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Dear Families,

As we approach the end of term we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Anderson. I'm sure you will all join me in thanking her for all the fantastic things she has done for the school and the community over her many years of dedicated service. Although she may be leaving her role as Headteacher we hope to see her return for a few of our future events.

We will also be saying goodbye to our School Crossing Patrol Officer Ms J Bradwell who has helped cross our families safely for a number of years.

It has been good to see school return to face to face parents' evenings and whole school events such as the very popular Easter bingo. Thank you to the PTFA for raising an incredible £433 on Monday evening. All children left with some chocolate and it was one of the busiest evenings we ever had.

We continue to look forward to a very busy new term in the Summer with a return to SATs and other government assessments taking place as well as the Queens Jubilee, a number of school trips and the Summer Fayre to name but a few!

Finally, We hope you enjoy the Easter break and look forward to everyone returning fit and healthy for the Summer Term on **Monday 25th April**.

Mr Archer



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Parent Survey Results

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Results from the Parent Survey March 2022

All parents were e-mailed and asked to complete the survey: There were 74 responses.

Which year group is your child in?	Reception -14 Y1- 14 Y2- 9 Y3-11 Y4-10 Y5-9 Y6-7			
	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
My child is happy at school	37 (50%)	37(50%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
My child feels safe at school	39(53%)	35(47%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
My child makes good progress at this school	37 (50%)	37(50%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
My child is well looked after at this school	36(49%)	37(50%)	1(1%)	0(0%)
The school teaches my child how to lead a healthy and active lifestyle	31(42%)	41(55%)	2(3%)	0(0%)
The school teaches my child how to keep mentally and emotionally healthy	26(35%)	45(61%)	3(4%)	0(0%)
My child receives appropriate homework for their age	31(42%)	39(53%)	3(4%)	1(1%)
This school makes sure the pupils are well behaved	33(45%)	38(51%)	3(4%)	0(0%)
This school deals quickly and effectively with bullying	18(24%)	30(41%)	5(7%)	0(0%)
My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality	41(55%)	33(45%)	0(0%)	0(0%)
My child is taught a wide range of subjects?	33(45%)	40(54%)	1(1%)	0(0%)
The school responds well to any concerns I raise	34(46%)	39(53%)	1(1%)	0(0%)
I receive valuable information from school about my child's progress	38(51%)	35(47%)	1(1%)	0(0%)
If your child has special educational needs (SEND) and or disabilities, the school gives them the support they need to succeed	4(5%)	13(18%)	My child does not have Special needs 57 (77%)	
Is your child able to access the remote learning school provides?	71(96%)	3(4%)		
If you are having problems accessing the remote learning please provide details about the issues below. eg no internet connection, no suitable device.	No responses			
The school helps my child develop the skills to succeed in the future	34(46%)	38(51%)	2(3%)	0(0%)
Would you recommend Christ Church Primary School to another parent?	Yes 74(100%)		No 0 (0%)	

In response to some of the issues raised we have reviewed our practices and will be making the following changes:

- Lunchtimes- there will now be a meat option alongside a vegetarian option for hot dinners.
- There will be an increase in the number of clubs available
- KS1 and KS2 classes will now finish school at 3:15pm. Reception classes will finish at 3.10pm.

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Bikeability

As part of our on going promotion of health lifestyles, some of year 5 children took part in 'Bikeability' training level 1 on Thursday 10th March. A programme aimed to help children learn to ride their bikes safely. All children who took part said they really enjoyed it and everyone passed!

I was very excited to ride my bike to school to do our 'Bikeability' training. First I had to check everything on my bike and make sure my helmet was fastened properly. I learnt lots of skills like, how to ride with one hand and riding in a group around the playground. This was the best day ever and it was so much fun! Thank you Mr Johnson for organising this, I am looking forward to doing level 2!

Written by Kevin Hes –N5



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World Book Day- 4th March

This year for World Book Week, our whole school enjoyed working with the book *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers. The book is a celebration of all of the wonderful things on our planet and discusses important issues like taking care of animals and celebrating diversity. Throughout the week, the children produced some amazing work inspired by the book including recreating some of the pages; letters to aliens all about the earth; poems with advice to their future selves; and even some very persuasive letters about the environment to our local MP from our Year 6's. We shared our love for reading throughout the week with fun activities including artwork with clay and a book tasting event. On World Book Day itself, we saw some impressive costumes from Matilda's Ms Trunchbull to a character from a story written by a child himself! At Christ Church, we love to celebrate reading all year round and this week proved just how exciting and loved reading is here! Look out for more exciting reading events throughout the year including *Shakespeare Week* in the Summer term. – Miss Hill



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Y1/2 Animal visit



In Year 1 and Year 2 we had a range of African animals to learn about and hold. We got to hold rabbits, a quail, a snake, millipedes, a tarantula, a quail, Asian green toads and African land snails. We learnt about what each animal eats, what they do and where they are originally from. It was great fun as you can tell by some of the things our children had to say:

Eiva - It was really fascinating and interesting. I held lots of animals. I was a little bit frightened of the tarantula! And the snake was ticklish in my hands.

Michael - I liked seeing the African animals. My favourite part was touching the snake.

Yusra - I held the tarantula and I felt a little bit scared, but it was actually soft and kind. I held two rabbits, called Dolly and Oreo, they were very fluffy. The snails were really slimy so we had to wash our hands afterwards. We saw two toads called Mario and Luigi. It was great fun!



Goodbye from Mrs Anderson



After more than 11 incredible years, I will be leaving Christ Church Primary and Nursery School at the end of this spring term to retire.

During this time I have overseen the transformation of our school from an Infant to a through Primary and have been delighted to have seen the children continue to thrive as they move on to their respective High Schools. It has been a privilege and a pleasure to be the Headteacher of this school. I cannot thank everyone enough for their personal support, care and help over these years.

Our school is caring, kind, and inclusive. Our families warm and supportive. Our exceptional staff and Governors work diligently to promote the wellbeing and progress of every child. During this time many of the staff have joined us new to the teaching profession and they too have flourished, with the mentoring from established senior leaders, in our journey of transformation.

Despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, we have continued to have high expectations of our children as we aspire every day to live up to our school vision of 'Love to learn, learn to love'. Our school is again oversubscribed for Reception admissions for September 2022, and this is testimony to our reputation. It is heartening to hear that our parents' survey this month shows that 100% of the responses would recommend us to others. Anyone visiting us discovers a school in which the children are kind, happy and love their learning. The children make the best academic and personal progress, under the guidance of a fabulous team of staff. I thank all the dedicated staff for their care, hard work and love that they bestow upon the school. From the beginning of the day, at lunchtimes, to the end of the day, everyone plays their part in making the school the success it is today.

Together, as a school community, we are proud of what has been achieved and what the future holds. I would like to congratulate Mr Archer on his new position and wish him every success.

I know I will miss you all immensely, but the time is right to start a new chapter in my life. I wish each and every one of you continued success in all you do; that you stay safe and well and that we remain, as always, kind to each other.

With the kindest regards and happiest of memories,
Mrs Anderson

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School dates

Friday 8th April- Last day of school

Saturday 9th April- Sunday 24th April- Easter Holidays

Monday 25th April First day back at school

Monday 2nd May – May Bank holiday

Friday 27th May- Last day of school

Saturday 28th May-Sunday 5th June- Half term holidays

Monday 6th June – First day back at school

Friday 8th July – INSET DAY – school closed to children

Wednesday 20th July – Last day of school.