

Christ Church CE Academy Newsletter



Dear Parents,

We have reached the end of another year at Christ Church Academy and what a year it has been! We received our 'Good' judgment from Ofsted and we have since worked hard to build on this wonderful achievement. We are so proud of our staff and children for all their hard work this year.

We feel there is a lot of news to share which we have included below.

Changes to Staffing

Goodbyes

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to some staff members

Mrs Goodall and Mrs Carr are starting their well-earned retirement. Mrs Carr has been with us for 18 years and Mrs Goodall for over 30 years! Both have made a massive impact to school and taught many families so they will be greatly missed.

Miss Outram is leaving us to pursue lifelong dream of worldwide traveling. She will be flying halfway across the globe to visit Bali and Australia. We wish her safe travels.

Miss Lea will be following her passion for art, and starting a career as an artist, whilst continuing to teach part-time.

Mrs Tomlinson is leaving to have a baby; Miss Holmes, Miss Hale and Miss Plumite are at the end of their contracts with us and will be starting their new roles elsewhere in September.

We wish all our leavers the best of luck in the future, and we wish them well in their new roles.

New staff and new roles

We would like to congratulate Mrs Nightingale on securing the role of Community Liaison Officer.

Miss Harrison has secured the Learning mentor role and looks forward to working with children and helping them to develop further. We welcome Miss Wood and Miss Latz who are joining us as Teaching Assistants, and Miss Page is our new administrator.

Miss Clarke has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher. She has shown dedication to the teaching and learning values of our school and has continuously helped to improve the quality of education delivered in our school, so this is a well-deserved promotion.

Thanks to a sports grant we have been lucky to have Mr Ingle teaching PE to our children this academic year. Mr Ingle has now secured a HLTA role with us and will start in September. We are getting a new PE coach from September.

School Trips,

Since the easing of covid restrictions we have been lucky to go on several school trips this year. Year 2 have been to Meanwood Valley Urban Farm; Year 1 have been to Tropical World, Year 5 went to Yorkshire Wildlife Park; Year 6 and some of Year 4 went on residential to the Yorkshire dales, all of Year 4 had a day trip to the Dales and a visit to the Media Museum, Year 3 have been to the Media museum and Bracken Hall Countryside Centre and had a visit from the Peace Museum; and Year 6 have also been orienteering in Northcliffe Park with West Yorkshire Police, and went to Bradford Alhambra to see The Lion King (where they were fortunate to meet one of the cast!); and Tropical World. Nurture Plus went guinea pig shopping at Woodbank Garden Centre, and had a great day wild water dipping at Bolton Abbey.

Staffing structure 2022-23

Nursery: Mrs Lee, Mrs Grimshaw, Miss Latz

Reception: Miss Robinson, Miss Broadbent

Year 1: Mrs Goodall, Miss Pattison, Miss Wood

Year 2: Miss Martin

Year 3: Mr Dow, Miss Holdsworth

Year 4: Mrs Parker, Mrs Conroy, Mrs Smith

Year 5: Miss Robertson

Year 6: Miss Clarke, Miss Millar-Parker

Nurture Plus: Miss Mavor, Miss Pattison

Nurture: Miss Bellwood, Miss Winter

Phonic and Year 6 SATs

We are so proud of all our children for their hard work this year.

However, we must make a special mention for those children who handled the Year 1 phonics and the Year 6 SATs tests so wonderfully well. Their effort was phenomenal and we could not be more proud of them all.

	% of pupils achieving the expected standard at the end of Key Stage 2	
	Our School	All schools Nationally
Reading writing and maths combined	63%	59%
Reading	74%	74%
Writing	68%	69%
Maths	68%	71%

A word about ParentPay

88% of parents have signed up to ParentPay – thank you! If you owe any outstanding monies please ensure you pay before the start of the new term. If you require sign up details just ask at the school office in September.

Attendance

We continue to work tirelessly as a school to further improve our attendance. This year, overall school attendance has been only 92%. The Government's expectation is 97%.

Sadly, there were some children who ended the year on the persistent absentee list, meaning they have missed more than one day out of every ten, and this will have had a significant impact on their learning. We will be closely monitoring these children's attendance, so they do not miss as much learning next year.

We have had far too many lates this academic year, with 46 children being late more than 5 times over the year. We will be monitoring families closely and arranging meetings for any that we are concerned about.

Parents

Please remember our school is always here to help. We work as hard as we can to make sure all children's needs are met. However, if you feel you would like some advice or support from us in school, please feel free to make an appointment with your child's class teacher or another relevant member of staff. Our school always aims to help and if it is possible for us to do so, we will do as much as we can.

Coming up after Summer Holidays

- Edible garden and orchard.
- The garages next to bungalow will receive long awaited revamp and provide school with better storage facilities.
- A new hall with shower facilities is being built in the old changing rooms. This will provide additional space for staff to teach smaller groups and focus on specific development needs of the children. We hope to use these facilities for several activities in the new academic year.
- Holiday sports camp will return next year once all this work is completed.

Remember, school finishes for summer at 3.10pm on Friday 22nd July and we are looking forward to welcoming children back on **Wednesday 7th September**. There will be many exciting things to see on that first day back and we can't wait to get started again then.

Until then, we hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer, and we will see you all in September!

From all the staff at Christ Church Academy.