

CHRIST CHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



Week Commencing 25th September 2023

Welcome, to all of our new and existing children and families, to a new school year.

We now have our first year 6 class and we are looking forward to starting some new traditions, including a Year 6 residential.

You will have noticed some changes already this year including the introduction of new reading diaries and folders and the additional seating in our outdoor areas. We hope that the children will enjoy the new space. Watch this space for more improvements to our outdoor provision.

As our school community grows bigger, we would like to make clear some of our expectations.

Monday 25th September - School Photographs

Thursday 28th September 3pm - EYFS & KS1 Parent Meeting

Attendance

Children are expected to attend school on time every day, unless there is a genuine reason for their absence. The gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. Late attenders will need to register at the school office and sign in using the iPad. Late attendance will be monitored.

Absence

If your child is unwell please call the office and leave a voicemail or email parents@christchurch.notts.sch.uk, **before 8.45am**, detailing the child's name, class, your relationship to the child and the reason for their absence. Persistent absences will be monitored and may be referred to the local authority for a penalty notice or prosecution.

Appointments

Non-urgent appointments, for example dental check-ups or optical check-ups, should not be booked during the school day. If your child has an appointment during the school day the office will need to see evidence of this to be uploaded to your child's record. Any non-urgent routine appointments will be marked as unauthorised on the register. Hospital appointments, evidenced with a letter, will be authorised.

Hometime

The School gates open at 3.20pm. Please collect your child from their classroom door by 3.30pm. If your child is regularly not collected before the gates close, they will be placed in afterschool club and a charge will be added to your Parentmail account.

Communicating with School

parents@christchurch.notts.sch.uk - This email address should be used to contact the office regarding absence, Parentmail and payment queries or if you have any concerns or feedback that you would like to pass on.

Dojo - This should be used to contact the teacher if you have any concerns about your child, if you have any queries about activities in class, PE kit etc..! You will also find information on the class story from the teacher.

01636 680051 - This is the school telephone number and should be used to report absences or contact the office in case of emergency. If your query is not urgent, please consider whether your query could be resolved by using Class Dojo or emailing our parents@ email address first.

Medicines In School

Medicines must not be sent to school in your child's bag. They should be delivered to the office in the morning and collected from the class teacher at the end of the school day by an appropriate adult. If you require medicine to be administered in school, this must be prescribed by a doctor, clearly labelled with administration instructions and your child's name. You will also need to complete a Medicine administration form, which you can find in the main reception in a self-serve folder. For more information on medicines in school please see the "Administration of Medicines" policy on the school website.

Payments

All payments, including dinner money and wraparound care, must be made **in advance** on Parentmail. You can top up each payment item and payments will be deducted from this balance. Please check your Parentmail account and clear any balances. New cannot allow families to have debts on their accounts. If debts are accrued we may have to tell you that your child needs to bring a packed lunch or cannot attend wraparound care.

Universal Infant Free School Meals

Children in Key Stage 1 (reception to year 2) are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Key stage 2 children (years 3 to 6) will need to pay for their meals, unless they are eligible for Free School Meals. You can apply for free school meals using the link below;

<https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/education/school-meals/free-school-meals-and-milk>

Christ Church Network

The Network team worked really hard last year to make sure there were some great fundraisers for the school. With the money raised from various events, including the Summer Fayre, ice cream sales and 15-mile challenge, the Network have very kindly donated a class-set of glockenspiels and four benches for the outdoor area. We will also soon be receiving some brightly-coloured outdoor litter bins.



ONLINE SAFETY

Please see some links below to some information about protecting your children from hate, fake news, extremism and radicalisation online;

[Parent toolkit online issues kent by Jill Allen on Prezi Design](#)

[ACT Early | Prevent radicalisation](#)

School Bears



Our School bears have had a makeover! The children are able to take a school bear home for one night. It must be brought back to school the next day. If the bear is taken home on a Friday night please return it to school on Monday morning. Make sure you send photographs of the bear's adventures to your child's class teacher on Dojo!!



School Vision

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our recent "School Vision" meeting to find out about our key priorities for improvement this year. Please follow the link below to see our "School Vision Summary 2023" which summarises the new initiatives and areas of focus for this coming school year.

[Our Vision – Christ Church C of E Infant & Nursery School \(christchurchprimarynewark.co.uk\)](http://christchurchprimarynewark.co.uk)



Middlebeck
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Calling Middlebeck's budding gardeners of all ages, we would love for you to plant something in your local area to grow alongside you, so come along with friends, family and neighbours and join fellow residents for a spot of community-wide gardening!

Join us at the junction of Bowbridge Road and Marlestone Lane to plant spring-time flower bulbs and make our area even more beautiful.

Can't find us? Use What3Words [///pads.rural.bulbs](https://www.what3words.com/@@@pads.rural.bulbs)

In partnership with local business,
Jonathan Gant Horticultural Consultancy.

*Lets make
Middlebeck bloom!*



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Urban&Civic

Saturday 23rd September
for community-wide gardening
10:00am-02:00pm



- Look out for our Community Development Lead, Simon Murphy.
- No need to bring any tools - just wear clothes suitable for gardening.
- Drinks and snacks will be provided.

Scan here to confirm your attendance.



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