

Christ Church CofE Primary School



Friday 16th June 2023



Dear Parents/Carers,

I know lots of parents are wondering about September and how we will be organising classes. I am not making any changes to class teachers this year; you can see the names of the class teachers below. Over the next few weeks transition activities will be taking place, events such as the sporting activities this week have started this process off. A formal transition morning will be on Thursday 6th July where your child will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher.

We do have beach trips coming up this half term. These are always challenging for us to organise as we need to prepare for all weathers as well as ensuring we keep all children safe at all times. During previous beach trips, we have had lots of parents turn up at the beach to see their child. This makes our safeguarding procedures much more challenging.

When we arrive at the beach, a designated area will be set up and children remain in this area. Shaded areas and water is provided for all. This allows us to ensure that we know where all children are at all times and ensure they are all hydrated and kept cool (or dry if it rains). Previously we have had parents, very well intended, taking their child to play in the sea/ buy ice-creams etc, school staff find it then very challenging to ensure that all children are safe as we are still officially responsible for these children, as it is during school hours.

The beach is a public place so we cannot stop parents from visiting the beach, but please can I ask you to understand the challenges that this can bring to us as school.

Thank you for your understanding

Mrs Bradford

Classes for September 2023

Nursery- Mrs Dormand (was Miss Fortescue but she is using her married name from September)

Reception- Miss Cull

Year 1- Miss Fisher

Year 2- Mr Needham

Year 3- Mrs Crowe/ Mrs Smith

Year 4- Mrs McIntosh

Year 5- Mrs Pearce/ Mrs McCann

Year 6- Mrs Wake

KEY DATES

Mon 19th June - Fun run JSpence Ks1 & 2

Sports Day - Thurs 22nd June KS1/EYFS AM AND KS2 PM

Tuesday 27th June Ww2 day Y5

Autism Coffee morning held by the North East Autism Society- 29th June at 9am

Whole School Science Show- 5th July

Leavers Church service- 6th July (parents welcome) move up morning. Thursday 6th July

Monday 10th July- Nursery and reception beach trips

Wednesday 12th July- Year three and four beach trip

Thursday 13th July - Year five and six beach trip

Friday 14th July- Year one and two beach trip

NSPCC workshops Y5 & 6 - Mon 10th July

KS2 SAT results - Tues 11th July

Reports sent out -Thurs 13th July

Y6 Leavers' assembly - Thurs 20th July

end of term - Thurs 20th July

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Mental Health Support Team



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support your child's
mental health and
emotional wellbeing?

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Minibeast Art



Girls' football



Well done to our brilliant girls' football team who played two brilliant games this week at John Spence. We even had a hat trick from Amelia!

This year, in honour of World Refugee Day, our school will be taking part in the Great Big Live Assembly. This is a 20-minute virtual assembly that will connect together around 500 schools representing 200,000 children at 9.05am on

Tuesday June 20th. The Great Big Live Assembly will celebrate the ways that schools up and down the UK have welcomed new arrivals from war-torn countries around the world into their classrooms and communities. The Great Big Live Assembly has been organised by refugee charity Sanctuary Foundation. Dr Krish Kandiah, who leads the charity and will be hosting the assembly, has been working with refugees and children for over twenty-five years. He is an inspirational communicator, children's author and diversity trainer. He is also an experienced foster carer who has received trauma training and will ensure the event is led in an engaging and sensitive way.

The Great Big Live Assembly will be co-hosted by a 9-year-old new arrival from Ukraine and the Sky News FYI team. It is being supported by the international children's charity World Vision. The Great Big Live Assembly will include a live link to a World Vision child-friendly space in a refugee camp in Jordan. The children there will be answering questions about life for them. We recognise that this event may prompt questions about some of the injustices in our world, and we have prepared some of our teachers to handle these sensitively.

Athletics at John Spence

Year 3-6 all visited John Spence on Wednesday to take part in a athletics competition, competing in various field and track events.



Year 6 Museum trip

Year 6 visited the Great North Museum on Monday to take part in a workshop on our current unit of Evolution and Inheritance.

