



Christ Church School Newsletter 11th December 2020

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NEXT WEEK—VISITORS, COMMUNITY EVENTS & CURRICULUM ENRICHMENT

Tuesday 15th December, 1.00pm-3.00pm	Y4	Tudor Walk, guided walk of the local area
Friday 18th December, 1.30pm	Whole School	End of Autumn Term

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Reception Class:

Artemis and Archie

Year 1:

Nola-Rose and Florence

Year 2:

Petra and Delphi

Year 3:

Ottie and Elisabetta

Year 4:

Alexander and Kai

Year 5:

Mack and Molly

Year 6:

Raffy and Bogere

REMINDER

**AUTUMN TERM ENDS AT 1.30pm ON
FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER**

Please ensure that your child/children are
picked up promptly on that day—many
thanks!

Thank you to all who came to school in their Christmas jumpers today and donated to Save the Children. Photos of today's event, including Christmas lunch, will appear in next week's newsletter!



Christingle Service 2020 9th December 2020

Because of the current situation, we were unable to have our usual Christingle Service with the whole school attending and parents and families invited to join



us. However, we are delighted to say that the Christ Church School Reception and Y6 bubble were able to have their service and were joined by the Holy Trinity Reception and Y6 bubble (socially distanced of course!). The service was lovely with readings from both Holy Trinity and Christ Church Y6 children. Thank you to Father Brian and the clergy for leading this festive service for us.



More photos overleaf!

Important Notice

PLEASE RETURN YOUR READING BOOKS!

We are running low on the levelled reading books that we hand out to children to read and return. If you have a collection of reading books at home, please could you return to the school as soon as possible.



Philosophy For Children



Each week in the newsletter we will pose a question that you and your child or your family can discuss.....remember, listen and respect each other's views!

If you could speak with Santa, what would you say to him? Why?

Christingle Service 9th December 2020

Here are some photos from the Christingle Service for Year 6 and Reception. All other year groups had their service in their year group bubbles in the special mentions assemblies today.



Farewell

Two members of staff will sadly be leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Amanda McCarthy will be moving to Plymouth to be nearer to her daughter and granddaughter. This lovely member of staff will be very much missed by us all, especially the Team Talk children, with whom she has worked with, providing fun activities and support for over five years.



Also, Mrs Kate Hudson will be moving out of London with her husband and little boy, Oliver, at the end of this term. Staff and children will greatly miss this lovely teacher. To quote Mrs Hudson *"Christ Church is so special. The children are a complete joy to teach, but it is also all of you that have made it such a happy place to be. I feel so privileged to have worked with such wonderful people."*



We wish Mrs. Hudson and Mrs. McCarthy every happiness in their future endeavors!

We are happy to announce that Miss Megan Kelly will be taking over as the full time class for Year 2 from the Spring Term



Welcome!

We will be welcoming our new teacher, Mr Matthew Link, in the Spring term. Mr Link will be working in Year 5, alongside Mrs Davies.



Christmas Shop

Today is the last day for plant orders on our Christmas Shop and tomorrow is the last day to order EVERYTHING ELSE!

Bakes and cakes and decorations will all be arriving on Tuesday next week and all plants will arrive on Wednesday 16th December so your orders will be ready for collection then. Please look out for an email from the Christmas Shop to let you know your order has been fulfilled as you will only have 2.5 days to collect!

Thank you for all your support This is your final chance to shop before the end of term.

www.cchtchristmasshop.com



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU NATALIA!

Christ Church mum, Natalia, braved the icy weather last Friday to do a run around the local area and Battersea Park—raising money for Christ Church School.

Natalia raised an amazing **£4000**, including two very generous donations, one being from the [De Laszlo Foundation](#).

We are very grateful to all who sponsored Natalia. Thank you so much for your donations! And a big **thank you** to Natalia!



Christmas Shop

LAST ORDERS TOMORROW (FRIDAY!) for the CCHT Christmas Shop www.cchtchristmasshop.com. Please place your orders by the end of the day on Friday for pick up next week on Wednesday. We will need all shop orders picked up by the end of the day on Wednesday.

