



Newsletter

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Attendance

	W/B 13/01	W/B 20/01
Mango (Nur)	91%	91%
Peach (Rec B)	93%	93%
Apple (Rec N)	91%	92%
Beech (1L)	96%	96%
Maple (1S)	95%	95%
Birch (2B)	95%	95%
Ash (2C)	95%	95%
Oak (3B)	98%	98%
Lemon (3C)	96%	96%
Aspen (4G)	96%	96%
Spruce (4L)	97%	97%
Palm (5D)	94%	95%
Cherry (5S)	95%	95%
Willow (6G)	96%	96%
Cypress (6S)	94%	95%

Key dates coming up this half term

Thursday 30 January and Thursday 06 February: Parent teacher meetings for Nursery - Y6: 2 - 6pm in the main school hall. Sign up sheets are now available in the main school Reception.

Friday 7th February—Fuzz Dix will lead our Parents' Prayer from 9.00-9.45am in Community House. This is an opportunity for parents to commit the prayers of children in the school to God and to also share prayers of their own, for the school, themselves and their families, and for their communities.

Dear parents and carers,

Fortunately, we have had a much better week... We had a productive meeting with our caterers on Monday. A new area manager is in post and she has worked hard this week to settle the staffing, stabilizing and improving the provision once again. Yesterday, the caterers came back again, and met with representatives of the School Council and others, to discuss the planned menu for after the half term break. There certainly appears to be a strong willingness to listen to every one's feedback and deliver a service that we are much happier with going forward.

Disappointingly, we are still waiting on the parts to repair the trim around the swimming pool. This work had to be done because overtime the trim became brittle and we were worried about children hurting themselves. This is something that is specialized and has to be made to measure. Bob is really pressuring the company to deliver. Hopefully, it won't be much longer now.

Dates for 2019.20

These have been finalized by the Council now and so I will begin work on these to share with you.

Some of you have been asking about them, particularly for the start of the year.

I can confirm now that the staff will return to work on Tuesday 1st September 2020. We will have two INSET days and then ask that the children return to school on **Thursday 3rd September 2020**.

I will endeavor to confirm the rest of the school year's dates before the up coming half term.

Year 3 Tate Britain & Steve McQueen Project

Last year, our Year 3 classes took part in an art project with the Tate Britain and Oscar-winning filmmaker, Steve McQueen. The aim of the project was to portray citizenship throughout London, through the eyes of Year 3 children and to celebrate the most diverse city in the world. Thirty-three boroughs in London took part in this impressive project. The installation is now available to view and will be until May 3rd. Our school's photograph is located in section 13. We encourage you to visit the exhibit with your child as it is a once in a lifetime opportunity to be featured at the Tate Britain. Later on in the term, the Year 4 children will be attending a trip to the Tate to view their work. Well done to all of the children involved.

Accelerated Reader - update for Key Stage 2 only

At parents evening, your child's teacher will be giving you parent logins for Accelerated Reader. This will allow you to login at home and see the progress your child is making with their reading comprehension.

Update from Father Tom re Confirmation classes

We will be running confirmation classes at Christ Church on Thursday evenings, beginning on Thursday 30th January, from 17:30 – 18:30.

These are suitable for children in Year 5 and Year 6, who are interested in learning more about God, and would like to reaffirm the promises which were made for them by their parents and godparents when they were baptised. If they have not been baptised, this can be done as part of the confirmation service.

There will also be an opportunity to join a group from Christ Church which is going on the Children's Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, in Norfolk, from Friday 13th – Sunday 15th March.

Bishop Joanne, the Bishop of Stepney, will be coming to Christ Church on Sunday 22nd March at 11am, to preside at our Confirmation Service.

If you would like to join these classes, please email Father Tom at tom.pyke@parishiod.org.uk or Josie at josie.godfrey@parishiod.org.uk

Parent Governor election

Please remember this ballot is ongoing until Friday 31 January. Appointing a parent governor is a really important strategic decision for the school, as it is the parent governors who can best represent your voice on the governing body of the school. It is worth remembering that for a Church of England school, the governing body are the employer of all staff and they are the strategic leaders of the school.

Please make sure you don't miss the chance to cast your vote. The ballot box is with Pat and Absana in the main office, and if you have lost your voting slip, don't worry, they can provide you with one.

