as PE kit and PE trainers must be as plain as possible and preferably black. If you are experiencing difficulties in sourcing or purchasing the correct uniform, please contact the school office to speak to our Pupil and Family Support Leader, Mrs Pope.

School uniform	PE Kit
• Navy blue school sweat shirt or cardigan • White polo shirt or blouse • Black or grey trousers, skirts, shorts or pinafores – no leggings or skinny jeans • Blue gingham dress (Summer only) • Dark socks or tights or plain white socks • Black shoes or plain black trainers – all logos and trims must be black	• Plain navy blue hoodie/sweatshirt • Plain white T shirt • Plain navy blue or black tracksuit bottoms • Plain navy blue or black shorts • Plain trainers

Healthy Snacks

We would like to remind our whole school family **that break time snacks must be healthy- fruit, vegetables or a healthy cereal bar (no nuts)**. Children are not permitted to eat crisps, sweets or chocolate at break time. If we see a child with a break time snack that is not in line with our policy, we will ask them to put it in their bag to take home with them. Please discuss this with your child and remind them that they should not be taking food out of their lunch box at snack time.

Flu Vaccination

Further to the letter sent earlier this week, please use this link to access the electronic consent form:
<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2024/consent?v=3>

Meet the Teacher/ Welcome to our Class

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us at our Meet the Teacher sessions this week. We hope you found them useful and enjoyed hearing about what this year will look like for your child/ children. We will be uploading the presentation slides to our school website for those of you who were unable to attend.



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School Lunches

Our children are saying lots of positive things about our new catering provider and the improved menu choices. If your child has not tried a school lunch for a while, now is a great time to try them again. **Remember that, for all children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2, school lunches are completely free of charge.** This term's menu is attached with this bulletin.

Free School Meals

If you are on a qualifying benefit, please apply for benefits-related free school meals for your child as soon as possible after starting school.

You could be one of thousands of families across South Gloucestershire missing out on saving over £400 each year, per child. All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 get universal infant free school meals so you do not need to apply for them.



Please do apply to receive benefits-related free school meals and the extra help they offer your child and family. This includes funded holiday club places in the main school holidays and help towards school uniform and school trips. You will also be helping our school, as we get extra funding, called Pupil Premium Funding, to improve educational outcomes.

You can apply via this link for benefits-related free school meals, or via the school office:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/christchurchhanhamprimaryschool>

If you are unsure or need any support in completing the application forms, please contact the school office and ask to speak to Mrs Pope.

Can you help?

As part of our ongoing improvements, we are currently drawing up plans to improve our playground and outdoor learning spaces. In the interim, we could really use some large gazebos/ shelters to enable our Year 1 children to access outdoor learning when the weather is poor. We are also keen to have a new mud kitchen built for use at lunchtimes (see images below). If you know of anyone who might be able to source or build one for us, and/ or you have a gazebo you could donate, please contact the school office. Thank you.



Vacancies

We are looking to recruit some new people to join our amazing lunch break team. This role is vital in supporting our children to have safe and successful lunchtimes. If you know of anyone who might be interested in finding out more about this role, please ask them to contact the school office.

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INSET 2024- 25

The remaining INSET dates for this academic year are set out below. The school year will finish for children on Friday 18th July 2025.

- INSET #3 Monday 6th January 2025
- INSET #4 Monday 21st July 2025
- INSET #5 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 26th September- Champions of CCH assembly (children to bring in outside of school achievements including Summer Reading Challenge medals)
- Monday 30th September- Year 6 swimming begins
- Monday 14th October- Harvest Service @9.30am
- Friday 25th October- End of term 1
- Monday 4th November- Start of term 2
- Thursday 7th November- CCH Fireworks Display
- Monday 11th November- CCH Remembrance Service. Children who belong to uniformed organisations (e.g. Brownies, Cubs) may wear their uniform to school.
- Thursday 19th December- Key Stage 2 Christmas Service @9.30am
- Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Service @9.30am
- Thursday 17th July- Year 6 Leavers' Service @9.30am

Friends of CCH

Great funding opportunity for CCH.

Calling all ASDA shoppers!

So far, we have raised £140. There are 79 days left so get shopping- please!



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Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

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Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Home-School Values Challenge	Whole school	With this bulletin
Flu Vaccination Consent	Whole school	9 th September 2024
School Nurse Letter	EYFS	9 th September 2024
Proformance Club Letter	Years 1 – 6	10 th September 2024
Phonics Workshop Letter	EYFS	10 th September 2024
Road Safety Information	Years 5 & 6	13 th September 2024

Community Information

Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher