



Christ Church C of E Primary School

'Let Your Light Shine!'

School Newsletter - July 2020



We look forward to seeing all the children back in September on a full time basis.

We have prepared for this by:

- Carrying out a full risk assessment detailing the control measures we have put in place to reduce the likelihood of catching or spreading Covid 19#
- Placing the pupils in year group bubbles which will not mix with other bubbles.
- Staggering start and finish times, dinner times and break times so that the bubbles do not mix
- Continuing the increased focus on hygiene, health and well-being
- Additional cleaning and cleaning schedules
- Limiting the use of shared equipment
- Changing the use of space in the school, marking out zones etc
- Putting in place rules about distancing and interactions with others

Starting Back!

All children moving up to **Years 1 to Year 6** will start back on **Wednesday 2nd September**.

In order to make the best possible start to **Reception**, the children will come in 6 at a time for one day commencing 7th September. A letter will be sent out to advise you of which day your child will be asked to attend. From Monday 14th September, **Reception** children will come in for mornings only and will start full time together on Monday 21st September. You will receive a letter confirming dates and times.

Parents will be notified of their start date for **Little Angels** and **Nursery**.

Please see staggered entry / exit times for the different year groups. Where children enter via the top gate they will go to their year group 'bus stop' for staff to escort in. Parents will not be able to enter the site in the morning. There will be a coned off area at the top of the field for you to collect at the end of the day. Please come through the one gate and leave through the other as signposted. It is essential that you arrive on time. If you arrive late you may have to wait a long time until we have available staff to escort your child into school. If you have siblings in school to help with drop off and collection we will have a 'sibling time'. Years 1 - 6 siblings will enter via the top gate but Nursery and Reception siblings should enter via the office gate for safety reasons. Children will have hand sanitiser applied as they enter school. **Please email us if you do not want your child to use hand sanitiser but will wash their hands.**



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	Start	End	Gate
Siblings (brothers & sisters)	8.45	3.00	Top gate
Year 1	9.15	2.50	Top gate
Year 2	9.10	2.45	Top Gate
Year 3	9.00	2.55	Top gate
Year 4	8.55	2.55	Top gate Office gate
Year 5	8.50	3.00	Office gate
Year 6	8.55	3.05	Office gate
Rec	9.10	2.45	Office gate
Nursery	8.35- 11.35 AM	12-20 - 3.20 PM	Office gate
Little Angels	8.30- 11.30 AM	12.15 - 3.15 PM	Office gate
Focus Provision	9.30 AM	2.30PM	Office gate

We ask that the children return in full school uniform, and bring only their book bag, lunch bag if needed and water bottle with them. **DO NOT BUY LARGE BAGS AS ONLY READING BAGS AND CARRIER BAGS WILL BE PERMITTED.** Face coverings are not allowed and the guidance states that pupils should throw them away as they enter or put reusable ones away in bags.

We will once again make a 'Return to School' video. Please ensure you have watched it and read the return time information. **It is still essential that you arrive on time or you will have to wait until there are staff available to safely take your child to class - this may be at least 20 minutes.**

Please ensure that your contact information is up-to-date so that we can reach you in the event of further lock-down or if your child is unwell.

We wish you a wonderful and safe Summer and very much look forward to seeing all the children returning at the start of term in September.



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Congratulations

Many congratulations to Mrs Bucknall on the birth of baby Noah and to Mrs Siddle on the safe arrival of a daughter, Martha.

WrapAround

SinglePoint will be running WrapAround Care in September as usual.

Breakfast Club £5

Afterschool Club

3pm-4pm = £4

3pm-5pm = £8

3pm-5pm = £12

Please contact SinglePoint with all enquiries via michael.williams@singlepointplus.org

Home Learning

We thank you all for your hard work and support over the last 4 months - you have been incredible! We understand how hard it has been for many of you juggling work and home schooling and have appreciated all of your support and hard work with the children over the last few months. We have loved seeing many of you on our Google Classroom platform and we have had some lovely feedback about it increasing children's engagement and them finding learning at home more accessible online. So in light of this feedback I am delighted to inform you that we have decided to move our homework away from our traditional paper learning logs onto our Google Classroom Platform.

Once we return we hope to be able to offer support to access Google classroom if you have not been able to access it. It will also ensure that we are all ready just in case of a local lockdown where we can quickly move learning back online if and where we need to for certain classes or year groups should the need arise.

We do however understand that some people may not have access to a computer/tablet, smart phone or internet. If this is the case, please let us know via text or email and we will aim to provide your child with a homework book.