Thank you for all your wonderful contributions and offerings, we have been absolutely delighted by the enthusiasm and have made **£5,500** in sales to date which will go towards our federation and Churches. An exceptional response from our community in place of our annual St. Nicholas Fair, thank you.



Church Christmas Raffles



Christ Church & St. Luke's Church Raffle made:
£1,300 in raffle ticket sales.

Holy Trinity Church Raffle made: **£2300** in raffle ticket sales.

Thank you for all you amazing donations towards prizes and ticket sales and congratulations to our winners!

[Holy Trinity—YouTube Raffle Draw](#)

Attendance Data Week beginning 7th December 2020

Year Group	
RKG	N/A
1EA	100%
2KHMK	100%
3EH	96%
4NK	95%
5ADMK	96%
6EH	97%

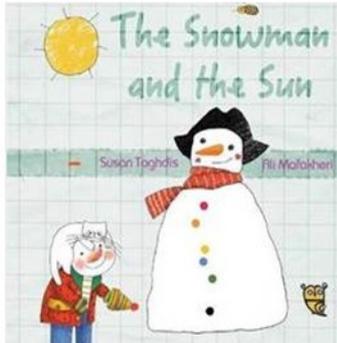


Recommended Read



The Snowman & the Sun (for ages 4-5 & up)

Author: Susan Taghdis Illustrator: Ali Mafakheri Translator: Azita Rassi Publisher: Tiny Owl



Told from a snowman's perspective, this unusual wintery tale explores the water cycle, the continuous journey water takes from land to sky and back again. As the snowman looks up into the sky, he admires the bright sun, whose rays warm him, causing him to melt. He transforms into water, then eventually evaporates and rises into the air to join the clouds. As the temperature drops, he gradually turns back into snow, gently drifting to the ground, ready to be formed into a snowman once more.

Children are sure to enjoy following the snowman's journey, and many will take comfort from the idea that, although he has seemingly disappeared, his essence lives on. A cool colour palette and quirky illustrations provide a charming visual accompaniment to this accessible tale, which is ideal to share with inquisitive children to discuss topics such as weather, seasons and science. On a deeper level, it could also be used as a springboard to explore concepts of change, birth and death, as well as the ephemeral nature of life and the environment.

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS!



Weekly Headlines



Most Accurate	Fastest	Most Active	Rank Amongst Local schools
Year 1 EA 97.56%	Year 4 NK (2.79 sec/q)	Year 2 KHMK 90%	25/30 We are new members—but keep playing so that we can work our way up the leader board!

Individual Class Leaderboards

Holy Trinity

Year 2 _{JM}	Year 3 _{JB}	Year 4 _{CH}	Year 5 _{GBSN}	Year 6 _{TM}
Toska	Hugo Y	Maria	Samantha	Samuel

Christ Church

Year 2 _{KHMK}	Year 3 _{EH}	Year 4 _{NK}	Year 5 _{ADMK}	Year 6 _{EH}
Aylin	Rasmus	Inigo	Imogen	Hezekiah

Year 2 Local Heroes Walk

Year 2, went on a walk around the local area discovering interesting facts about local heroes. Nadia Marchant, tour guide and friend to the school, led the children on their walk and they learnt some fascinating facts!

"We went to George Eliot's house and we saw a blue plaque which showed that that was where she wrote her books. We went to the Royal Hospital and saw a bronze statue of a pensioner - this is where the pensioners live. We saw a sewer that was long and rose up into the air so that the fresh air can go down the tube and the smelly air can go up the tube. Before if people needed the loo it would go into the river. Parliament was revolted by the stink and that is why they got someone to put this right. We also saw where John Richard Archer lived. In 1913 he became the first black



Mayor in London. We learned that all the lampposts used to be gas and that boys would come and light them at night." **Agatha**
"We saw the small green houses where the taxi drivers used to take a break. There is three of them left in London and one is by Albert Bridge. The sewer was created was because of the great stink! The smell that came up was so bad and some people died. Joseph Bazalgette, an engineer, built sewers that made things a lot better for Londoners. We learned about the little arms that come out of some of the older lampposts and that this was for the boys who lit the lampposts to put their ladders against so that they could climb up and light them ." **John**



Easy Fundraising

Don't forget to download the Easy Fundraising App from a smart phone or enter www.easyfundraising.org.uk

- Search Christ Church Primary School /Holy Trinity Primary School from the list of Causes to support.
- Then choose the department store you wish to shop from (the list of shops are on last week's newsletter).



