



**Note from the Head**

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to our new school year. It is so wonderful to see so many children back after such a long time away. We have missed you all so much. Thank you to all those families following all our new systems and making the start to the new term a calm and safe one.

We have had a calm and settled start to our new academic year, with the children and staff keen to get started on their learning.

Don't forget to take a look at the diary on the back of this letter; it includes all the important dates and information for this term so far.

Mr Whitehouse  
Head Teacher

**Theme of the week**

*God is with us as we start our new school year.*

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away, behold, the new has come.  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)*

*As we start our new school year we are thinking about all the wonderful new experiences and learning that lie ahead of us. It is exciting but can also be worrying because things are new and different.*

**Star Pupil**

Year Group	Star Pupil
Reception	All of Reception
Year One	All of Year One
Year Two	All of Year Two
Year Three	All of Year Three
Year Four	All of Year Four
Year Five	All of Year Five
Year Six	All of Year Six



**House Points**

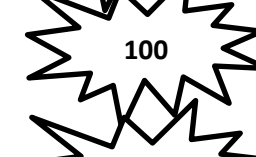
**Faith**



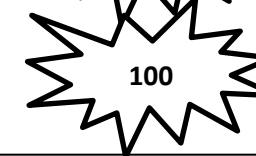
**Hope**



**Charity**



**Patience**



**Reminders**

School Meals

Nursery £2.10 per day = £6.30 per week.

Primary £2.40 per day = £12.00 per week



*Other News*

**Coronavirus**

You will be aware that Covid 19 guidance has changed over the course of the summer. It is strongly advised that families and pupils continue to regularly use lateral flow tests, which are available from many pharmacies. The arrangement still remains that if your child develops Covid 19 symptoms, DO NOT send them to school and book a PCR test at the earliest opportunity. If your pupil starts to show Covid19 symptoms in school, parents will be asked to collect their child as soon as possible. Covid 19 symptoms are:

- A fever
- A new, dry continuous cough
- A change of or loss of the sense of smell or taste

There are new arrangements for the isolation of direct contacts of a positive Covid 19 case. If you are contacted by NHS Test and Trace with regards to being a contact, please follow their advice regarding next steps.

**PE kit and Uniform**

A new term has started and it is wonderful to see the children back in class. Please can you ensure that pupils come to school in full uniform, which includes:

- a navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan;
- grey or black trousers/skirts or shorts in the summer;
- a light blue or white shirt/t-shirt.

Also please ensure that pupils have the correct PE kit. For full details of our uniform please see this page on our website <https://christch.bham.sch.uk/uniform.htm> . When children are returning to school, please can you check that their name is in their clothing so that none of it is lost.

**Breakfast Club**

We have a Breakfast Club every morning in the school hall for Reception and above. If you are interested in sending your child to Breakfast Club, please contact the school office. Please be reminded that only limited places are available.

**ParentPay and School Communication**

We thank you for your patience with regards to school emails and messaging. We are currently transitioning to our new ParentPay system. It is crucial that you are signed up to the system so that you receive important messages and emails from the school, as well as being able to pay for meals and special events. Look out for a letter in your child's book bag very soon on how to ensure you are signed up to ParentPay.

**School Gates**

Thank you for making the start and end of the day such a success since we have returned to school. School drop offs in the morning and at home time will all continue to be from the Braithwaite Road entrance and gate. You will have noticed that in the summer holidays we have carried out important works on site to enhance security so that we can continue to keep pupils safe, particularly near to the main car park. To do this, the gate near to Year 6 is remaining closed throughout the day. So that you can still access the school office at the start and end of the school day, please use the Claremont Road entrance before going to the Braithwaite Road gate.

**Photographs**

School photographs will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please make sure children are wearing their school uniform. Sibling photographs taken, you must be in school for 8:00am. If you do not want your child to have their photo taken, please put it in writing by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. There will be more information to follow regarding photographs for nursery children.

**Dates for your diary**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September – School Photographs

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Y5 Swimming (2 weeks)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September – Attendance Week

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Y4 Swimming (2 weeks)

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October – Parents Consultations

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Children break-up for half-term

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November – Teacher Training Day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – Children return to school

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Annual nasal flu vaccine – (Reception to Year 6)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Inter-Faith Week

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Y2 trip to the Temple

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Nursery trip to St Agathas Church

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Reception trip to St Agathas Church

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 trip to Singers Hill Synagogue

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Y1 trip to St Agathas Church

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 trip to Sparkbrook Mosque

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 trip to Sparkhill Gurdwara

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Attendance Week

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 “Christmas film night”

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas celebration and Santa visiting Christ Church school

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS & KS1 “Christmas film night”

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Behaviour Awards

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – Children break-up for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Teacher Training Day

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to school