

Dear Families,

As we approach Christmas I would like to share with you our plans over the next few weeks.

Christmas performances

Our Nurse ry/Reception Xmas performances will be taking place on Wednesday 10th December at 2.00pm and Thursday 11th December at 10.00am. Our children have been practising hard to make sure it's a really special performance for everyone. We look forward to welcoming our parents to watch and celebrate with us!

Christmas Dinner

The Juniors will have their Christmas meal on Monday 15th December and the Infants on Tuesday 16th December. The children may wear their Christmas jumpers if they so choose to do so on this day for their Christmas meal, if not then normal school uniform.

Christmas Cards

Some children have asked to bring in Christmas cards this year. They may do so but please make sure first names/ last names and the class are clearly written on the front of the envelope to avoid confusion.

Pantomime Visits

Our KS2 children will be going to Derby Arena on Tuesday 16th to watch the pantomime 'Dick Whittington' returning to school for approximately 4.30pm (traffic permitting). All children will come into school to collect their things on their return, all parents will be able to collect their child from the school hall. Our Reception and KS1 children will be visiting the Brewhouse on Wednesday 17th December to watch 'Captain Sprout and the Christmas Pirates' in the morning and will return to school in time for lunch as usual. All the children (and staff) are really excited to see the performances!



Admissions

If you have a child that will be starting in Reception in September 2025 please complete the online application by 15th January 2026. if you need any help or support with this please contact the office who will be happy to assist you.

Christmas decorations

All of our classes have been making their own Christmas decorations ready to add some festive cheer to our school ready for our Xmas Fayre on Friday 12th December (2.15pm start).

Finally, we will be welcoming some new members of staff with Ms Wheatley joining our fantastic team of teaching staff, taking over in Y3/4 and Mr Sami who will be joining our team of teaching assistants as well as taking on our site technician role. We are delighted to have them on board and know they will be a great asset to our Christ Church family. We will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Hawkins and our Chair of Governors, Mr Waris. I would like to thank them for all they have done for Christ Church and wish them success as they move on to their new ventures!

Kindest regards,

Mr Archer.



Christmas Bauble competition

This half term Arts council have run a Christmas bauble competition in school. To celebrate Christmas within our community the Arts Council went to Elim Church to decorate the tree with all the bauble entries. It was tough choosing 3 winners from all of the amazing baubles made! The tree looks amazing and is up in the entry way at Elim Church. Please take some time to have a look at the wonderful work the children have been doing to help our

community celebrate!





We opened all our beautiful handmade artwork and spread them out on the floor, we voted to find first, second and third places. We then put all the artwork on the Christmas tree. – Taaha- Y6

When we put all the decorations on, the Christmas tree looked so pretty! We had a photo with Pastor Chris and then left the Church.- Hana- Y4

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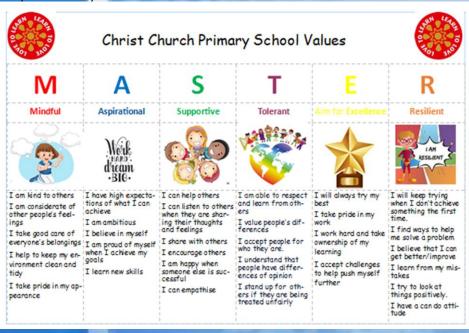


Mental Health/school values



School values

This half term we have been focusing on the value of being aspirational. Children being seen to be mindful could receive a values leaf in our values assembly every Monday.





Next half term, we will be focusing on being supportive.



If your child is experiencing low level mental health difficulties, we may be able to help. Call us* between 9am - 5pm (Monday to Friday), leave your name and number and one of our practitioners will give you a call back to see what support we can offer.



Burton and Uttoxeter 01283 504487

<u>Cannock and Lichfield</u> 01283 352113

<u>Stafford</u> 01283 352097

<u>Famworth</u> 01785 301027



*Please note that these contact numbers are not to be used in an emergency.

Mental health & wellbeing



Try these activities at home with your children







Calming and grounding techniques are a good Way to help When We feel Worried or anxious. It helps us to refocus our attention and overcome those unpleasant feelings, so We can feel better and do more.



5, 4, **3**, **2**, **1**

Take notice of your senses by thinking of: 5 things you can see, 4 things you can hear, 3 things you can feel/touch, 2 things you can smell and 1 thing you can taste.

FACTS

Think about and name facts that are happening around you right now. For example: My name is... My age is... My favourite colour is... The Weather is... I am Wearing...



SEARCH THE ROOM

Think of a category and search the room for it. For example, look for: Everything that is a ... colour, everything that is a ... shape, things that feel of... things made of ...



