



Christ Church School News

Friday 23rd October 2020

It seems only a short time since we returned to school following lockdown and the summer holiday, but actually 7 weeks have passed – time flies when you are having fun!

As we are currently unable to host events for parents to come into school, we have recently started to make greater use of our Facebook Page to share our learning in school. We hope that this will become more established after half term, so please like and share our page.

We will be holding our autumn term parent consultations during the week beginning 16th November. These will take the form of either a Zoom or telephone call – more details when we return. We hope that parents and families will be able to join our Harvest celebrations next term as we are planning for this to also take place via Zoom and for it to be recorded for later viewing. As soon as we have a confirmed date and time, we will let parents know.

On the summer newsletter we shared the lovely news that, whilst their Easter wedding had to be postponed, Miss Lawson and her fiancé are due to welcome their first baby in the New Year. Miss Lawson had planned to begin her maternity leave at the end of the autumn term, handing over the reins to Mrs Glass, who will return to teach Class 2 in December. However, in response to recent guidance, Miss Lawson must now work from home. Miss Lawson will still lead the parent consultations for Class 2 and any messages of thanks (and good luck!) from families will be passed on to her.

Until Mrs Glass returns, we have appointed Miss Rawnsley to teach Class 2. Miss Rawnsley is an experienced KS1 teacher who is very much looking forward to being part of our school, albeit for a short time.

We are also delighted to share the news that Mrs Coates and her husband have announced that they are expecting their second baby in the spring and that Mr Kingdon and his wife are also going to be parents – congratulations!

Sadly, however, we have to say goodbye to two valued members of our school community. Mrs Coughlin will be leaving us after the half term break to spend time with her family and we wish her well and thank her for her time with us in school.

Mrs Pamela Reader who has been our Chair of Governors for the last 2 years, has had to step down. Mrs Reader has been a fantastic champion of our school; supporting children, staff and parents whilst working alongside us to ensure that our school continues to be the best it can be. Our grateful thanks go to her and we wish her and her family well.

At our recent Governing Body AGM, Dr Kate Ward was elected Chair of Governors and Mr Russell Gill was elected Vice Chair of Governors.

There are a few more notices for your information on the second page.

Have a lovely half term holiday, we will see you on **TUESDAY 3rd November**.

Mrs Cooper and all at Christ Church School

Reading Books

Our new reading scheme, which was launched online during lockdown, has been very well received by children, parents and staff alike. It is wonderful to see the children enjoying the reading books; they find them both interesting and challenging! Replacing the reading scheme was necessary but costly (an average of £4 per book) and so I am sending a gentle reminder to ask that you encourage your child to take care of any books sent home. Thank you.

Bonfire Lunch

Mrs Greaves will be preparing a special bonfire lunch on the 5th November and everyone is welcome to enjoy! In week 3, the meals for Wednesday and Thursday will be swapped over to allow us all to enjoy National Roast Dinner Day on the right day 😊

The meals prepared by Mrs Greaves are delicious and filling, following all the government food standards. Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive a free school meal and the cost to others is £2.50 per day. Please follow this link to check if your child is eligible for free school meals <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Amazon Smile

As we are unable to hold our usual PTA events at the moment, we have signed up to Amazon Smile. This is an easy way for us to raise school funds as Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price every time you shop via smile!

Welcome to AmazonSmile!

Thank you for supporting **Skipton Christ Church School Fund**.

Remember, always start at smile.amazon.co.uk
and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price (excluding VAT, returns and shipping fees) to the eligible charitable organisation of your choice.

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COVID Update

Thank you to parents and families for following the guidance regarding symptoms and testing. We know that it is a frustrating process but we appreciate your support in keeping school running as smoothly as possible.

Cobbled Street adjacent to the top playground

We ask that parents dropping children to the top playground park up and walk their child to the gate, whenever possible, to avoid potential accidents in this narrow street. Thank you.

Presents with symptoms

STAGE 1	STAGE 2	STAGE 3
Pupil or staff member presents with COVID-19 symptoms. (a new, continuous cough or a high temperature or a loss of taste / smell)	Individual sent home and advised to follow the guidance which sets out that they must self-isolate for at least 7 days and should arrange to have a test to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19). Other members of their household (including any siblings) should self-isolate for 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms	If test is negative, individual returns to school and households end self-isolation. If test is positive, move to 'confirmed case' scenario below.

Positive result

STAGE 1	STAGE 2
<p>If someone tests positive, they should follow the ‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection’ and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days</p>	<p>Those people who have been in close contact with the person who has tested positive will be sent home and advised to self-isolate for 14 days since they were last in close contact with that person when they were infectious</p> <p><i>close contacts - face to face contact with an infected individual for any length of time, within 1 metre, including being coughed on, a face to face conversation, or unprotected physical contact (skin-to-skin)</i></p> <p><i>proximity contacts – extended close contact (within 1 to 2 metres for more than 15 minutes) with an infected individual travelling in a small vehicle, like a car, with an infected person</i></p>

School will contact the local health protection team.