



Christ Church C of E Primary School

'Let Your Light Shine!'

School Newsletter - 22nd May 2020



Thank you for the lovely conversations that so many of you are having with our staff. You have brightened cloudy days and touched us deeply with the concerns you have expressed for our well-being and that of our families.



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

Sadly, the effects of the Coronavirus are hitting hard economically. 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 by phone or email and we will send you the form that you need with a stamped envelope to return your application.

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. Currently we are looking at how we can support children, who are falling behind, with interventions delivered remotely by a member of staff. We will be prioritizing those children who are entitled to Pupil Premium funding (i.e. those who have claimed a free school meal in the last 6 years).

SEND Support

On 19th May the DfE announced a £37 million support package for children with complex needs. £10 million of this is to be directed at supporting families during the coronavirus pandemic.

The money will help low-income families with seriously ill or disabled children with the cost of equipment, goods or services - from washing machines to sensory and educational equipment. The grants are typically worth £400 to £500 per family.

Families can find out more and apply directly for grants from Family Fund - <https://www.familyfund.org.uk/>

Stay safe in the sun with this lovely weather we are having. Key Workers - please remember to apply sunscreen before the children come in to school.



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Home learning

Please carry on encouraging your child to use Google Classroom regularly to complete work, to keep in touch with friends and take part in fun activities such as 'Guess who the Masked Singer is?' If your child has not started using Google Classroom please let us know what the barriers are for you. It is likely to be a long time before schooling returns to normal and we feel that Google Classroom can contribute strongly to your child's education and well-being.

If you are unable to access Google Classrooms, please pop into the office to collect a learning pack which is copied ready for you. Phone us first to let us know you are coming,

Is your child in Reception Class or Year 1?

Don't forget that your child can access online Letters and Sounds phonics lesson at their level from <https://wandleenglishhub.org.uk/lettersandsounds>.

A message from FP

All the staff in Focus Provision are really impressed with all of the work that you are producing at home. It looks like you are having lots of fun with your families. We are pleased that you enjoyed the personalized videos from the staff and maybe you will get another in the future. Please keep sending all your lovely videos, pictures and comments to us, it brightens our day. Keep smiling and stay safe!

A message from the teachers

We are missing you all greatly during these strange times and hope you are staying safe. We are pleased so many of you are accessing Google Classrooms, please continue to keep up the good work. But most of all enjoy the time at home with your families and the opportunity to learn in different ways. We can't wait to see you all again,



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A phased re-opening of school

We will write to you with full details at a later date but a return **may** look like this:

- Key Workers and vulnerable pupils currently in school remain in their own group or 'bubble'
- Reception Class pupils return first with Year 1 pupils and Year 6 pupils to follow
- A bubble is a group of maybe 6 pupils, a teacher and a support member of staff who stay together through the day and do not mix with other bubbles – social distancing a key feature
- A part-time return initially 1 day a week
- Hygiene, cleaning and handwashing will be key parts of the daily routine
- Pupils not to bring in, share or take away any resources and other items other than a packed lunch and water bottle
- Parents will not be allowed in the school building. The drop off and collection routines will be prescribed.



Please "LIKE" our Facebook page to stay up to date with future announcements and for lots of activity ideas for all the family.

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A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus,

Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,
and all who are working to discover the right
medicines to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times,
you are with us.

Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe.

Amen

You are in our thoughts as we head towards what would have been the 'half-term holiday' and we look forward to welcoming more of our children back to school soon.