Christ Church C of E Primary School

Weekly Newsletter - May 03rd



<u>Key Dates</u>

ATTENDANCE

Whole School—94.6%

6th May—Bank holiday (No School) 13th May—Deadline for Parent Governor nominations

15th May 2024 - School Book Fair

Top Class Attendance - Yellow Class 98.47% Top Class Attendance for Half Term— Orange Class 97.42%

New Breakfast & After School Club

The government's ambition is that by 2026, all schools will be able to provide wraparound care from 8am to 6pm. Last year, we went out to consultation with parents regarding extending our afterschool club. We gave parents 4 anonymous scenarios and asked you to let us know which one was the most suitable for you. Over half of parents, that participated in the consultation, selected option 1, which was Premier Education. We are delighted to announce that Premier Education will be taking over our breakfast and afterschool clubs from Tuesday 4th June 2024. Premier Education will be holding a parent meeting in school

on Wednesday 22nd May at 4.30pm. If you have any questions regarding the new provision but are unable to attend the meeting, please email <u>info@premier-education.com</u> or call 01953 499040.





School Greenhouse

We are looking for donations of empty 2 ltr clear bottles, these will be used for a greenhouse project so we need lots please!!





Academic year 2024-25

Wraparound Care for Christ Church CofE Primary Scho

High quality before and after school care every day the school is open! We are starting from Monday 3rd June to Friday 26th July!





Premier Education are honoured to be able to provide the wraparound care at your school.

Our aim is to deliver a top quality, Ofsted registered provision, with a range of stimulating activities in a safe, secure and fun environment, providing an outstanding service for busy parents.

Parents can relax knowing their children are in safe hands as all staff have experience working with primary school children, have been DBS checked, and hold Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding certificates.

Wraparound care sessions are open to children from Reception to Year 6, with no deposit or registration fee required. Healthy snacks are provided, with specific dietary requirements also being catered for.

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Before School Option: 07:30-08:50 = £6.75

After School Options: 15:30-18:00 = \pounds 10.75 Full Session 15:30-17:00 = \pounds 7.50 First Half Session 16:30-18:00 = \pounds 7.50 Second Half Session

Book now at: www.premier-education.com

Contact us at: info@premier-education.com or 01953 499040

Ofsted registration number: 2781897









MAY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS FOR YOUR CHILDREN!

Our **Holiday Camps** have been making kids happy for over 20 years, and this Half Term should be no different. Our super-fun sessions are jam-packed with safe activities for every child to enjoy.



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CTIVITY

Ages 5-11 full day and 4 years old half day option



Childcare Vouchers Accepted.

OUR HOLIDAY CAMPS NEAR YOU

VENUES:

LINCOLN - Yarborough Leisure Centre GAINSBOROUGH - Castle Wood Academy NEWARK - Newark Magnus Academy NORTH HYKEHAM - Fosse Way Academy STAMFORD - St Gilberts CofE Primary School** (***8am-4pm £26.95 per day)

BOURNE - Bourne Westfield Primary Academy GRIMSBY - Wybers Wood Academy

Tues 28th May to Fri 31st May 2024

TIMES:

DATES:

9am-4pm **£23.95**** 8am-5pm **£29.95**** **per child per day

* 4 Years can book a half day 8am-12pm for £11.95

THESE SESSIONS FEATURE A MASSIVE SELECTION OF GAMES AND ACTIVITIES!

They're perfect for children who like to be active and on the move and will incorporate a huge range of sports as well as team-work activities and fun games to keep your child active and smiling during the holidays!

THEY WILL NEED:

- A packed lunch
- Plenty of water
- Suitable clothing for
- the weather Loads of energy!

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All camps are Ofsted Registered and you can pay by childcare vouchers or the governments tax free childcare scheme. If you have any questions then please email: rchapman-savage@premiereducation.com or call our local office on: 01522 704387

DISCOUNTS:

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Parents also get a 7.5% sibling discount and there is a 10% discount if they book all sessions within the week when booking online at: www.premier-education.com



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1st May 2024

Gnome-one knows!

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Inchcolm Island in Firth of Forth, Scotland, has been affectionately nicknamed 'Inch Gnome' after garden gnomes started mysteriously appearing on a rock 14 years ago. Each year, more and more gnomes appear - but nobody knows why or how! Local boat captain, scott Aston, who ferries dozens of tourists a day to the island, said that visitors love seeing the gnomes. He said: "They do seem to multiply every winter!"