We look forward to supporting you to get all of our children online and using Google classroom for their homework. Please get in touch if you need help and support to do this.



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Friday Afternoons

In an effort to continue with the excellent home learning which has been undertaken, along with all of the changes outlined above, we are going to try some new ways of working to build on this success. With this in mind the site will be closed to most pupils on a Friday afternoon. During this time we are aiming to empower the children to become more independent and be more responsible for their own learning. They will be set a range of fun and creative activities to enhance our curriculum offer. These will be mainly linked to art, DT, music and PE. Staff will make videos to show the pupils how to complete these activities and provide resources where necessary. We really hope you will continue to support your child in completing these tasks and sharing the outcomes with us via Google Classroom. We will however continue to have Key Worker children on site as well as running our catch-up intervention sessions during this time. We will send more details out in September about these activities and catch-up programmes. If you have any questions please contact

enquires@christchurchsandwell.org

Friday Collection times

All children will still need lunch and will go home after they have eaten. Nursery and Little Angels will still have an afternoon session and will need to be collected at the normal collection time.

	End	Gate
Siblings	12.45	Top gate
Year 1	12.35	Top gate
Year 2	12.40	Top gate
Year 3	12.30	Top gate
Year 4	12.45	Office gate
Year 5	12.40	Office gate
Year 6	12.30	Office gate
Rec	12.25	Office gate
Focus Provision	2.30PM	Office gate



Reading

Please see the top tips for supporting reading at home attached along with a Reading Challenge and some links to ten great digital books.



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Our Curriculum

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school in September, we are continually adapting our curriculum and learning approaches to meet our children's needs during this challenging time. Our focus will be to continue to be to support the wellbeing of our children: to re-socialise them quickly into new school and hygiene routines; to continue to develop and master vital speaking and listening skills and to regain momentum in their learning, in particular with reading.

To address learning gaps induced by pandemic, we will extend our rigorous phonics program to years 2 and 3 and, where needed, for specific children/groups of children in years 4 and 5. In mathematics we will follow a specifically designed one year catch up program, in a slight change from our usual mathematics curriculum, but still following the same learning approach.

Each afternoon, as we do currently, we will deliver targeted intervention support for any of our children whom we have identified as in need of further support to provide them with additional teacher input in order to ensure any gaps in learning are addressed quickly. We will also deliver a full range of 1-1 and small group interventions such as Reading Recovery, Switch On / BRP and 1-1 and small group tutoring. In addition to this, from September, each Friday afternoon, we will deliver 'catch up' programs to identified groups and individuals using our own staff and national tutoring programs.

We believe; however, it is incredibly important to continue to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum enabling all of our children to SHINE. Children will, therefore, continue to take part in engaging learning challenges each term. Our curriculum is organised in such a way that children will repeat skills again and again over time getting progressively harder as they move through school; so rest assured that although children will be learning through their usual learning challenge contexts they will constantly be revisiting, revising and building on their existing skills, whatever their starting points, as they return to school.

Music will continue to be taught through listening, appreciation and developing accompaniments using tuned and untuned instruments; however there will be no whole school singing in school to reduce the risk of transmission. We are also excited to announce that this year, year 3 will receive an hour a week of tuition from a music specialist to learn to play the ukulele.

For PE we will follow AfPE guidance. Outdoor sports will be prioritised where possible, and large indoor spaces used where it is not, maximising distancing between pupils and paying scrupulous attention to cleaning and hygiene.

We will also continue our program of character building with our partners from the West Bromwich Albion Foundation. This will include the Albion Ambassador program in years 5 and 6 through the Autumn term; the Eco Albion program with years 3 and 4 in the Spring term and the Mental Wellbeing program designed for years 1 and 2 in the Summer term.



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The children will continue to engage in a wide range of activities linked to their 'Activity Passports' and prepare for and take part in experiences such as the annual pop up museum; however, assuming social distancing is still in place by the end of the year, we may invite you to links and videos virtually so you can still share some of the experiences with your children but in a slightly different way to 'normal'.

Where possible we will also continue to practice and develop learning outside the classroom. All of our staff are Muddy Puddle Teacher Trained and it seems an ideal time to develop an enthusiasm and an appreciation for the natural world in this safer and calm environment - making the most of the outdoor space we have here at Christ Church.

In terms of remote learning, we shall continue to use our existing Google Classroom platform. This will be primarily for homework each week; however, we will ensure that we are ready to make daily learning available if a local lockdown occurs or for certain classes or year groups who could potentially need to self isolate if we are advised to do so in the unfortunate event of positive cases being confirmed.

