



September



ST. CHRISTOPHER'S CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER 1 SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to all of our families and a special warm welcome to our new families. I hope you all had a pleasant Summer. The children have already settled back into their school routine and are working hard for their new teachers.

Welcome Back!



We are delighted to be able to offer a range of after-school activity clubs this term. We hope to offer some more suitable to our younger children later in the year. Please see the list on the right, and remember to sign up on ParentMail for the clubs you would like your child to attend. Please check that your child is in the correct year group for the clubs that you have selected!

I would like to remind you that our school website is regularly updated with new information. We are currently updating all the class pages with information about what the children will be studying this year, as well as information about when they will be doing P.E. The calendar is also updated with key dates up until Christmas – including class assemblies, trips and Christmas productions. We like to inform you in plenty of time about these dates in case you need to organise time off work.

ParentMail and our school website are our main forms of communication with parents. We do try not to bombard you with messages on ParentMail, but we often send out important information so please try to read your messages regularly to ensure the children don't miss out on anything at school.

Best wishes

Mrs S Broadbent

Headteacher



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITY CLUBS

We have the following clubs running this term, and they will be starting next week (wb 18th September) unless stated otherwise.

Please sign up for clubs using the ParentMail booking form which has been sent out. Take care not to sign up for more than one club on the same day! Sports clubs all run until 4.15pm to allow time for changing. Other clubs finish at 4pm.

All clubs are FREE except for Friday football.

TUESDAYS

Y3/4 PE Games with Miss Turner

Y3/4 Boys and Girls football with Sam Rathbone

Y5/6 Boys' football with Mr Jenkinson

Y2/3 Art Club with Mrs Dunstan

Y4/5/6 Sewing Club with Mrs Exley



Sewing Club

Y4/5/6 Spanish Club (starts on 3rd October)

WEDNESDAYS

Y3/4 Mini-red tennis with LTA coach (start date not known yet)

Y5/6 Hi-5 Netball with Miss Turner



THURSDAYS

Y5/6 Girls' football with Adam and Declan (coaches)

Y4/5/6 Glee Club (choir) with Mrs Tavor

Y4/5/6 Homework Club

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Y5/6 Coding Club – Mrs Stinga

FRIDAYS

Y4/5/6 Latin Club with Mrs Broadbent

All year groups - Football with Adam and Declan (£4 per week payable to the coaches)

Dates for your Diary

THURSDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 3.00PM	Opening of new school library (main playground)
MONDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER	Individual School Photographs
FRIDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2.15PM	Apple Class [Yr 3] Assembly
FRIDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2.15PM	Oak Class [Yr 4] Assembly
FRIDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2.15PM	Hazel Class [Yr 2] Assembly
HALF-TERM HOLIDAY MONDAY 23RD OCTOBER TO MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER	
TUESDAY 31ST OCTOBER 8.30AM	School starts again

Important dates from November to December, including Christmas performances, can be found on the calendar on the school website.

WALK TO SCHOOL AND PARKING



We are really trying to encourage the children to walk to school (or bike, scooter, bus) but they need support from parents with

this. Parking around our school is **extremely limited** and too many cars in the morning and the afternoon means we have congestion, raised pollution levels and potentially dangerous road situations for our children.

As a school, we are participating in the 'WOW' Walk to School national initiative. More information about this can be found here: www.livingstreets.org.uk/wow

We would really urge parents that, if you have to drive your child to school, that you consider parking further away from the school site and walking the remainder. Also, please do not idle your engine near to the school gates, as this increases the pollution levels of dangerous particles around the children, which can lead to asthma and other respiratory problems.

Please remember to be considerate to local residents when parking in nearby streets, by not blocking driveways or access to properties.

ATTENDANCE

WEEK BEGINNING 15TH SEPTEMBER 2017

OUR TARGET IS FOR AT LEAST **96%** ATTENDANCE

DAMSON (Reception)		90.85%
HAWTHORN (Reception)		94.44%
LIME - [Y1]	★	96.30%
MAPLE—[Y1]		91.45%
CHERRY—[Y2]	★	98.67%
HAZEL—[Y2]	★	99.65%
STARS OF THE WEEK		
APPLE—[Y3]		93.94%
PLANE—[Y3]		94.05%
ASH—[Y4]		95.05%
OAK—[Y4]		95.06%
ROWAN—[Y5]	★	98.67%
WILLOW—[Y5]	★	96.11%
ASPEN—[Y6]		94.70%
SILVER BIRCH—[Y6]		94.83%

Well done to Lime, Cherry, Rowan and Willow classes for achieving above 96% attendance and to our 'Stars of the Week' Hazel Class for achieving 99.65% attendance.



LIBRARY OPENING

We are very excited to announce that the formal opening of our new school library will be next Thursday, 21st September at 3pm. We have a local author visiting the school for the afternoon - Jo Cotterill and she will be working with all the children in the afternoon, then cutting the ribbon to the new library at 3pm on the main playground, and cutting our celebration cake!

Parents will be able to watch the cutting of the ribbon, then there will be the opportunity to purchase one of Jo's books about 'Electrigril' and have a look at the new library, as well as having a piece of cake and a drink. We are very grateful to all parents who helped raise money towards the books and furniture for the new library, and we hope you will agree that it looks very smart!

