



**CHRIST CHURCH
C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Friday 13th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Christ Church CE Primary School. I am Ms Battey and I will be teaching your child along with the support of Mrs Lovell. We are looking forward to getting to know your child and are excited by what the year ahead will bring.

Our learning this term will be based on our themes: **'I am Special, I am Me'** and **'Shine a Light in the Dark'**. 'I am Special, I am Me' will be an opportunity for the children to learn about their own sense of 'self' and what makes them unique. The children will also learn about the similarities that they share with their peers in our class, and the school community. Our 'Shine a Light in the Dark' theme focuses on the different social and religious festivals that are celebrated during Autumn and Winter months. In RE, we will be thinking about 'Why Christians believe Jesus is special.'

PE: Tuesdays

Once the children are settled into the school routine, we will begin PE lessons. These will be indoor and will be dance sessions led by Miss Layla. PE will take place on **Tuesdays**. Please send your child to school with their PE kits in their bags on Mondays, ready for them to change into during the week. Kits will be sent home on Fridays so that they can be washed for the next week. The PE kit comprises of a white top, black shorts and trainers or plimsolls which should be labelled with your child's name, as is expected for their school uniform. Please note, for your own child's welfare, hooped earrings are not to be worn and if necessary, they should be replaced with studs.

Reading: Thursdays

Phonics is a large part of our learning in Reception, and as a result, we place a lot of importance on home reading. Every **Thursday**, your child will receive 2 books to read at home, a 'reading for pleasure' book, and a Phonics book. The 'reading for pleasure' book is expected to be read by an adult to the child as a way to encourage a shared joy for reading. The Phonics book is expected to be read by the child to the adult. The Phonics book will link directly to your child's current Phonics learning.

Once your child has read each book, please make a comment in their Reading Journal. This will let the Reception team know that your child has read that week, and they will receive a stamp on their Reading Bookmark. Their Reading Bookmark is kept in school and once it is filled with 12 stamps, your child will receive a Reading Certificate in our Friday Celebration Assembly. If your child's Reading Record is not signed, we will assume that they have not read that week.

In the case of a lost Reading Record, there will be a cost of £1 to replace it. In the case of a lost or damaged reading book, there will be a £5 cost to replace it.

Lastly, if you haven't already, please make sure that you are signed up to **Arbor**, our online communication platform. This is essential so that you receive all communication from the school regarding trips, parents evenings, etc. We also really encourage you to sign up to our online learning platform, **Tapestry**. Tapestry is a brilliant way in which we can show you the learning that happens at school. It also gives Parents the opportunity to share updates and homework with the school for your children to share with their peers during show and tell times.

If you ever have any questions or concerns, please speak to a member or the Reception team at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can make an appointment to meet with me via the school office. If the issue is urgent, please inform the school office team in the morning.

Myself and Mrs Lovell look forward to supporting your child through their first year of school education and we hope to get to know you better in the upcoming weeks.

Best wishes,
Ms Battey.

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