

CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRONICLE

7th September 2016

Learning with God and Each Other to Be the Best We Can Be

Welcome

A warm welcome to children who are new to Christ Church CE Primary School and also to our existing pupils.

You will shortly receive a letter from your child's class teacher sharing information about what will be happening during the autumn term. If you have any questions about this or you have any concerns please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher via the DoJo system or in person at the end of the school day.



School Uniform

Nearly all pupils have been extremely smart wearing the correct school uniform but a small number have been wearing ear rings or inappropriate footwear. Can I take this opportunity to remind you of a few school uniform rules:

- Children need to be free of jewellery (especially necklaces, chains, earrings and bracelets). It is okay to wear a watch.
- Long hair needs to be tied back.
- Black sensible shoes should be worn not trainers
- Tramlines or mohicans are not allowed

If your child arrives to school complying fully with the uniform policy shown above they will receive a DoJo. If your child comes to school inappropriately dressed we will contact you so that you can bring the correct uniform to school.

DoJos

We will continue to use the DoJo system in school to reward positive behaviour and communicate with you your child's successes. Your children will continue to have the chance to earn two extra DoJos a day: one for wearing the correct school uniform and one for attending school each day on time. These are in addition to the DoJos your child received last year. If you were signed into Class DoJo last year your login should still be in use. If your child is new to the school or you didn't use the system last year and want to get connected please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Finney so that we can get you connected. Class DoJo is an excellent way of keeping up to date with what is happening in your child's class and across the school.



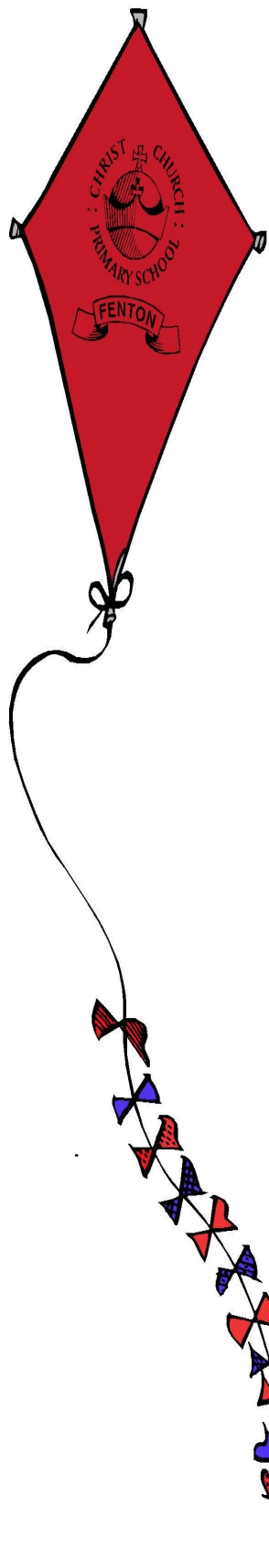
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Weekly Awards Assembly

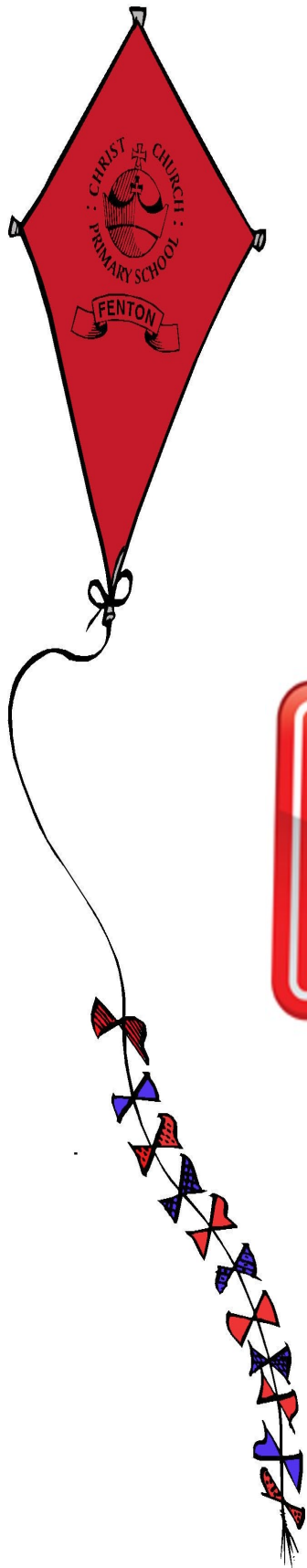
Our weekly awards assemblies will continue to take place in school each Friday morning. To provide the opportunity for parents to attend the assembly if their child has received an award we are going to continue sending out invitations if your child is to receive an award. Invitations will be handed out on Friday with children receiving the award the following week. Our first awards assembly will take place on Friday 18th September.