As long as you visit the shop's website via the easyfundraising site or app then Christ Church/Holy Trinity will receive a percentage (variable depending on the store) of your spend towards the school fund. It couldn't be simpler so while you go about your Christmas Shopping this year, let's raise some funds for our school.

Thank you for thinking of us and Happy Shopping!

 easyfundraising.org.uk
feel good shopping

Year 3 Investigating Stone Age Tools

As part of their learning about life during the Stone Age. Year 3 have been investigating Stone Age tools.



"The stone age people used their tools for sharpening, cutting food and making fires. They made their tools out of stone and made spear heads with them for the end of their spears to kill their food." **Olti**

"We were looking at the ends of the spear which were attached to long wood stick and they threw them to kill their prey. They used sharp stones for cutting. They also did cave paintings of animals and people which showed us a bit about how they lived and hunted." **Merlin**

Kids' Book Club



For Christmas, we will read "Frost" by Holly Webb, a winter animal story, where a girl named Cassie befriends a fox and ended up time traveling to the 17th century, the time of the frost fair on the River Thames. A story that children 5+ can enjoy as well. After reading a chapter, we will do a Christmas quiz and craft activity.

It is open to children aged 6-11 and will be run by Library staff members from Westminster City Council.

Please note children under 8 must have a parent present during each session. Children who don't have a library card to access books at home can join online through either Kensington and Chelsea or Westminster Libraries, as we are a Bi-borough service.

Time and Date:

Wednesday 16th December 4.45 to 5.45pm for 1 hour.

Search for "Kids' Book Club" on the Eventbrite website for more information and to join and it will be run on Microsoft Teams so it is best to log on 10 minutes before the start time.

Contact us:

churchstreetlibrary@westminster.gov.uk

0207 641 6200


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Holy Trinity Sloane Square

Help feed the hungry

DONATE FOOD

1st Sunday of every month

Deliver your gift to Church

in a strong carrier bag on Sunday at 12.30pm

and we'll take it to

the Kensington and Chelsea Food Bank



**STARTING
DECEMBER 6 2020**


Kensington
& Chelsea
foodbank



Friday 11th December

Reception Class Newsletter

This week we:

- Learnt how to read and write the sounds /sh/ (fish) and /ch/ (church)
- Compared quantities and numbers using mathematical language, such as more and less than
- Found one more and one less than a given number to 20 using a number line
- Have returned to school with a bang! It has been SO wonderful to see the children back in class and having fun with their friends
- Learnt that we can use joining words to extend our sentences (*and, but, so, because*). We concentrated on using *and* this week
- Spoke about the joys of Christmas. We wrote about what we hoped for this year
- Labelled a grotto, using adjectives to describe the presents we could see
- Spelt Christmas words with four sounds in them. Some of us then put these into a sentence
- Were so sensible during our first Christingle assembly
- Began our assessments in reading, writing and maths

Next week we will be:

- Continuing our assessments
- Having a special visit from Father Christmas on Friday... shhhhh it is a secret!
 - Finish school on Friday 18th December at 1.30

Have a lovely weekend ☺



Learning at Christ Church in Year 1

Friday 11th December 2020

In English, we have started our winter unit, reading Julia Donaldson's 'Stick Man'. We have practised writing questions, sequencing events in the story and used the dramatic technique of hot-seating to explore how the character of Stick Man felt at various points in the story.

In Maths, we have continued looking at place value. We have used plastic cubes and numerals to show two-digit numbers on our place value charts.

For Alphabet Code this week we have been looking at the /or/ code and writing sentences using this code. Next week, we will start the /ar/ code.

