

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER



## Dear Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back after the Summer holidays, it is great to see all of our children looking so smart in their new uniforms and keen to start their learning journeys again this year.

I would also like to welcome any new parents to our school, I hope you have managed to get used to the school routines. All of our curriculum letters have been e-mailed out to explain what should be happening in each class/ year group this term but if there is anything you are unsure of regarding school systems, please ask so that we can try to make the transition as smooth as possible for you.

We have lots of fun and exciting learning opportunities planned throughout the year so I'm sure all of the children will have another wonderful year. Our Year 4's have already had their first swimming lesson, we have had an exciting visit from 'Hoglets' and we have our Harvest festival taking place at Elim Church for KS1 (to which parents are welcome to come along to on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October) as well as some of our after school clubs, and that's just in our first half term!

Throughout the year we will also be planning more opportunities for parents to come in to school, after the success of last year with things like parent workshops, special theme days and assemblies. We would also appreciate your continued support with our fundraising events. The dates for our first parents evenings have now been set (please see the calendar dates) which will also give you a chance to come into school to meet your child's teacher and see how they have settled into the new year. We will let you know nearer the time when appointments are available to be booked via Parentmail.

I would also ask you to join me in wishing Mrs Timmins and Mrs Barke well as they start their maternity leave.

Kind regards,

Mr L Archer

# *Pupils roles and responsibilities*



## **School representatives!**

The votes have been cast and the results are in for our new school councillors who will be helping to shape the school over the coming year. We have also got some new art ambassadors to promote the arts across the school and our local community, sports leaders to lead activities on the playground and reading champions to promote our love of books! Congratulations to all of our successful pupils, we look forward to lots of exciting contributions throughout the year!

# PE Timetable



## PE Timetable 2024/25

Day	Classes		
Mon	Mr Johnson		Mrs Hawkins
	Mr Naylor		Mrs Mason/Mrs Johnson
Tues	Miss Hill		Mrs Wagstaff
	Miss Bowley		Miss Daniels/Mrs Sharpe
Wed	Miss Bowley		Miss Daniels/Miss Sharpe
	Mr Jeffery		Miss Knopik/Miss Cooper
Thurs	Miss Cooper	Mr Jeffery	Mr Naylor
	Miss Ford		Mrs Wagstaff
Fri	Miss Knopik	Miss Ford	Mrs Mason/Mrs Johnson
	Mr Johnson	Mrs Hawkins	Miss Hill

Indoor

Outdoor

Please remember that earrings should not be worn on PE days and that children should come to school in PE kit. This should be black shorts/leggings/tracksuit and a white t shirt. Black hoodies or track suit tops are also allowed for outdoor sessions.



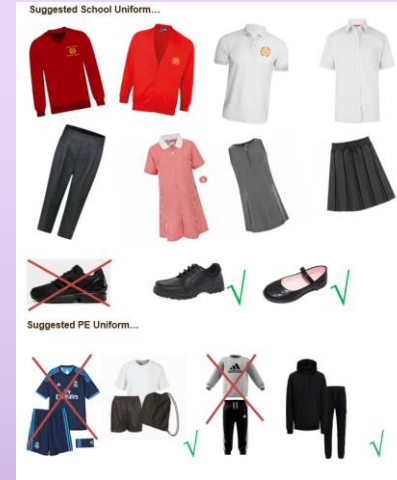
# Uniform



Just a reminder that school uniform requires black shoes (not black trainers) on non-PE days. On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kits which should be plain-black trainers, black joggers or shorts, a plain white t shirt and black hoodie or sweatshirt. On no account should any pupils wear football team shirts, shorts or tracksuits.

We also have our previously owned clothes rail in the school reception area, please feel free to come and have a look. We ask for a small donation of 50p per item.

If you would like to donate any previously owned uniform you no longer require it would be greatly appreciated. Please can we ask that it is washed and handed in to the office.



# Attendance -Little Heroes



**Little Heroes  
Assemble**

**HERE  
EVERY DAY  
READY  
ON TIME**

This year in school, we are continuing with the -Little Heroes initiative which is being extended to our Y3&4 children. This initiative has been rolled out in schools across Staffordshire to help encourage good school attendance.

Each day children will receive a tick on their class chart if they are in school and on time. At the end of the week, they will get a sticker if they have completed the week. The children, who are in school and on time everyday, will receive a certificate at the end of the month.

