

As the half term holiday approaches I would like to wish you all a good half term holiday. It has been a long and busy term and everyone deserves a well-earned rest. We look forward to welcoming everybody back to school safe and well on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

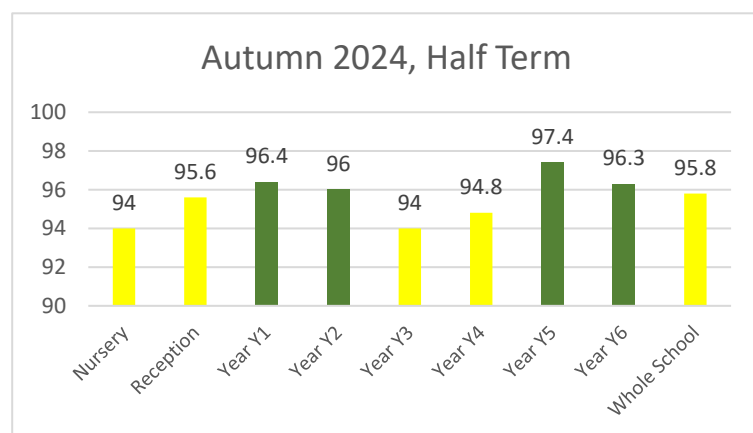
**Attendance**

Our whole school attendance to date is **95.8%**. Well done to Y1, Y2, Y5 and Y6 who are all 96% or above.

Hopefully after half term we will see all classes increase to at least 96%.

***Don't Forget!***

School is open 195 days per year. That leaves 170 days for leisure time.



**It is very important that your child does not have time off school because of:**

- birthdays;
- shopping;
- holidays;
- feeling too tired;
- someone else in the family is poorly;
- the weather, unless school is closed.

Thank you to everybody for their support in helping us work towards achieving excellent attendance for all children.

**Year 5 and 6 Football Competition**

A group of our year 5 and year 6 children took part in an annual city football competition held at Power League on the 17th October. The children did amazingly well narrowly missing out on a quarter final spot on goal difference. A huge well done to all of the children who took part: Tariro, Ashley, Rosalie, Emanuel, Lucas, Isla, Nova, Rowan, Anas and Eshaan.



### **Nursery Class Adventures**

Our nursery class have had a very exciting start to their time at Christ Church CE Primary Academy. They have enjoyed an autumn walk around our school grounds, taken part in a seatbelt and road safety session called “Teddy takes a Tumble” and performed nursery rhymes with our reception class to parents and carers. These are just the extras on top of exciting days everyday! Well done nursery for an amazing start to school life.



### **Autumn Tales and Trails – a free day out in the half term holiday!**

The National Literacy Trust are holding a free day of activities on Wednesday 30



October between 11am and 3pm at St Stephen’s Church, Dawlish Drive, Bentilee. There will be magical storytelling, an outdoor story trail, puppet theatre, songs and nursery rhymes and free books and crafts.

### **Parking and End of the Day Arrangements**

Can all parents dropping off and collecting children by car at the beginning and end of the day, or after school clubs or events, make sure that they are not stopping in the space by the double gates or parking in a way that makes it dangerous for children and families who are walking to school. We want to make sure that all families can drop off and collect children safely.



To help keep our children safe we are making a slight change to the end of the day arrangements. The double gates will be opened at 3.10pm but we are asking all families to use the single gate to exit school.

### **Film Night**

Thank you to all of the families who supported our film night. We raised £325 which will go towards classroom resources.

## Year 2 Visit to Stanley Head



Year 2 took part in a very wet and muddy visit to Stanley Head. However, the weather didn't spoil the fun they had or the learning that took place.



## Parental Questionnaires

Thank you to everybody who returned the parental questionnaires. We are currently analysing the results and will feed back to you after the half term break.

## How you can support our academy

### **ASDA – Cashpot for Schools**

Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their '**Cashpot for Schools**' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2<sup>nd</sup> September and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024



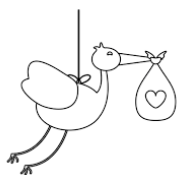
Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our Primary school. Also, every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot.

## **Easy Fundraising**

Just to let you know that Christ Church Primary Academy PTFA Fenton are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at [https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christ-church-primary-/?utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=pmc&utm\\_content=gs-email1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/christ-church-primary-/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1) Thank you so much!

## **Mrs Bennett**

Mrs Bennett will be starting her maternity leave on 18<sup>th</sup> November. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her and her husband all the very best. During Mrs Bennett's absence, Year 3 will be covered by Miss Lim an experienced teacher who has visited the school already and met the children.



## **Annual Poppy Appeal**

After half term we will be supporting the annual poppy appeal.

We will be selling:

rubber wrist bands and toggle wrist bands £1

snap band £1.50

reflector key-rings 50p

zip pull £1

self adhesive poppies 25p



As donations go straight to the Poppy Appeal, money needs to be sent into school. These cannot be purchased using ParentPay. All items will be on sale at break-time from Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November up until Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal, a charity our children were keen to support again this year.

## **Value of the Half Term - Thankfulness**

“Always be thankful.” 1 Thessalonians 5.16

We have thought about being thankful for our friends, family and other adults who help us as well as the world around us. The children have spoken about how it's not always easy to be thankful, especially when times are tough, but discovered that songs and music really can help.

## **Diary Dates**

- \* Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: school closed, INSET DAY
- \* Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October—Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: School closed for half term
- \* Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: school open for all children
- \* Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November: Children in Need Day
- \* Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November: start of Road Safety Week
- \* Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Singing Stars Concert

- \* Thursday 19th December: Christmas Service at Christ Church
- \* Monday 23rd December—Friday 3rd January: SCHOOL CLOSED
- \* Monday 6th January 2025: New term begins for all pupils