In PSHE, we have explored our likes and dislikes. We shared our favourite things and thought about how people have different likes. We then wrote an acrostic poem to celebrate all the things we really enjoy!

In RE, we looked closely at the role of Mary and Joseph in the Nativity. We discussed why we thought God chose them to be parents to baby Jesus.

Next week, we will continue looking at place value. In English, we will be writing some descriptive sentences about the different settings in 'Stick Man'.

It was so wonderful to see lots of you at the Christmas Fair on Tuesday afternoon! Thank you to everyone who helped. Lots of fun was had by all. 😊

A fantastic week in Year 1!
Have a lovely weekend!



Learning at Christ Church in Year 2

Friday 11th December 2020

In maths we continued to look at different strategies to help our mental maths calculations. We went on to look at subtraction with two 2-digit numbers by taking away the tens and then the ones. We also looked at subtracting by making ten first. We played a game to encourage us to work out subtraction problems in our heads and then we revisited all the different addition and subtraction strategies to consolidate these.

In English we edited our non-chronological reports and then started to redraft them. They are looking brilliant!

In history we went on our local heroes trip which was fascinating and we learnt so many things we didn't know about places and objects we see every day. We also had a virtual trip to the National Army Museum and learnt about Mary Seacole, one of our local heroes, and Florence Nightingale.

We had lots of fun at the Christmas Fair on Tuesday!

Thank you to all the parents who wrapped up warmly and came on the trip on Monday. We couldn't have gone without all your help.

Next week we are looking at word problems in maths.

In English we will be finishing and sharing our redrafted non-chronological reports.

And there will be some Christmas fun no doubt too!

A brilliant week in Year 2!
Have a great weekend!



Year Three

This week, there's been lots of fun and creativity exercised in year three with a whole host of designing and making going on!

In Maths, we have been applying our knowledge of multiplication and division to solve problems involving money. We've enjoyed comparing amounts of money, thinking about the notation for different amounts of money and using money to see what we could buy!

In English, we've started preparing for a Christmas puppet show by creating our own elf characters, designing the settings for our stories and starting to draft our scripts! We look forward to performing these shows to one another next week!

We've also had a wonderful time thinking about what astronauts eat and how they eat it, making Christingles, thinking about why Christians celebrate Christmas and we loved our time at the Christmas fair!

Good questions to ask your child this week are:

How many _____ make a _____? E.g. how many 2p coins make the same amount as a 50p coin?

Why do Christians celebrate Christmas?

What do astronauts eat?

Next week, we've got lots more excellent learning and fun to look forward to.

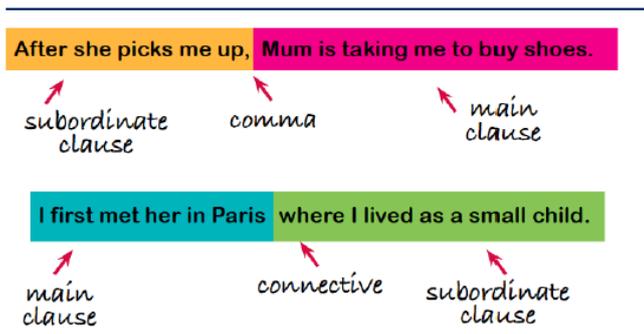
Have a restful weekend and enjoy eating up all your chocolate tombola prizes!



Learning in Year 4 at Christ Church
Friday 11th December 2020

In maths this week, Year 4 have reviewed their learning from the beginning of term – answering assessment style questions (particularly focusing on 2-step problems). They then went on to analyse various pictograms. A pictogram is a chart that uses pictures to represent data. Pictograms are set out in the same way as bar charts, but instead of bars they use columns of pictures to show the numbers involved. This will inform their homework.

Year 4 also started to put together their report on an animal by composing questions to use in their research. Before starting this, they learned that some parts of sentences are called subordinate clauses (which is a tricky concept to remember!) but they found all of the subordinate clauses in the text given to them.



You could ask them to explain these two examples to you. A **subordinate clause** contains a subject and a verb, but it needs to be attached to a main clause because it **cannot make sense on its own**.

