Christ Church Newsletter

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Spring 1

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the third issue. Happy new year to you all.

I hope you had a wonderfully peaceful Christmas break, with family and friends.

I am so excited to be back and I am looking forward to another great year of learning and growing together, in 2025.

Remember, education is a very precious gift, so please make sure your child/children come to school **everyday and on time**. We don't want anyone to miss out!

January is the perfect time to refresh school uniform and PE kit. Looking smart and being ready to learn is a great combination!

Finally, as we watch the news, we realise that many people around the world are going through a difficult time: suffering hardship and pain. We have so much to be grateful for. Let us continue to pray for peace and God's protection for the world and our community.

Finally, my door is **always** open. Do call in or book an appointment, if you want to talk or need support.

Thank you

Ms Adams

Spotlight on Governance – Jenny Godsall

My name is Jenny Godsall and I joined the Governing Body at the beginning of this academic year. I am a Foundation Governor, with additional responsibility for Safeguarding and Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Prior to joining the Board at Christ Church, I had retired from my position as the principal of an outstanding Church of England primary school situated in Solihull. I held this position for 20 years and prior to that I was a Deputy Head teacher in Birmingham. My professional career has afforded me extensive experience in the areas of curriculum development, recruitment and retention of outstanding classroom practitioners, the development of excellent partnerships with parents and families, school finances and safeguarding. I was a Designated Safeguarding Lead for over 25 years.

Since the early 1990s, I have been passionate about developing and improving the quality of education for all children and, on my retirement, I offered my services as a Governor to Birmingham Diocese. I was absolutely delighted to be asked to join the Board at Christ Church and I look forward to supporting Ms Adams and her team of dedicated teachers and support staff in their work to ensure that all your children receive a life-defining education of the very highest quality.

Medical Needs at Christ Church

At Christ Church, we take caring for seriously. If your child has a bump, scrape or cut, we do different things to help them.

If you have any questions, please do come in and see the office team.

Cut or scrape	Plaster/medi-wipe: recorded in school (medical folder)
Bumped head	Ice-pack/seen by lead first aiders – recorded in school, slip sent home and child sent home (to be monitored).
Significant bleeding	Try to stop bleeding/seen by lead first aiders – recorded in school, slip sent home and child sent home (to be monitored).

Spotlight on Attendance

Attendance Matters ...every school day counts!

Excellent attendance is really important, at Christ Church and punctuality is the key to success. If you are persistently absent and late, you are missing out on important learning. COME TO SCHOOL EVERYDAY.

LATENESS

How much can you lose? In one school year, if you are *5 minutes late*, each day, that equates to *3 lost days!*

ABSENCE

How much can you lose? In one school year, if you have below *95% attendance*, that equates *to 9 lost days!*

HIGHLIGTS FROM AUTUMN 2

Thank you to all the **teachers, teaching assistant and the Christ Church community** for supporting the Christmas Fayre.

We raised an amazing **1124.40.**

Our School Council Members will be consulted on how to spend the money.

Thank you for your support!

Our School Councillors sold all things poppy and we raised £113 for the Royal British Legion.

CC had a fantastic Design and Technology Week. D & T is led by Mrs Abedi. To find out more, go the the news section on our website.

We are so proud of the performances that took place at the end of the term.

Well done to **Reception for the Nativity**.

Congratulations to **Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 for our Christmas Cantata**.

Thank you to the children, teachers and teaching assistants 👏🏾👏🏾👏🏾.

Inter Faith Week

All classes celebrated inter-faith week, went on visits to religious buildings and presented what they had learnt to another school. It was an amazing week of learning.

Year 4 shone like diamonds at a dance festival.

They had been practising for 9-weeks and working with ACE Dance and Music company.

They performed 'Spirit' at Edgbaston High School for girls.

It was A-MAZ-ING!

Looking forward to Spring One.

What is coming up?

PARENTS TO SCHOOL DAY

On **Wednesday 12th February,** we are opening up classrooms **between 9am – 2.30pm**.

Pop in for a ½ an hour, to see what your child/children are learning.

Meet the Head sessions continue in Spring. We are going **to one session per term**.

Session 1 – Wednesday 12th February at 2.30pm – Curriculum Focus – Latin and Questions

From January, all children (Year 1 to Year 6) will be learning Latin. This will support there understanding of vocabulary and grammar. It will also develop their love of languages.

WORKSHOPS:

- Stories of Home and Hope will be coming in to work with every class. Each workshop will focus on stories from refugees and explore their experiences
- Year 5 have a dance workshop with ACE Dance and Music

Year 4 will be going swimming.

Year 4 Class Assembly

Theme: Holi

Performance: Friday 14th February at 9.15am for Y4 parents.