



CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS

16th July 2019

**Learning with God and Each Other to Be the Best We Can Be
Respect: Endurance: Friendship**

End of Term Newsletter – July 2019

We are now in the final week of what has been a very busy year at Christ Church CofE Primary Academy. I would like to thank all parents, carers and friends for their continued support and hope that you all have an enjoyable summer break.

The last day of term is Friday 19th July and we hope to see all children safely back in school on Tuesday 3rd September after a well-earned holiday.



Attendance

Sadly, our attendance has dropped a little over the last few weeks due to holidays taken during term time. This has meant our whole school attendance is now 96% and a number of classes have dropped

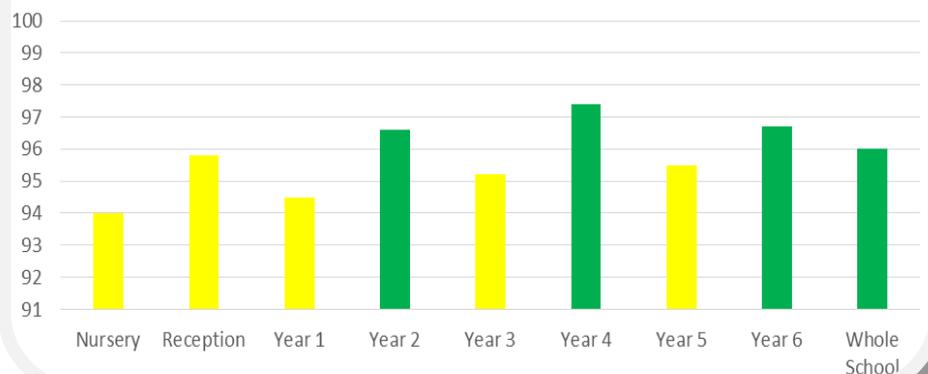
below 96%. It looks like Y4 are going to be the best attended class as they are currently 97.4%. Well done to all in year 4! We also have Year 6 on 96.7% and Year 2 on 96.6%. Well done to all three classes!

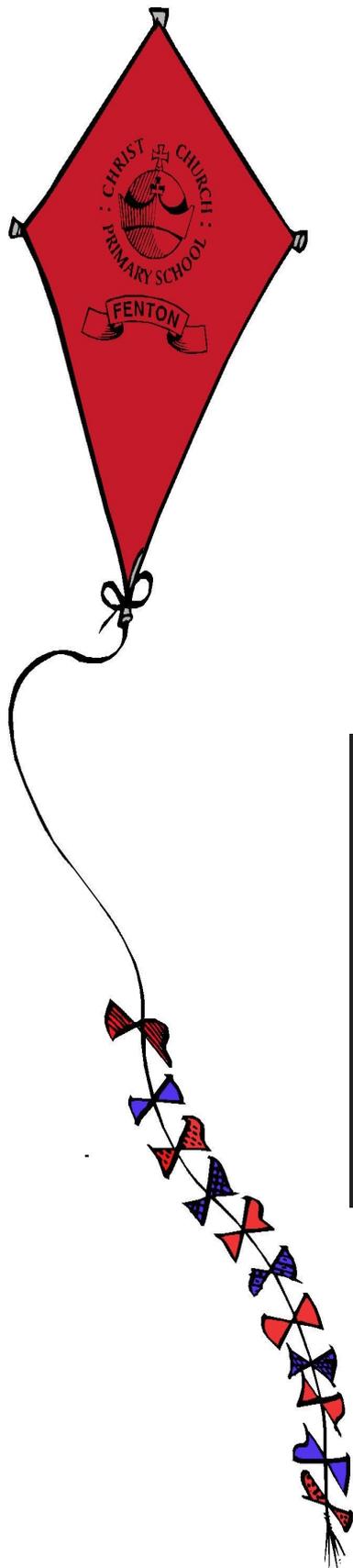
During the new academic year, we will continue to work closely with our school EWO, Mr Brian, to achieve at least good attendance for all pupils.

Diary Dates:

- **Wednesday 17th July:**
Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 Awards Assembly, 9.00am
- **Thursday 18th July:**
Year 3, 4 and 5 Awards Assembly, 9.00am
- **Friday 19th July:**
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, 2pm
- **Monday 2nd September 2019:**
SCHOOL CLOSED FOR TEACHER TRAINING
- **Tuesday 3rd September 2019:**
New Academic year begins for children in Reception to Year 6

Whole School Attendance
3rd September - 11th July





End of Year Report, 16 Day Books and Reading Books

You should now have received your child's end of year report and 16 Day Book. Could you please return all signed End of Year Report reply slips and 16 Day Books to school before the end of term. This is the only way that we know you have seen and read your child's school report and that you have seen and read your child's end of year attainment levels. If you would like to keep a copy of yours and your child's comment, please ask for a photocopy at the school office. Could you also please make sure that your child returns their reading scheme book before we finish on Friday 19th July.

Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge

To encourage children to read over the summer holidays, all libraries in Stoke-on-Trent are running a reading challenge for children between the ages of 4 and 11. Children need to visit their local library at least three times and read a minimum of six books. They will get their own library card and can take the books home with them to read. Each time they visit, children will receive special scented stickers and at the end of the challenge, a medal. The nearest libraries to Fenton are Longton and Stoke.

The challenge is being launched at Longton Library on 20th July at 11.00am.

For further information, visit:

[https://www.stoke.gov.uk/events/event/8030/space_chase - summer reading challenge launch](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/events/event/8030/space_chase_-_summer_reading_challenge_launch)

We are really looking forward to presenting the children with their awards when we return after the summer holiday in our weekly Praise Assembly.

Parental Questionnaires

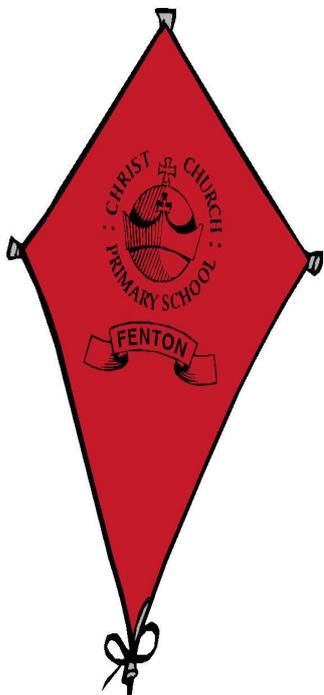
These will be sent home this week. Please return all completed questionnaires to school by Friday 19th July so that they can be analysed during the holiday. It should only take a couple of minutes to complete but the information is invaluable in helping us to make further improvements to our school.

We would love to read your comments following our end of year production 'Cinderella Rockafella' and any other whole school events or class visits your child has participated in this year. These can be included on the questionnaire or on a separate piece of paper.

End of the School Day

Once children have been handed over at the end of the day they are parents and carers responsibility. As our playground is large and the gates are open please make sure you keep hold of your children so that they do not run off. We do not want any of our children to get hurt or walk out of the school grounds without their parents/carers.





School Uniform

As you will probably need to buy some new school uniform for your child during the summer holidays, here is a brief reminder:

- All children need to wear sensible black shoes - **trainers are not allowed.**
- Grey shorts, trousers or skirts can be worn or a gingham dress in warmer weather.
- A white polo shirt with a school sweatshirt, red v-neck jumper or cardigan.
- School fleeces are not allowed to be worn in the classroom.
- Long hair needs to be tied back.
- **Earrings, necklaces and bracelets are not allowed** but it is okay to wear a watch.
- **We do not allow tramlines shaved into hair.**
- Make-up, including nail varnish and temporary tattoos (except after school discos and other events), is not allowed.

The best time to have ears pierced is at the beginning of the summer holidays so that it does not prevent children from taking part in P.E. and swimming lessons which are essential parts of the national curriculum. We will contact you if your child does not comply with our school uniform policy and your child will not receive the correct school uniform dojo.



School Games Award

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games SILVER Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

Having achieved the bronze award last year this is a superb achievement. Well done and thank you to Mrs Bennett who continues to organise a number of in school and out of school sporting activities. It would be wonderful if next year we could achieve the Gold Medal!