Find more info here

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/what-is-a-clause>

You might have already seen the mini collages, on the schools Instagram, that Year 4 created in Art and Design which were inspired by the large collages on canvas hanging in the hall at Christ Church. Next term, we will be chair designers and build our own chairs out of paper using a paper rolling machine, inspired by the artist Darcy Turner. If anyone has any newspapers or magazines at home that need recycling, please donate them to Year 4 for this unit of DT!

It has been most enjoyable learning about the Tudors this term and it will be such a shame when the unit finishes next week, however, we are looking forward to learning even more about them next Tuesday on our Tudor walk with Nadia Merchant. Please make sure your child wears layers that day, brings coats, hats, gloves and scarves etc!

Best wishes

Miss Kennedy



Learning at Christ Church

Friday, 11th of December 2020

Maths: We consolidated different skills we have learnt this term by working together to solve some problems which required some in-depth thinking. Each pair worked extremely well to locate and answer six different clues. It was a nail-biting finish but, in the end, Ted and Thomas were deemed the dream team as they uncovered the answer first.

English: With the last day of term and the Christmas holidays in sight, some of us are a bit weary and eager for a break. The students were asked how they wanted their last week to look like and were given the opportunity to write a persuasive letter in an effort to convince the teachers to plan a week exactly how they would like. Lots of students wanted a week filled purely with movies, some wanted to do learning in the morning and relax in the afternoon while others wanted it to stay the same but perhaps add in a sprinkling of Christmas activities. There were lots of persuasive techniques used but it seems the strongest arguments came from those who wanted a balanced week, so please don't switch those marvellous brains off just yet!

We also celebrated National Tree Week, when the class studied *The Lorax* by Dr Seuss and thought about the ideas and themes which are contained in this classic book. They then chose a tree to research and compiled a fact file on a particular species. Which one did you choose? We watched a short film narrated by an Oak tree- *Quercus*, which contained fascinating facts about how important trees are to our planet. This was from an exhibition that we would have visited at the Serpentine Gallery: <https://www.serpentinegalleries.org/whats-on/formafantasma-cambio/> Some of the class wanted to watch it again so here is the link: <https://vimeo.com/394196768>

Science: This week we compiled a report to discuss different aspects of our investigation. We concluded that, while we carried out a relatively fair test, we could have made lots of improvements. One example was by doing it from a higher height and in a place that didn't have any possible interruptions such as the church pews.

Drama: Mr Tolley and the students continued recording their project which will be revealed next week. It's heart-racing stuff as we quietly wait for Mr Tolley to give us the seal of approval after each student has recorded their piece. It sounds like top-quality material so make sure you don't miss it next week.

History: We finished our learning from Victorian artefacts and then had a final group discussion about a modern but Victorian style doll. The children discussed what they knew and understood about the concept of authenticity and we used the words: replica, fake, forgery, style, old fashioned etc. We thought about the role of artefacts in historical research and how important it is to keep an open mind as to what you are observing, reading and analysing. Good thinking Year 5!

We hope you all have a lovely weekend!



Learning at Christ Church

Friday 11th December 2020

In Maths, we have continued with Division and have looked at problems where the quotient has a zero or the divisor is smaller than or equal to the digit in the hundreds/thousands column of the quotient. We have looked at missing number problems as well as have looked at solving word problems. We have started looking at how we can use the bus stop method to divide numbers by a 2-digit number e.g. $5768 \div 23$.

In English, we have been writing our balanced arguments. We have focused on the use of PEE (point, evidence and explain) in order to make our arguments as strong as possible. We have also looked how adverbials can be used to join points together in the argument. I am really looking forward to reading them all! Next week, we will be editing them so that they are the best that they can be.

In RE, we have looked at advertisements and where and how they are used. We talked about the message that Christians would want to portray about Christmas and created our own wayside pulpit to advertise Christmas. In Art, we looked at David Hockney and his collage Pop Art. We learnt about the different styles of collage he produced and created our own Christmas version! We also made Christingle oranges for the service that took place on Wednesday!



I hope you all have a lovely weekend!