Also please remember that 'Oak National Academy' and other remote education platforms, such as the BBC, are still available to children at home to further support their learning.

This period has been challenging for everyone, and we hope you're all adjusting well in these difficult circumstances. We would ask for your continued help and support to hear your child read daily, to continue to access weekly homework on Google classroom from September and take up other fun home learning challenges we may set.

We thank you for your continued help and support during this difficult time as we look forward to welcoming all of our children back to school.

We will share more about our curriculum with you in September through our curriculum newsletters.

Many thanks

Miss K Taylor

Is your child entitled to Pupil Premium funding and its benefits?

If your circumstances have changed recently and you think that your child might be entitled to Pupil Premium Funding or the Early Years Pupil Premium, we urge you to get in touch with us and we will signpost you to claiming this benefit. As well as an entitlement to a Free School Meal, the Premium brings in an additional £1,345 every year to the school to be spent on your child until they leave Primary School. We will be running Catch Up programmes in September and we will be prioritizing children who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding.



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Focus Provision

Hi all,

You have all been doing so well during this funny time, spending so much time at home. It is nearly the holidays and we hope that you can have as much fun as possible with your families at home. We will not be delivering any more activity packs or uploading any work onto google classroom.

I want to take this time to let you all know that I will not be the Focus Provision Manager in September, as I am going into Nursery for the academic year 2020/2021 to be the teacher there. I was to reassure you that you will be in very good hands with Mrs Piggott who is stepping into my place and then Miss Gilbert and Miss Beetlestone who will be the Deputy Managers.

Mrs Jones

SinglePoint

SinglePoint are taking advance Dudley Zoo bookings via phone every Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week from 11am till 1pm. Call us on 0121 544 1393. BACS payments only. The pass is priced at £5.00 for 2 adults and upto 4 children, including a car park pass.

Also please like and share our Facebook page 'SinglePoint Family Hub Oldbury' for up to date and relevant information.



Church Visits 2020/21

Please note that your child/ren will be visiting Christ Church, Church Square, Oldbury with their class on the day specified below. The visit has been risk assessed to keep your child/children safe.



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Date and Time	Class	Content
Autumn 1 Tuesday 15th September 9:30 - 10:00 10:15- 10:45	Year 1 - Cherry Year 1 - Maple	KS1 .1- What do Christians believe God is like? Core learning Church Visit - The Lost Son and praise through song OUTCOME -Artwork for The Lost Son for Church
Autumn 1 - week 5 Tuesday 8th December 9:30 - 10:15 10:30 - 11:15	Year 2 - Acer Year 2 - Hazel	UC Incarnation unit 1.3 Why does Christmas matter to Christians? Digging deeper Church Visit - The story of the Nativity OUTCOME - A drama / freeze frame recorded
Autumn 1 - Tuesday 8th September 9:30 - 10:15 10:30 - 11:15	Year 5 -Chestnut Year 5- Beech	U2.1 UC 2b.1 God unit: What does it mean if God is holy and loving? Church Visit - Biblical ideas about God - Psalm 103, Isaiah 6:1-5 OUTCOME -Creative outcome reflecting the qualities of God e.g. poem, pictures including symbols, images,
Spring 2 Tuesday 9th March 9:30 - 10:15 10:30 - 11:15	Year 3 - Willow Year 3 - Fir	L2.8 Why do Christians call the day Jesus died 'Good Friday?' Church Visit - How the church celebrates Holy Week? OUTCOME - Artwork for school



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Spring 2 Tuesday 9th February 9:30 - 10:00 10:15 - 10:45	Reception - Elm Reception - Ash	F3 Why is the word 'God' special to Christians? Church Visit - Pancake day linking to their learning about why is God special? and looking forward to Easter. OUTCOME - Photographs and pictures of the children to be displayed in the school or church as an outcome
Summer 1 Tuesday 27th April (Pentecost - 23.5.21) 9:30 - 10:15 10:30 - 11:15	Year 4 -Pine Year 4- Oak	L2.10 UC When Jesus left, what was the impact of Pentecost? Church Visit - The story of Pentecost OUTCOME - Artwork for the church - use of colour
Summer 2 Summer 2 week 5 Tuesday 6th July 9:30 - 10:15 10:30 - 11:15	Year 6 -Cedar Year 6 - Sycamore	U2.12 What impact do people's beliefs have on their lives? How do banners, triptychs, icons and stained glass windows help Christians to worship? Do these art forms show beliefs? OUTCOME - Reflective piece of artwork