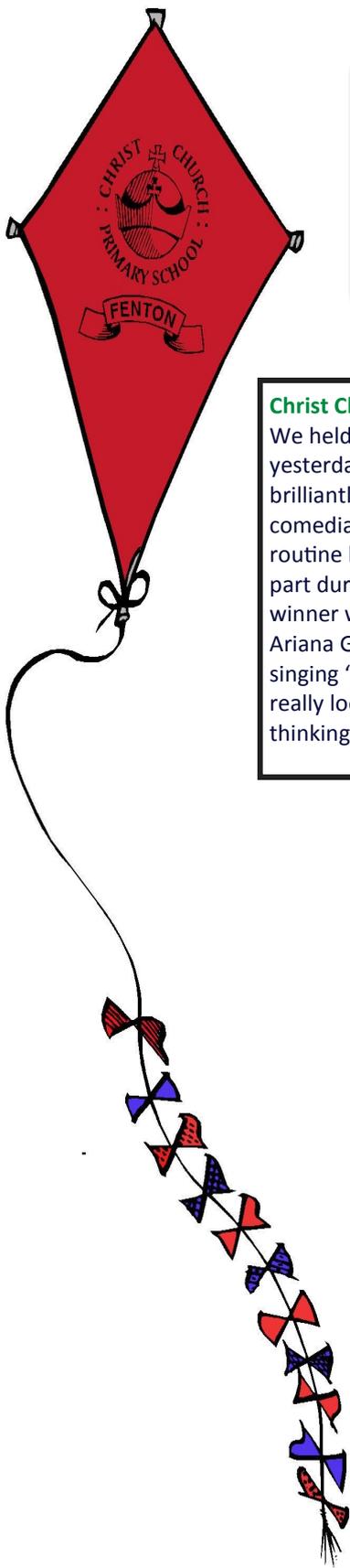
SEN Coffee Afternoon

Mrs Bennett and Miss Edwards would like to thank all parents who attended the SEN coffee afternoon. Hopefully you all enjoyed the opportunity to see what your child has been learning this term. We plan to make this a termly event so please look out on Class Dojo and school letters for the date of the autumn term session.



Safeguarding/Child Protection Concerns During the Summer Holidays

If you have any concerns regarding a child's safety during the summer holidays, please refer them to Stoke-on-Trent Duty Team: 01782 235100 Children and Young Peoples Services (Stoke-on-Trent Social Services - office hours only). If you need to report something out of office hours please contact the Emergency Duty Team: 01782 234234, 5pm – 8.30am. More information can be found on the Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Board Website, www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk



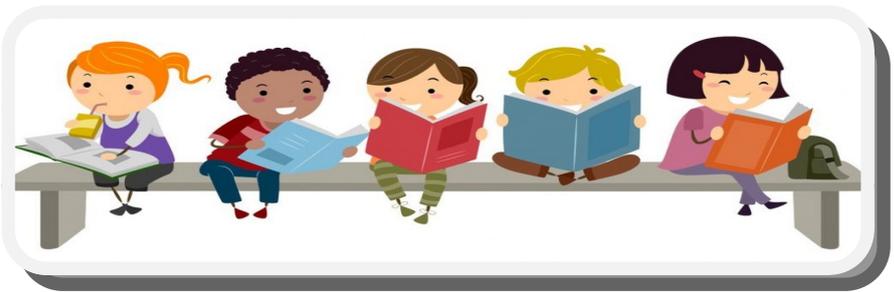
THE TALENT SHOW

Christ Church Has Talent!
We held our first Christ Church Has Talent event yesterday and all children who took part performed brilliantly. We had singers, drummers, magicians, comedians and dancers as well as a "unique" dance routine by the staff. Well done to everybody who took part during the auditions and the final. The Key Stage 1 winner was Brooklyn who sang "One Last Time" by Ariana Grande. TJ was crowned Key Stage 2 winner after singing "Treat you Better" by Panic at the Disco. We are really looking forward to next year's event so start thinking about your act now!



Space Programme
The summer Space programme provides free, fun activities for eight to 17-year-olds to help to build confidence, develop life skills and improve health and general wellbeing. Space 2019 will blast off on 22 July.

Damage and Lost School Books
We have recently spent nearly £1000 on new reading books for children to enjoy at home. Unfortunately, some of these new books have already been damaged or lost. We want all of our children to have access to good quality books but our school budget will only stretch so far. In school we are talking to our children about the importance of keeping school property in good condition. Could we please ask for your support in carrying on this message at home. We currently charge £3 for a lost book but may have to look at charging for damaged books as well to ensure we have enough for all children to use at home.





Be Activities Wise - Helping to keep children safe in sports and social activities during school holidays in Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire

Are your children getting involved in sports or social activities in the school holidays? It's okay to Be Activities Wise and check your children will be safe with the people leading the activity. Find out more: <https://bit.ly/2Rf3yxg>

This campaign has been developed by Stoke-on-Trent City Council, Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Board. For further information, visit the Be Activities Wise page at www.safeguardingchildren.stoke.gov.uk



Stoke-on-Trent Children's Centres Activity Guide

Please have a look at the Children's Centres Activity Guide on Class Dojo. It lists a number of different activities taking place during the summer holidays. If you would prefer a paper copy please ask at the main school office.

ST CHAD'S ACADEMIES TRUST PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Our academy is part of St Chad's Academies Trust which has sixteen schools who are working closely together. We are developing ways in which the children can get involved too, so we are having a photograph competition across the Trust. Winners will be chosen at our own academy in Reception/ Year 1 /Year 2, Lower Key Stage 2 Years 3, 4 and Upper Key Stage 2 – Years 5, 6. These winners will then go through to the final to be judged by the Trust Board. The final trust winners will each receive a camera and a book token. We will publish all winning photographs.

The themes are;

- Reception, Year 1, Year 2 – Animals
- Year 3 and Year 4 - Flight
- Years 5 and 6 – Pollution

Simply bring your photograph into school in September – no later than September 6th.

On the back of the photograph write:

- Name of the academy
- Child's name
- Year Group

Winners at the academy will be notified by the end of September and overall winners by the end of October.

Good luck!

