

CHRIST CHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter - December 22nd 2023



ATTENDANCE

18th— 22nd December 2023

Whole School - 93.04%

Top Class Attendance - Green Class 94.25%

Monday 8th January—Start of Spring Term



Free Meal Plans

Get FREE meal plans with FiveDinners.com – LIMITED TIME OFFER!

If meal planning is a faff or you're fed up of choosing what to eat every night or just want to save money on food shopping then this is for you (and it's free if you sign up now!) FiveDinners.com is an online meal planning service created by celebrity TV Chef Theo Michaels. Every week members get a new meal plan with five delicious, mouth-watering recipes with a single shopping list for the week so you know exactly what to get. You can even personalise your meal plans to suit your specific needs, like GF, vegetarian, kid friendly, under 20 minutes and more!

Sign up today to get **FREE lifetime membership** – no catch, just free, to help families around the UK save money on food shopping and make dinnertimes a bit easier. You may remember TV chef Theo and his kids when they did 36 live cookalongs during lockdown with thousands of families around the UK joining in. So he's very committed to helping families and kids eat well!

Simply head to <https://FiveDinners.com> and click the green Join Now button now to get free membership!

Safer Sleep message over the festive period

Your baby's sleeping arrangements over the festive season.

[Co-sleeping with your baby: advice from The Lullaby Trust - The Lullaby Trust](#)

Routines often change over the festive season. You may visit friends and relatives, have more to drink and go to bed at a different time. It may be more difficult to find a safe sleeping space for your baby.

Have a look at these guides and have a fun and safe Christmas.

[Safer-sleep-for-emergency-situations.pdf \(lullabytrust.org.uk\)](#)

[Safer Sleep winter resource V7 \(lullabytrust.org.uk\)](#)

#beststartnotts
#lullabytrust

Parent Pay and ParentMail

You should have now received an email from Parent Pay 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 office and we can assist you. Once the majority of parents have signed up to ParentPay we will move all payments over to this platform and discontinue the use of Parentmail. Please continue to use Parentmail to book clubs and pay for school dinners until we notify you. Thank you to everyone that has set up their ParentPay account so far. If you have not yet done this please do so as soon as possible.

FREE!

HAPPY NEWS



THAILAND

Rice work! Huge rice fields turned into artwork

Rice fields in Thailand have been transformed into huge works of art using clever crop planting. Tanyapong Jaikham is a farmer and artist who created the magnificent displays on his land in Chiang Rai, northern Thailand. He enlisted the help of over 200 volunteers to hand plant the rice, which grows in various colours. They then used a drone to ensure they were planting in the correct places. The artworks depict three sleeping cats, with one cuddling up to a fish!



UK

House builder gives away free Santa keys

Most new homes don't have chimneys, which can be a bit of a problem for Santa. A housing developer has decided to solve the problem by giving away magic keys. Barratt Homes is giving away free Santa keys to all the children living at its developments and the surrounding area in Wakefield, UK. All you have to do is stop by their West Yorkshire sales office to pick one up! Magic keys allow Santa to enter through the front door if you don't have a chimney.



SPACE

To-mato and beyond!

A tomato that vanished for 8 months on the International Space Station has been found. Astronauts have been growing tomatoes on board as part of studies into growing crops in space. However one of the tomatoes floated away, eventually being found 8 months later!



UK

Santa Skate brings capital to standstill

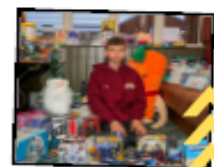
Hundreds of skaters and cyclists took to the streets of London last weekend in festive fancy dress to bring some Christmas cheer to the capital. The annual London Santa Skate also raises money for charity. BMXers, skaters, cyclists, wheelchair users and more rode through the streets playing Christmas songs for two hours. Participants say that the event brings people together and makes it feel like Christmas has begun!



UK

11 year old opens 'gift bank' for mums and dads

Isaac Winfield, 11, from Worcestershire, UK, started a food bank from his shed during the pandemic to help others. Now, Isaac has five food banks in his home town and has just opened a 'gift bank' too. Isaac has filled his gift bank with presents for people who can't afford them. He spends his weekend filling shelves with toys, teddies, books and more. On his first day, he had over 200 people turn up. Isaac says he wants to help as many people as possible.



Please remember to recycle me when you are finished with me.

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Have your say

From April 2024, government childcare support is expanding.

Complete our survey about the expansion of childcare support.

Closing date
**26 January
2024**



Early Childhood Services has launched a short survey to seek the views of parents and soon to be parents to help review current childcare places in Nottinghamshire, we expect the survey to take less than five minutes to complete.

The survey is open until 26th January 2024 and seeks to gather the views of parents and soon-to-be parents to see how they currently use childcare, and how they will likely use childcare if they are eligible for the new entitlements.

[Expansion of Childcare Support Survey 2023 - Nottinghamshire County Council -](#)



Newark Sports and Fitness Centre,
Dukeries and Southwell Leisure Centre

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Wednesday 27th December 2023 – Sunday 7th January 2024



Pre-book and pay for your activity online through
www.active4today.co.uk/leisurehub
Bookings open from 13th December.

Telephone 01636 655780

Email enquiries@active4today.co.uk



Newark Sports and Fitness Centre Swimming and Sports

Sessions in addition to the main swimming timetable. See website for full timetable
www.active4today.co.uk/timetables

Main Pool

Thursdays 22nd & 29th December:

1:45pm – 2:45pm Public Swimming

Fridays 23rd & 30th December

9:30am – 11am Public Swimming

Wednesday 28th December

1:15pm – 2pm Inflatable Swim

2pm – 2:45pm Inflatable Swim

Tuesday 3rd January

1:45pm – 2:45pm Public Swimming

Teaching Pool

Thursdays 22nd & 29th December:

1:45pm – 2:45pm Public Swimming

Fridays 23rd & 30th December

9:30am – 11am Public Swimming

Tuesday 3rd January

1:45pm – 2:45pm Public Swimming

Public swim prices:

Juniors £4 (without Active Card £5)

Adults £5.50 (without Active Card £7)

Concession £4.50 (without Active Card £5.50)

Inflatable Sessions £5 with an Active Card.

Public swimming is included in most

memberships. Check website for details.

Active Cards are free for new customers and available at reception.

Sports Camp (8-13yrs)

Fridays 23rd & 30th December

9:30am – 1pm

£5 per session

Structured indoor sports giving children a great opportunity to try a variety of activities including access to the fitness suite plus a fun swim session so don't forget your kit! Please ensure children wear appropriate clothing, swimwear and footwear. Bring plenty to drink and a light snack.

Must be pre-booked and paid for on Leisurehub or at reception by 8am on the day of the activity. We will not accept bookings after this time.

Is your child in receipt of free school meals? They may qualify for free access to our sports camp for more details contact sportsdevelopment@active4today.co.uk

Junior Fitness (8-15yrs)

Monday to Friday 6am – 5:30pm

Saturday to Sunday 8am – 2:30pm

£5 per session

The fitness suite is open daily for juniors to enjoy a workout!

The fitness suite is open to juniors outside of these times but they must be supervised by a responsible adult. Juniors must attend an induction with an adult/carer prior to using the fitness suite. Please book this at reception.

www.active4today.co.uk/leisurehub