

# CHRIST CHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Weekly Newsletter



Thursday 14th December—2.15pm KS1 Nativity (Refreshments sold after)

Thursday 14th December—Deadline for Ordering “My Child’s Art” Christmas Cards & Gifts

Friday 15th December—9.15am KS1 Nativity (Refreshments sold after)

Thursday 21st December—Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 22nd December—End of Term

Monday 8th January—First Day of Spring Term

### Attendance

4th to 8th December 2023

Whole School - 91.18%

Top Class Attendance - Purple Class  
95.67%

Top Class Attendance This Half Term -  
Red Class 94.3%

### Punctuality is Important

Parents should make sure that pupils are in school **no later than 8.55am** to ensure that they arrive in time for the register. This is the time when the gates get locked. Any late arrivals are required to sign in at reception and give a reason for being late. Late arrivals are disruptive to the classroom and to the office team.

Research shows that pupils who have good punctuality are better prepared for their day and are higher achievers. It helps children - even of a young age - to understand the importance of education and supports them as they develop a sense of responsibility for their own learning.

### Wellies & Wet Weather Clothing



If we have wet weather during the school week and you think your child may get wet at break time or lunch time, please send them to school with Wellies/Waterproof trousers and/or and change of clothes. You are welcome to keep these items at school, but please make sure they are in a named bag. If children do not have suitable clothing they will not be allowed to play on the school field.

### Lost Property



In order to minimise lost property we highly recommend that all items of your child's belongings are clearly marked with your child's name. Please be aware that pen or biro fades quickly and needs regular replacing. Please include shoes, coats, bags and lunch boxes in your labelling. If a named item is found, we will return it to your child. Please make sure you do not lose items by naming them.

**We have a lost property box (Located in the Main Reception) and items that have been found are placed.**

### Tesco Stronger Starts

We have been selected to take part in a customer vote in Tesco stores to receive some funding for our breakfast club as part of the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative. Voting will commence in store from Mid January 2024 until the end of March 2024. You can vote for us in Tesco Ollerton and Tesco Express on Main Street in Balderton. Depending on the number of votes that we receive, we could be eligible for up to £1500 of funding. Please pop in and cast your vote to support us.

### ParentPay

You should now have received an email from ParentPay regarding our new online payment system. This email will give you detailed instructions on how to log in to your child's account. If you haven't received the email or are struggling with setting this up please don't hesitate to contact the school office and we can assist you.

### The Big Ambition

The Childrens Commissioner for England have had an amazing response from nursery, primary and secondary schools across England and as a result have decided to extend the closing date to Friday 19th January 2024 to allow even more children the chance to have their say. This will give schools, children and young people an extra month over the festive season to take part in “The Big Ambition”.

Children and parents can complete the survey here;

[About this survey : The Big Ambition - Have your say! \(smartsurvey.co.uk\)](https://smartsurvey.co.uk)



Bug Hotel building!

We are excited to be building a bug hotel in our outdoor-learning area this year! We are hoping to get all the children involved so that we all play a part in it's creation. Below is a list of what each class is responsible for collecting:

Nursery and Reception: pine cones and dry leaves  
 Year 1 and 2: sticks, twigs and strips of wood  
 Year 3 and 4: stones  
 Year 5 and 6: logs

If you want to bring in items that your class is not responsible for that is fine too!

We also would like: Corrugated cardboard, bricks, hollow bamboo canes, ceramic tiles (broken is fine!), old roof tiles, wood chips, old terracotta pots, moss, roofing felt and small planks of wood!

We hope you will enjoy going out together to search for these items this autumn.

Please bring them in bags and give them to your class teacher.

Thank you so much for your help with this!

It's Christmas Time – Parents guide to help keep children safe online

## It's Christmas Time!

**A Parent's Guide to Social Media**

**A Parent's Guide to Sharing Pictures**

**A Parent's Guide to Gaming**

**A Parent's Guide to Online Grooming**

scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see the guides on our website

**A Parent's Guide to Live Streaming**

**A Parent's Guide to Online Influencers**

**A Parent's Guide to Fake News**

**A Parent's Guide to Privacy Settings**

**It's always best to be prepared**

Many parents may be planning to give electronic gadgets to their children this festive period. Our guide is designed to help parents take a realistic approach to help keep their children safe when using the internet, social media and playing online games.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

**Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.**

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online.

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# HAPPY NEWS

**FRANCE**

**Old hat sells for €1.9m**

A hat worn by a famous French emperor has sold for €1.9m (£1.65m) at auction. The hat belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte, who was a general during the French Revolution and became emperor between 1804-1814, then again in 1815. Napoleon is famous for being one of history's greatest military leaders, conquering most of Europe. He wore his hat sideways to make him recognisable in battle.

**PAKISTAN**

**Teacher of the year**

The 2023 Global Teacher Prize has been awarded to Sister Zeph from Pakistan. The award celebrates inspirational teachers around the world. At the age of 13, Sister Zeph set up a school in her home for children from poor families. She worked long days to fund the school herself and then spent four hours each day teaching students. 26 years later, the school has moved premises and now provides free education to over 200 children.

**UK**

**Meow Christmas!**

Nala the ginger tabby cat is hoping to climb her way to the top of the Christmas charts. Her debut single has been released worldwide, with proceeds going to the ASPCA and local charity Feed Up Warm Up. The single is called "Meow!"

**UK**

**National recognition for devoted fire dog**

The UK's longest serving fire investigation dog has been awarded the PDSA Order of Merit. The prestigious award recognises animals that display outstanding devotion to their owner or to society. Regs the Labrador is the proud receiver of this year's award, he has helped at more than 500 fires during his 11 years of service. Regs is now retired and spends his days playing with his favourite tennis ball.

**UK**

**Campaign to change emoji**

10 year old Teddy Cottle has launched a campaign to rename and change the 'nerd' emoji. Teddy says the emoji is insulting to people like him who wear glasses. He wants the teeth replaced with a smile and for it to be renamed the 'genius' emoji. Teddy's petition has so far gathered 350 signatures. What do you think - do you think the emoji needs to change? Why don't you have a go at designing your own emoji?

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