These are the slides that have been shared with the children.

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Click the link below to find out more.

[Helpful heroes - parents guide \(canva.com\)](#)



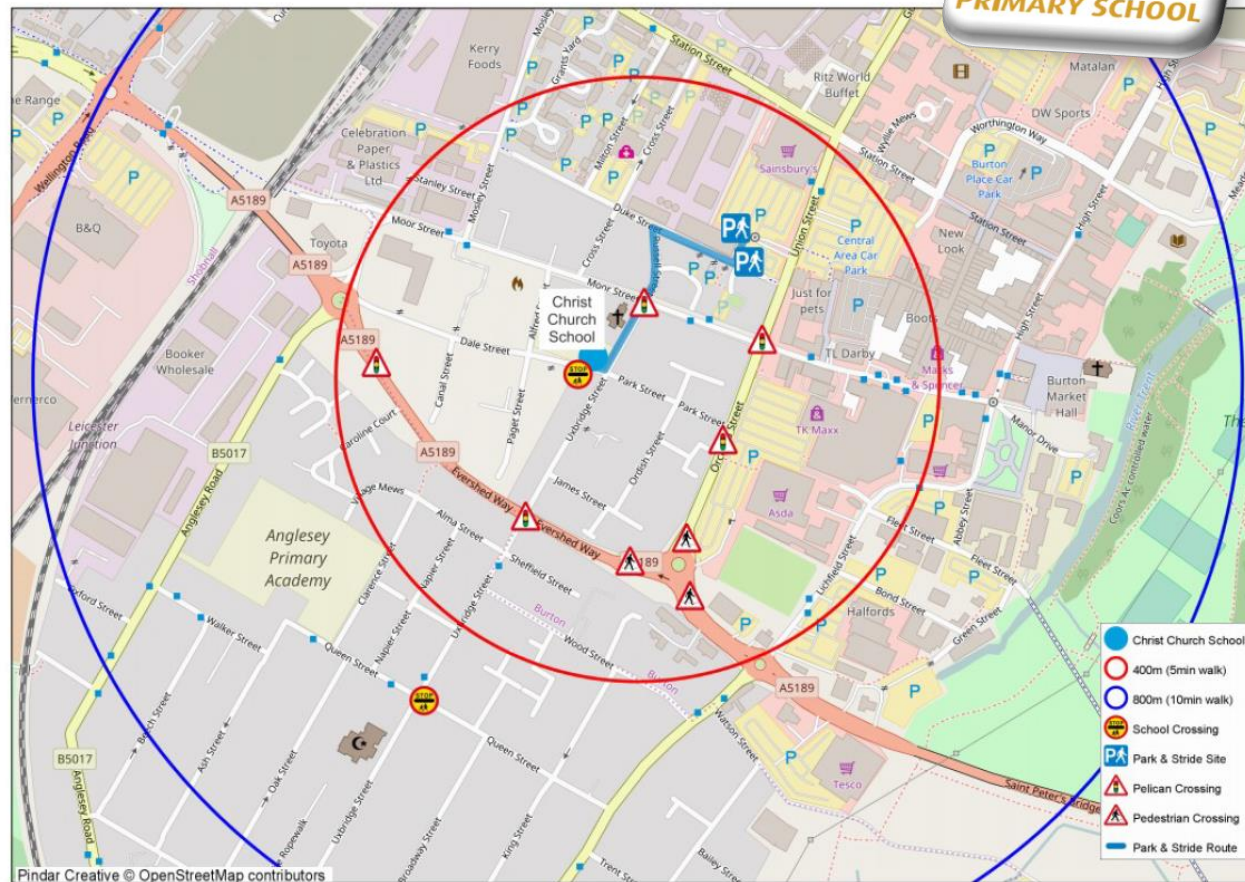
# Christ Church Travel Plan



As an air aware school, our air ambassadors are always trying to encourage cleaner ways to travel. We know that most people have very busy lives but please can we ask that whenever possible you try walking/ scooting or cycling to school with your children. If you have to come by car then please use one of our 'park and stride' areas (see our travel map). This will not only improve the air quality around the school but also decreases the traffic around and helps our children stay safe.

We also ask that for those adults who are arriving in cars are polite, considerate and respectful to our local residents and businesses and do not block access ways or park on double-yellow line/zigzag-line areas. This will allow our children to cross the roads safely.

