

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

We would like to welcome everyone back after the half term break and we hope you all were able to enjoy a nice rest. There seems to have been so many fun and exciting things going on at Christ Church over the past few weeks and it's been great to see all the smiles, fun, laughter and enthusiasm from all of the children and staff at school.

As the nights draw in, it is more important than ever that the children are keeping safe when coming to and from school, having a reflector on a coat or bag can help drivers to spot children when visibility is low. We have shared our road safety messages with all the children so they are reminded of how to cross the roads safely. We would also encourage all of our families that if you have to travel by car, you drive slowly when approaching school and make sure you get out of your cars to help your children cross safely.

As well as lots of fun and learning, there have been some important messages shared with our children. We have worn odd socks to highlight that it is good to be different and to celebrate our differences as part of our Anti-bullying week. Our school councillors have been helping to raise the awareness of the importance of recycling across the school and our air aware ambassadors have been planting trees and encouraging us to reduce our emissions to improve the air quality.



Tree planting



To mark the COP-26 climate change talks, our travel ambassadors planted four trees around school. We did this to help improve the environment in our area and help with carbon capture. We are a flagship school for the Carbon Zero by Nature plant a tree scheme in Staffordshire schools.



Poetry competition



Last half term, the children were invited to take part in a poetry writing competition for National Poetry Day. They were asked to write a poem based on a piece of artwork by Deborah Milton all about looking after the world and making positive choices. The children were also encouraged to present their poems in an artistic way.

Mrs Shaw and I were blown away by the amazing poems that were submitted! We had almost fifty entries in total from across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 and choosing winners was very tricky indeed due to the high standards of creative writing. Each of the six winners received their own poetry anthology and all children who took part received a prize. It was so lovely to see so many children getting involved and sharing a love for poetry and writing together. I can't wait to read more excellent work from our budding authors in the future! - Miss Hill



Recycle and Remake



A huge thank you to all the creative recyclers who entered our 'Recycle and Remake' competition. We received over 100 entries, from seahorses to sharks, all of which are now on display for all to admire and enjoy. The Arts council certainly had a very tough job judging and choosing the 8 winners! A big thank you also to Hilary Hampton from Veolia. Hilary spent a day on the school roof talking to every class, reminding us all how to 'reuse, reduce and recycle'. Whilst on the roof, we introduced the children to Tigger - a dolphin who the children have adopted through the Seawatch Foundation for the forthcoming year. Tigger (along with lots of dolphin activities) will spend a week in each class over the next few months before our next 'ocean-themed' competition in February.



Children in Need



For Children in Need this year all the children came in non-uniform, we even spotted a few Pudsey ears! Again we would like to thank you for your generosity in helping us to raise £255.60!



News/Reminders....



Flu vaccines

On 10th December children from Reception to Year 6 will be able to receive their Flu immunisation in school. This is not an injection but a nasal spray. Please can you complete the permission form if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

COVID vaccines

On Friday 3rd December, Burton Fire station are open to anyone who is eligible for a covid vaccine, including booster jabs. No appointment is needed you can simply walk in on the day and all types of covid vaccine are available.

INSET day

A reminder that Wednesday 1st December is our next INSET day which means the children will not be able to come into school that day whilst staff complete some valuable training.

Absences/ contacting the school office

If your child is not able to attend school for any reason please could you contact the school office by e-mail (office@christchurch-burton.staffs.sch.uk) with the name of the child, the class they are in and the reason for their absence. If you have a message that you would like to pass on to the class teacher or information you would like to share with us please also contact the office by e-mail stating clearly the child's name, class and any relevant information. If you would like a phone call back please make this clear on your e-mail and we will endeavour to do this as quickly as we are able. This will help make it easier to record the details and enable us to handle any requests in a much more efficient way.

Long Service Awards

Congratulations to Mrs Dunn and Mrs Mason for working for Staffordshire schools for 25 years. We thank them for their hard work and commitment to education within Staffordshire.

Kind regards

Mrs Anderson and Mr Archer