



Christ Church C of E Primary School
'Let Your Light Shine!'

School Newsletter - Christmas 2020



We wish all our families a very merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We very much hope that you all stay safe and well over the festive season. Please inform us of any positive Covid tests that occur within 48 hours of the end of Term via email: enquiries@christchurchsandwell.org otherwise there is no need to inform us.

Thank you

Thank you to Amanda Neale for nearly 15 years of service to the school. We will miss seeing her in the kitchen but we wish her all the best starting her dream career in the ambulance service.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the following children who have today received a £5.00 Works voucher for beautiful or improving handwriting:

Year 1	Serena, Misty Storm, Amara-Lee, Zain
Year 2	K'Zhane, Arjan, Daniel, Jasmeet
Year 3	Harshita, Jahdel, Sandeep, Jahniah
Year 4	Donnie, Menelik, Amanpreet, Sienna
Year 5	Sandeep, Sukhmanjot, Aalia, Arandeep
Year 6	Samantha, Yousif, Judah, Olivia

Please continue to support and encourage your child with their handwriting. There will be further awards made later in the New Year.



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Lates

We understand that it is upsetting when your child is refused entry if you are late arriving in the morning. Currently due to the bubbles we have had to create due to Covid 19 it is difficult to release staff to collect latecomers. PLEASE do not take out your frustrations on the office staff as they are only implementing the rules established by the Senior Leadership Team. Rudeness / aggressiveness will not be tolerated.

Christ Church Service

Christingle making workshops at Christ Church on Sunday 20th Dec at 11.15 am and Christmas Eve at 4.00 pm. Covid restrictions apply.

Wrap Around Provision

There will be some changes to Wrap Around (both Breakfast and After School Club) in the New Year. SinglePoint will no longer be providing our Wrap Around care after 26/2/21. Please do not worry as the school will continue to offer you this service as we recognise how important this is to our parents and it is a priority for us to ensure a smooth and seamless change over as possible. We will share further details with you after Christmas. However if you do have any immediate questions please email at enquires@christchurchsandwell.org

Dates for December

Wednesday 16th December 2020 - Christmas Dinner (Wear a Christmas jumper)

Wednesday 16th December - Early Years Nativity (Google Classroom)

Wednesday 16th December 2020 - Christmas concert (Google Classroom)

Thursday 17th (EYFS through to Year 5) Polar Express Activity day. Children can wear pyjamas for the day. Slippers can be bought with them but they will need outdoor shoes. We will be watching the film and completing some activities.

Thursday 17th (Year 6) Film and activity day. School uniform to be worn.

Friday 18th December - End of Term - collection times as per their Year group / sibling bubble. Key workers children also need collecting with their Year group. Please see the yellow posters on the gates for times.



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Dates for January

Monday 4th January - Back to School

Friday 8th January - Dress as a Rock Star - for an Exciting Launch Event

Wednesday 14th January - Information for Year 2 SATs - Maths, Calculation (Google Classroom)

Keep your child safe online

You may find this website helpful:

<https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee> - Ollee helps parents to talk to children about difficult topics, aimed at 8-11 year olds and their parents.

Writing Challenge

Please see Google Classroom for a Christmas themed writing and drawing challenge. We will be awarding Works vouchers for the best entries.

Mini Winter Reading Challenge

Sandwell Library Services are promoting a Mini Winter Reading Challenge. I have copied the details of their challenge below.

Join the Winter Mini Challenge for a sled-load of reading fun!

With colourful characters including Snow Trolls and spaghetti-eating Yetis, there's plenty of fun to be had in Pugs of the Frozen North, this year's Winter Mini Challenge title.

The Winter Mini Challenge encourages children to keep reading through those cold winter holidays.

This winter we are snow excited to team up with our publisher partner Oxford Children's Books to run a brrr-illiant Pugs of the Frozen North themed Mini Challenge!



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How can children take part in the Winter Mini Challenge?

The Winter Mini Challenge is run through our year-round children's website.

To take part, children simply read three books of their choice over the winter period, then add each book to their Challenge website profile and leave a short book review.

Rating and reviewing three books online will unlock a virtual badge and a special Pugs of the Frozen North certificate to print off and keep!

The Winter Mini Challenge starts on Monday 2 December 2019 and finishes on Monday 13 January 2020.

Books added to the website during this period will count towards unlocking the Mini Challenge rewards.

We'll also have a whole host of fun activities and reading recommendations, plus an exciting new competition.

Get involved

Oxford Children's Books are providing materials to create stunning displays and activity packs to inspire children's imaginations!

Visit our Shop to download your free Winter Mini Challenge resources pack. The pack includes promotional posters and social media assets so you can start building the excitement amongst your young readers. It also includes a Winter Mini Challenge certificate, reading record and activity sheets, so you can prepare to join in the pug-tastic fun in your library, school, reading group, activity club, or at home.

Children can visit the Winter Mini Challenge website at winterreadingchallenge.org.uk from 2 December 2019 to start rating and reviewing their books and enjoying the online activities.

We would love to see photos of your pug-a-licious wintery displays and activities!

Please do tag us in your #WinterMiniChallenge social media posts - you can find us on Twitter and Instagram at @OUPChildrens and @readingagency.

You can also tag Phillip Reeve @philipreeve1 and Sarah McIntyre @jabberworks on Twitter.

You can keep up to date with all of The Reading Agency's latest children's activities and offers by following us on Facebook.



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About Pugs of the Frozen North book

The Race to the Top of the World!

It comes around once in a lifetime, and the prize? Your heart's desire.

Shen and Sika can't resist the chance to win, but competition is fierce. The path to victory is littered with snow trolls, sea monsters, and a gang of particularly hungry yetis.

But Shen and Sika have something the other contestants don't have. Actually, they have 66 other things; pugs to be exact. That's a 264 paw-powered sled. Let the race begin!

'A snow-bound Wacky Races.' - Philip Ardagh

Pugs of the Frozen North is an action-packed adorable-pug-filled adventure from Philip Reeve and Sarah McIntyre, and we can't wait for children to join in the fun!