



## Church Hill Infant School

### Newsletter

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### Welcome

I would like to thank staff, pupils and parents for a great start to the new term. It has been a busy few weeks; but as always we have quickly settled into school life.

I would like to especially welcome our new parents and children. It is lovely to see our newest children happy, used to school routines and making progress with their learning. The staff and I have enjoyed meeting and working with you and we hope these relationships will strengthen during the course of the school year.

New staff who have joined our school team this year include;

#### **Teachers**

Miss Natasha Sharpe – Foundation Stage Teacher

Mr Ollie Mayhew- Year 1 Teacher

#### **Learning Support Assistants**

Mrs Mellonie Dalton, Mrs Jennie Osborne

#### **Lunchtime Supervisors**

Mandy Kelly, Subathira Anthonystan



I am very proud of our strong and committed team of staff and governors who want the best for our children and their families. I hope this year brings many successes and that it will be happy and rewarding for us all.

### Parent Forum Meetings

It was the first time we held these meetings and we had very positive feedback from parents. We hope you found it informative and relevant. Further information meetings will be held during the course of the year, so please look out for flyers for more information.

### Family Learning

Our year 1 and year 2 Family Learning sessions were very successful. It was lovely to see so many children, parents and grandparents enjoying the experiences. The staff plan these sessions to complement, share and extend the learning that has already taken place at school. It was clearly evident how proud and confident the children were in sharing their learning with so many of you. Please look out for pictures on our school website!

If you were unable to attend, there will be further opportunities to attend Family Learning sessions during the year and we hope you can make one of these. As always, we value your partnership so that we can work together to enhance the development of our children.

### **Family Learning for Foundation Stage - Save the dates!**

Miss Myler 2 – 3pm Tuesday 30 October

Mrs Turner 2 – 3pm Wednesday 31 October

Miss Sharpe 2 – 3 pm Friday 2 November

### **Parent Governor elections**

Thank you to the four parents who put themselves forward to support the school. As you will be aware there were more nominations than vacancies. The ballot process will come to an end on Monday 29 October and the successful parent governor will be announced soon after.



The Governing Body plays an important part in school improvement and supports the school in many ways. I am really pleased that there has been a lot of interest and that so many of you have already voted.

### **Parking**

A few of our parents and neighbours have expressed concerns over inconsiderate parking. I would like to make a big request for parents not to park on the zig-zag lines or pavements. This causes serious hazards for all pedestrians; including our young children who cannot be clearly seen. It also causes a lot of inconvenience for residents who live on Church Hill Road. I hope that all parents can support the school by considering **children's safety** outside of school as we are all aware that space on Church Hill Road is limited.



### **Parents' Evening – Thursday 1 November/Tuesday 6 November**

The staff and I are looking forward to our first parents' evening of the academic year. It is very important that you attend these meetings so that we are able to share information about your child's progress in their learning. If you haven't done so already, please complete the slip and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible so that a mutually convenient time slot can be arranged.

We are also arranging for other information to be available on these two evenings. We will be using the opportunity to gain your views and opinions on how the school is getting on so far this year. There will be some classrooms open for these activities.

As always, we have an open door policy. If you have any queries or problems, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher.

### **Website -[www.churchhillinfants.co.uk](http://www.churchhillinfants.co.uk)**

We are very proud of our fairly new website. Over the course of the year a lot of useful information will be provided here. We also share a lot of our children's work on class pages. Please make sure that you regularly log on to keep up to date.

## **School Council**

Though our children are young, their opinions are very important to us. So, at the beginning of term each class nominated their two School Council Representatives. Mrs Lissaman meets regularly with the School Council to discuss whole school issues and matters that are important to the children. I am sure that these children will make valuable contributions to the life of the school and work hard in their important roles.

Our School Council Members this year are:

### **Year 1**

Ben Hollis, Baylee-Mae Debenham-Harris, Toby Jones, Tisha Thanki, Daniel Holmes, Paige Hurst

### **Year 2**

Libby Daffey, Dylan Sharma, Megan Timlin, Koby Betts, Ruhi Doshi, Jay Gamble

School council members from Foundation Stage will be elected later on this year.

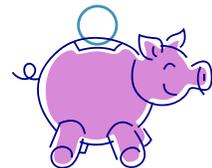
## **Free School Meals – Pupil Premium**

Funding is very important for a school to run effectively. Under new Department for Education regulations, parents can help a school secure extra funding if they receive benefits. This is called the Pupil Premium.

Registering your child as eligible for Free School Meals will bring more money to the school and help your child achieve better.

Applying and registering for FSM is always confidential and although taking up the meal is recommended, it is optional should you wish to continue to provide packed lunches from home. If you receive benefits and feel you could help the school in this way, please contact the school office. Alternatively you could call School Food Support directly and apply over the phone.

Contact details- School Food Support Service – 0116 3056588/ 3057093/  
3056409



Please look out for information about Free School Meals and the pupil premium which will soon be available on our school website.

We hope that you have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you in a week's time.

**Next half term will begin on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October.**