



# Christ Church C of E Primary School

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## School Newsletter - February 2021

We hope that you and your families are well and taking some comfort from recent news items about progress against the virus. At the moment, the earliest date proposed by the Government as a return to school is Monday 8th March. We do not get any advance notice of announcements but are hopeful that this will be confirmed in the next week or two. We will then get in touch with you about our opening plan when we know more. School will not be open to our Key Worker group during the Half Term week 15th - 19th February.

### Devices

We are aware that some pupils are waiting for a device. Unfortunately there is a delay with the suppliers so we will roll these out as soon as possible. Please remember if you do have a device it is for Christ Church pupils only and access to sites is monitored for safeguarding purposes. If your child is not regularly submitting work then you will need to return it to school.

### Phonics E-books

We are pleased to inform you that we are purchasing a subscription from Collins so that our children who are Early Readers can access their Big Cat phonics readers online. We will be issuing login details as soon as possible.

### Digital Detox Days

We are planning a number of days when the children can engage in activities that do not involve being on a digital device. Their teachers have lots of ideas and will let you know about these through Google Classroom.

The first activity will take place next Wednesday 10th February, when instead of engaging in their usual remote learning activities, the children will be invited to spend the day working on a Writing Challenge. The idea is that the children spend the day creating and improving their very own story. The final outcome, which they can share on Google Classroom on Thursday 11th February could be a handwritten story, a videoed role play, a puppet show, a story board, comic strip, or any other original ideas that your child might have. Some suggestions are listed below:

- Dress up as a prince or princess and tell your own fairy tale
- Go outside and film - telling your story as you go
- Make a puppet show
- Create a voiceover for a piece of music
- Draw and write your own cartoon strip
- Create a new adventure for your favourite toy
- Think about creating a story using the weather as a stimulus...maybe we will get more snow?
- Write a prequel or sequel for your favourite book



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- Take a story you know in another direction - maybe you think there should have been a chapter that you felt was missing?
- Create your own audio book for your brother/sister to listen to
- Create a new story for a playstation game...
- Find a photo and write a narrative of your photo/photographer at the moment
- Find an object that means something to you and create a story around it
- Write a different version of a book you like - using the title as you story title
- Write from the perspective of a person in the future (2050/2100/3000)
- Story set in a similar universe with a magical quality
- Create a story about an object in a room - how it came to be there?
- A story about a post covid/post apocalyptic world
- Choose a line of a book and make this your opening line...carry on from there
- Think of something you're frightened of...write a story about a character that happens to (if you dare!)
- Think about Mr Twit? Do you have any really bad habits - could you exaggerate one and build your character around this?
- What is your greatest strength - can you build your character around this - you with a super power perhaps?
- Create a spin off for a TV program

In Focus Provision, this task will centre on the story "Room on a Broom". Please send in a picture montage of activities your child has done that week.

Winners of the competition from each year group will be awarded £5 Amazon vouchers.



### SHINE - Included

The teachers will be asking you through Google Classroom to send them evidence of anything that you have done to help a friend, a brother or sister, maybe even a neighbour. What have you done to make someone happy? Have you read a story to your little brother, shared a toy with your sister, helped do some shopping for a neighbour? What amazing things have you done to make somebody feel included?



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### Worry Monsters

Please remind your child/ren that if they have any worries in these difficult times, they can send them to [worrymonster@christchurchsandwell.org](mailto:worrymonster@christchurchsandwell.org).

These posts cannot be seen or read by other children, and are confidential. They are only read by two very trusted members of staff who can provide or signpost help to your child.

### Virtual Coffee Meetings

We are going to trial virtual coffee meetings as an opportunity for parents to get together for a chat with each other and the staff. This will be time to talk about anything. Teachers will be there to support but it is about parents having the opportunity to talk to each other during these difficult times.

Reception Class and Year 1 are going to trial this initiative following on from the success of our Classroom Meets. The first Reception Coffee Morning will take place at 10.00 on Friday 12th February. The Year 1 coffee morning will take place on Tuesday 9th February at 10.00am. Please check the Year 1 Google Classroom stream to find out how to sign up if you would like to join.



We can then discuss the future of these virtual coffee mornings e.g. convenient times, how often etc.

### Expectations for Google meets:

- It would be lovely to see you as well as hear you but if you are not comfortable with this please feel free to turn your camera off.
- Please turn your microphone off until you want to speak
- You can use the chat function if you would prefer to share your thoughts in that way
- You can also use the raise hand feature if you want to talk or you can wait for the opportunity and begin talking when there is a gap.
- Please do not use this opportunity to criticise anyone or cause offence. If you have any concerns please raise them in the correct way following school policy.
- Please be careful with your language. Be mindful who may be listening in each other's homes.
- Please respect each other's privacy and do not share personal information outside the group call.



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A prayer to share with your children remembering God is with us.



Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling (name how you are feeling)

because (reasons you are feeling this way).

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

Amen.