Parental Questionnaire 2016

Thank-you to all of you who completed and returned the parental questionnaire at the end of last term. The percentage responses are shown below (these have been rounded so may not equal 100%).

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Don't Know	No Response
My child enjoys school.	62%	36%		2%		
The school keeps my child safe.	73%	27%				
The school informs me about my child's progress.	53%	42%	2%			2%
My child is making enough progress at this school.	47%	51%				2%
The teaching is good at this school.	58%	40%			2%	
The school helps me to support my child's learning.	51%	47%			2%	
The school encourages parents to play an active role in school life.	53%	44%			2%	
My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	44%	49%	2%	2%	2%	
Behaviour at the school is good.	40%	49%	7%		4%	
The school encourages my child to be punctual and have good attendance.	67%	33%				
The school meets my child's particular needs.	56%	44%				
The school is helping my child become a mature and responsible citizen.	62%	38%				
The school takes account of my suggestions and concerns.	49%	47%			4%	
The school is led and managed effectively.	49%	42%	4%		4%	
I would recommend Christ Church CE Primary School to other parents.	58%	40%			2%	
Overall, I am happy with my child's experience at this school.	64%	36%				
My child enjoys school.	62%	36%		2%		
The school keeps my child safe.	73%	27%				



Parental Questionnaire 2016 (continued)

The surveys have been really useful in highlighting where you think we are doing well but also, more importantly, where we need to improve. In light of the analysis we have changed the homework slightly so that there are more opportunities for the practising of skills taught during the school day and more time for independent activities as the children move through key stage 2. This should make the homework even more appropriate for their age.

This term we are reviewing our behaviour policy in collaboration with our pupils. When we have their points of view we will make any necessary changes to the policy and send out to parents/carers for your thoughts.

Our Family Learning Festivals will continue again this year using themes suggested by parents who participated last year. We will let you have more information about these shortly.

Everybody at Christ Church continues to work tirelessly to ensure that all pupils receive the best possible education. If you do have any concerns or worries please do not hesitate to speak to any member of the team. We also have a suggestions/concerns box in the school office so any comments positive or negative can be made to the school at any time. You do not need to wait until the end of term surveys to share your thoughts.



Parent Volunteers

If you would like to become a parent volunteer and work within school please speak to either Mrs Birks. All volunteers are warmly welcomed into school.

Money

We ask pupils to bring in money each week for a number of reasons.

- Milk Money is 10p per day. Children in Y1 and Y2 may choose not to purchase a drink of milk. This is fine; it is not compulsory. Children choosing not to drink milk can have water.
- During morning break we sell healthy snacks and drinks from 15p each. Healthy snacks include wholemeal toast, fruit and yoghurt. As a healthy school, we do not allow children to bring in crisps, chocolate or sweets to eat during morning break-time.
- School meals are £2.65 per day and must be paid for either at the beginning of the week or on the day that it is required.

A meal cannot be provided if it has not been paid for.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Diary Dates

- Friday 9th September: New Term Eucharist led by Father Tommy. All parents/carers are warmly invited to attend.
- Monday 12th September: Welcome to our New Nursery Children
- Tuesday 20th September: Family Photos and Individual Portraits
- Monday 3rd October: Harvest Service
- Saturday 15th October: Christ Church Autumn Fayre, at Christ Church Church
- Friday 21st October: SCHOOL CLOSED for pupils. Teacher training
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th October: HALF TERM SCHOOL CLOSED
- Monday 31st October: School open for all pupils