Walk for your brain!

A 2009 study from the University of Illinois, USA, has gained newfound popularity online. The study, which was shared on social media platform X last week, showed two pictures of the brain lighting up in response to 20 minutes of walking. The walking showed to improve areas of the brain involved in making decisions, managing stress and managing our behaviour. So, next time you need a brain boost, head out for a brisk walk!







Unbe-leaf-able!

A student from Ghana has set a new world record for the most trees hugged in one hour. Abubakar Tahiru, hugged a total of 1,123 trees at Tuskegee National Forest, Alabama, USA. He hopes his achievement will inspire more young people in Ghana, where he grew up, to care about the environment.





Don't forget the pup-corn!

Would you take your dog to the cinema if you could? Well, a cinema in Norwich, UK, will let you! Cinema City recently opened its doors to allow pets and their humans to watch a movie on the big screen together. It sold-out of its first dog-friendly screening in just two days. After a barking success - and a two hour deep clean - the cinema says it plans to hold more doggy cinema events in the future.



World's funniest crab joke

The world's funniest crab joke has been crowned by a panel of expert judges: A group of crabs! The winning joke was: "Why did the crab cross the road? It didn't. It used the sidewalk." 700 jokes were whittled down to just four by school children in Margate, Kent. These were then written onto pieces of paper and wrapped around some tinned fish, before the crabs picked their winner. We think it's 'crabsolutely crawsome!'



Online Safety Newsletter

Smartphone Free Childhood

Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here: https://smartphonefreechildhood.co. uk

You may feel your child does need a shone, particularly if they are walking some by themselves but there are alternatives to the smartphone, including a watch, which are listed base:

https://smatphonefreechildhood.co. uk/alternatives

if your child already has a imartphone then internet Matters have a section on their website with advice on smartphone safety: https://www.internetmatters.org/set upsafe/

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Is being online affecting our child's mental health?

There are many positives to being online, but we do need to be aware of the negative aspects including those that may impact our child's mental health and wellbeing, for example:



 Social media (spending too much time on social media, comparing ourselves to others, fil-

tered images and desire to achieve likes).

- Cyberbullying
- Seeing inappropriate content
- Constantly connected/information overload
- Excessive screentime
- Negative impact on our sleep

Further information

- Childnet discusses digital wellbeing in more detail and includes top tips and conversation starters: <u>https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/digital-wellbeing/</u>
- The NSPCC provides further information about mental health including signs to look out for and how to get further support: <u>https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-chil-</u> <u>dren-safe/childrens-mental-health/depression-anxiety-</u>

WhatsApp Group warning

Whilst WhatsApp has an age rating of 13+ (recently lowered from 16), a BBC investigation has found that children as young as nine have been added to WhatsApp groups and seen inappropriate content. If your child is using WhatsApp, check their group settings as by default, group privacy settings are set to 'everyone,' which means anybodly on add your child to a group without their approval. You can change this setting to 'My Contacts' so only contacts can add them to groups without their approval and if somebodly who is not a contact wants to add them to a group then they will need to send them an invite.

You should talk to your child about the risks of joining groups and show them how to use the reporting/blocking tools. You can find out

Digital Addiction

Current as of the date released 01.05.24.

Are you worried that your child is addicted to being online/on their device? Recent research from Ofcom reported that "34% of



parents of children aged 3-4 said it was hard to control it, rising to half (49%) of parents of children aged 16-17."* Bark have produced a blog which discusses what addiction is, how to recognise the signs and examples of what digital addiction can look like. You can find the blog here:

https://www.bark.us/blog/digital-addictions/

[*source: https://www.ofcom.org.uk/research-anddata/media-literacy-research/childrens/children-and-parents-media-useand-attitudes-report-2024_accessed 24.4.24]

Misinformation online

There is a lot of information online that is incorrect/fake or misleading

and it can sometimes be difficult for adults to distinguish between what is true and what is fake, never mind for younger people. We need to develop digital literacy skills in our children by encouraging them to think critically about what they read online and to fact check. Both the BBC and Channel 4 have fact checking areas on their websites:

- <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/reality_check</u>
- https://www.channel4.com/news/factcheck/

One way to start the conversation would be to play a game such as 'Can you spot the signs of fake news?' from the BBC: <u>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zwfm8hv</u>

Further information

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