Have a great weekend everyone, best wishes, Rebecca Abrahams



Collective Worship

Year 1 Maple Class will be leading Mass on Monday 9.10

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THANK YOU

Class catch-up

<u>Nursery</u>	<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>
Nursery have had a great week continuing with our topic of Space and finding out about Chinese New Year. Phonics learning is going very well, with children enjoying our phonics songs and even beginning to write some of the sounds independently. Next week we are reading Aliens Love Underpants and our sound of the week is 't'. We will be using lots of positional language next week: words such as 'on', 'next to', 'under' and 'behind'. Can you use some of these words at home this weekend?	This week in Reception, we have enjoyed reading the story 'Man on the Moon'. Next week in Reception, we will be continuing with this story, sequencing events that occur in the story and writing sentences about the main parts. In Maths, we will be continuing to work on addition and writing number sentences. In phonics, our sounds of the week will be 'w' and 'ng'. Just a reminder that our first day of parents meetings will be held next Thursday 30th January. Have a lovely weekend!	What a great week it has been in Year1! A very big thank you to all of the parents who came with us on our trip to the Museum of London Docklands, everyone had a fantastic day and learnt lots too! In Maths next week we will be learning about subtraction using numbers up to 20. In English we will be continuing with The Three Little Pigs and using it as a model for our own stories. We will also be working on Chromebooks and continuing to develop our basic skills.	Year two have been working really hard on creating their Great Fire of London books in literacy and are becoming experts at telling the time. We really enjoyed carrying out market research in Design and Technology. Next week in Literacy we are finishing off our learning about the Great Fire of London and in Maths we are starting our unit of 2-D and 3-D shape. In Science we are exploring waterproof materials. In RE we are learning about the fourth pillar of Islam which is fasting and how this shows commitment to Allah. In Design and Technology we are designing our own bread.
<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>	<u>Year 5</u>	<u>Year 6</u>
Year 3 have had a great week of learning, particularly in our new Judaism topic where children have made lots of links to other world religions they know! We have also had lots of discussion about appropriate home and classroom behaviour so that we are able to be the best that we can be, wherever we are. Next week in Destination Reader, we continue with the skill of summarising to help us to understand what we are reading, especially in longer texts. This means that we are able to say the main idea of a non-fiction text and even suggest a heading! We look forward to seeing you over the next two weeks in parents meetings!	We have had lots of fun this week in Year 4, especially with our science lessons! Next week we will continue to look at states of matter in our Science lessons. In English we will continue to write and edit our Legend of Osiris. We will be looking to publish our final copy by the end of the week. In Maths we will be looking at measuring area of shapes. In History we will be looking at the life and times of the famous Cleopatra. On top of this, we will be having our Ancient Egyptian day. We are encouraging all children to come in dressed as an ancient Egyptian, or an Egyptian god or goddess. We will also have a special guest coming in to visit us, with lots of artefacts from ancient Egypt. We hope everyone has a restful weekend, and continues their hard work towards their spellings and times tables!	Year 5 are continuing to read Street Child and have become 'little experts' on conditions within Victorian workhouses, whereby we have written a report on their appearance and life within one. We can summarise our understanding of the class text using our Destination Reader skills. Next week we will be formulating questions in order to deepen our understanding of the book. Cross curricular lessons with our History topic of the Victorians has focused on the Industrial Revolution. In maths we have been using a range of methods to multiply. Next week we will apply this knowledge to focus on the inverse of multiplication - division. Our RE subject on Sikhism will be looking at what it means to be equal! Have a wonderful weekend.	Next week in Year 6, we will be looking at algebra and word problems in maths. We will be using our suspense filled journeys to develop a story that involves flash backs based on our class book The Wedding Ghost. We will look at improvised singing in music and will be continuing our creative gymnastic sequences in P.E. Finally, in PSHE after considering our personal goals we will be thinking about what goals we have for the world and how we can put plans in action to make a positive difference. We are looking forward to seeing you at parents evening. Have a great weekend! Team Year 6

Community House News

Coffee Morning on Mondays from 9.00am in the Community House, please come along and join us for a coffee and a chat.

Keep Fit: on Wednesdays 9.00am-10.00am in school. Crèche available on site.

ESOL Life Skills Course: on every Thursday, to develop your English Language Skills for work, further learning and everyday life.

Employability Course: Tuesdays 9:00am-11.30am. This course is in preparation to returning to work. Building skills and confidence.



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