Copy of parent/pupil travel map.



# Christ Church School Vision



We have been thinking carefully about what our shared vision for the children of Christ Church is, so that it represents our aims for all those involved with Christ Church Primary School. We would like to share this with you so that you can support us in striving to achieve this so that our children are prepared for the world around them .

At Christ Church Primary School and Nursery our vision is for every child to  
*LOVE to LEARN and LEARN to LOVE*

The Christ Church family embraces all backgrounds, cultures and religions whilst being inspired by and equipped for the endless possibilities in life provided by an excellent education.

In order for our children to LOVE to LEARN we aim to follow our MASTER values so that we:

Deliver excellence in education that builds life long memories and supports pupils in contributing to society and achieving economic wellbeing in the future

Provide a stimulating and secure environment that motivates and inspires our pupils to learn, where the arts are celebrated and well-being is cherished

Encourage pupils to have high expectations, develop resilience and value their own achievements as well as others.

Design a broad and balanced curriculum that is inclusive and addresses the specific needs of our pupils, providing equal opportunities for all

Promote collaboration with other schools in order to share and develop best practice

In order for our children to LEARN to LOVE we aim to follow our MASTER values so that we create an ethos where:

The wellbeing of every child is paramount with a high quality pastoral system that supports their needs

There is a culture of mutual trust, respect, honesty, care and support

Children learn to live a healthy lifestyle as a result of good mental, emotional and physical practices

The school values, celebrates and engages with the diverse community we serve

The school actively promotes the protected characteristics as well as the British values of democracy, the rule of law, tolerance, individual liberty and mutual respect



# Life at Christ Church-Hoglets Y1&2



Mr Honman brought Harry the hedgehog to school and we learned all about hedgehogs. We found out what they eat and how to make our gardens hedgehog friendly.

Saad-Ali - I guessed how many prickles Harry had. He had 5000.

Martin- I liked making a lego garden for Harry. I made an arch for him to get in and a pile of logs with bugs for him to eat.

Amara-Mei - Harry was very prickly, I loved him!





# Life at Christ Church-Hoglets-EYFS



'It's really spikey. I touched it!'



'I'm giving it lots of spikes'



The children in reception enjoyed a hedgehog workshop by 'Hoglets'. Andy and Amy introduced us to Harry the hedgehog and we all got the chance to stroke him. We couldn't believe we touched a real hedgehog! After this, we had the opportunity to make our own hedgehog out of clay to take home. We rolled a ball and then snapped twigs to make its spikes. We had such a fantastic time. Thank you so much to Hoglets for providing the session for our children!

# Histrionics



*We would like to say a huge thank you to Lizzie and the team for the most amazing day at the Staffordshire History Centre. The Centre is a welcoming space that is fun, interactive and engaging. The displays offered an insight into different aspects of life in Staffordshire through history with many fascinating artefacts to explore. The children particularly enjoyed the opportunity to dress up in the costume room and to handle objects from the past in the gallery. The workshop we took part in was thoughtfully developed and included artefacts, role play and elements of local history in a way that engaged the children (and staff!). The use of a sound scape really brought to life the industrial heritage of the local area. -Mrs Mason*



*The history centre was extraordinary! When you first walk in, there is a gorgeous carriage standing there from a very long time ago! What really surprised me were the letters and diaries that were written in the Victorian era. The lessons there are really fun and interesting. There is also a costume room where you can get to dress up as a character from history. Honestly, I really enjoyed being there because they found things from a long time ago just so kids who like history can see what it was like. - Amelia*

# Christ Church Platinum School Games Mark



We are so proud to have achieved our Platinum School Games Mark – the highest award you can achieve- Look out for all of the competitions and activities for this year!



## Christ Church Primary School Platinum Award



We are delighted to announce that we, Christ Church Primary School, have achieved the School Games Platinum Mark Award for the 2023/24 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to:

Mr Johnson and all the staff, pupils and families who have helped to arrange and support the many activities throughout the year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2025!



# Calendar Dates



## Parents Evenings:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October - KS2- 3.30-7pm

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> October -KS2- 3.30-6pm

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October- EYFS/KS1- 3.30-7pm

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October –EYFS/KS1 - 3.30-6pm

**INSET Day:** Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October (school closed to children)

**Half term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Term ends:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December