



CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRONICLE

3rd December 2018

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

I am really pleased to be able to inform you that from 1st December 2018 we have officially become an academy as part of St Chad's Academies Trust. This is a very exciting time for us and one which staff and governors have been waiting for since we applied over 12 months ago. More information about St Chad's Academies Trust can be found on their website <http://www.stchadsacademiestrust.co.uk> On a day to day basis you will not notice any major changes but will keep you all up to date with any changes that do happen as a result of us now being an academy.

What do you know about St Chad?

As we are now officially part of St Chad's Academies Trust we want our children to find out more about the saint that our academy chain is named after. This would be a great extra homework task for all children. What the children find out could be presented as a poster, series of drawings/pictures, powerpoint presentation, report or a combination of things. We would like to create a display somewhere in school to showcase the work the children have created so that we can all find out more about this inspirational saint.

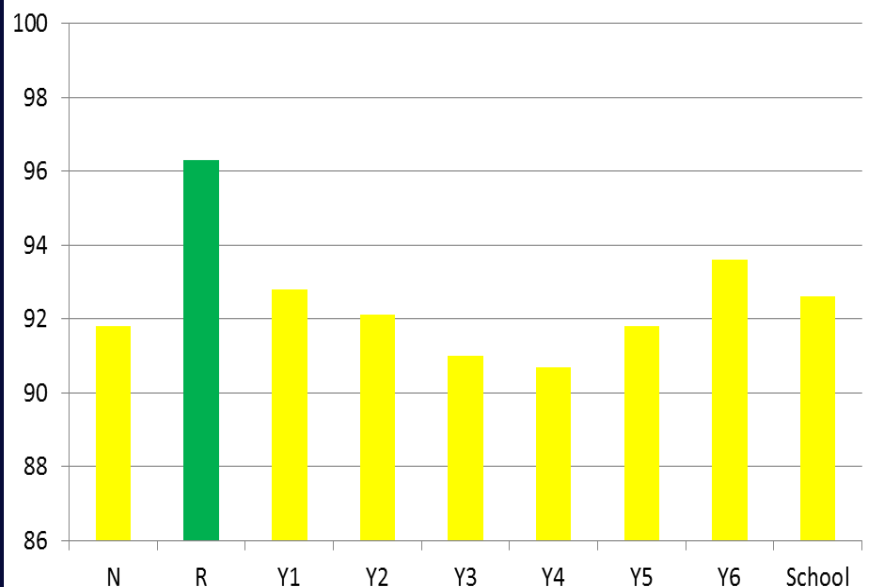
Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 5th December:** Fenton Light's Switch-On, 5.30pm onwards
- **Friday 7th December:** Christmas Fayre at school, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- **Friday 14th December:** Christmas Jumper Day, £1 donation
- **Monday 17th December:** Nursery Nativity at school, 2.00pm
- **Tuesday 18th December:** Reception – Year 2 Nativity, 2.00pm and 6.00pm
- **Wednesday 19th December:** Year 3 – Year 6 Carol Concert, 2.00pm and 6.00pm
- **Thursday 20th December:** Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 21st December:** Christmas Service at Christ Church, 9.30am
- **Friday 21st December:** Christmas Parties
- **Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January:** School Closed for the Christmas Holidays
- **Monday 7th January 2019:** Back to school for all pupils

Attendance

Our attendance has been disappointing over the last two weeks with our whole school percentage falling below 96%. Well done to Reception though who were last week's winners with 96.3%. With three weeks left before the Christmas holiday's let's hope that the bugs have finally disappeared and we can return to the good percentages we had for all classes earlier in the year.

Whole School Attendance
Week beginning 26th November



Family Learning Week – Reading

Thank you to everybody who joined us for our latest family learning session focused upon reading. We hope you enjoyed your time in school as much as our classes did, and that it helped you understand more how we teach reading in the different year groups. If you would like any further information about how we teach reading or any other subjects within school, please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher. There are more family learning sessions planned for the new year so we look forward to seeing you then.

Times Tables Rock Stars

We hope that all children are still practising their times tables at home using the times tables rock stars app. Competition is still fierce with children in year 6 and the children are keen to show their times tables knowledge is better than their teachers. If you haven't yet downloaded the app it can be found by following the links below. If you are using the internet version, you can use this web address to get straight to the login screen for our school.

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/login/29611>



Our School Christmas Market

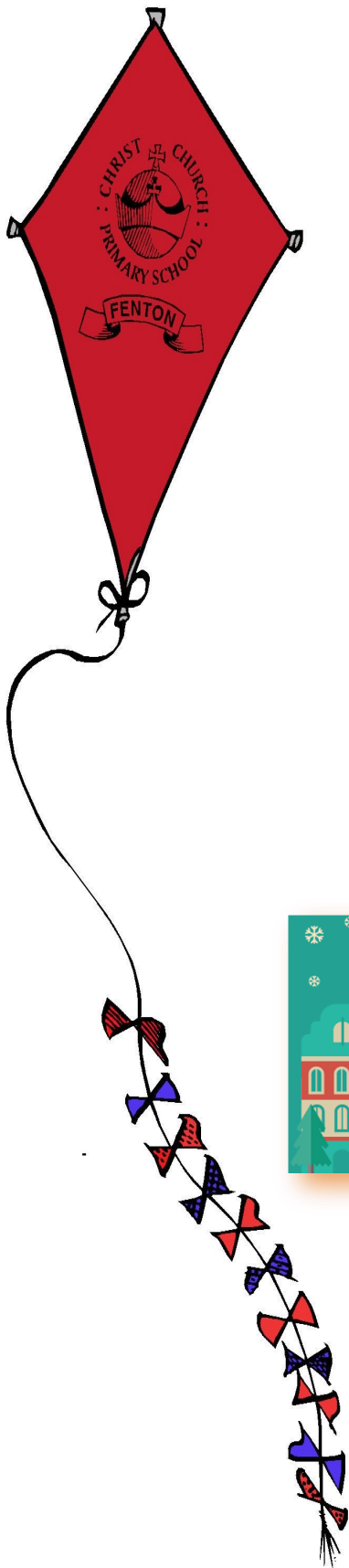
Thank you to everybody for your very generous donations over the last few weeks in support of our Christmas Market. Our Christmas Market will take place on Friday 7th December from 3.30pm. A selection of stalls will include:

- Christmas Stall
- Used toys and games
- Bottle Tombola
- Pick and wrap stall
- Selection of games
- Raffle, 1st prize a Samsung Galaxy Tablet plus various hamper prizes

Refreshments will be available to enjoy together with Christmas carols played by a brass band.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets are now on sale priced at £1. First prize is Samsung Tablet which would cost over £200 if bought from a shop. There are also a number of other prizes including a chocolate hamper and Luxury Hamper full of Christmas goodies!





End of Term Concerts

Tickets are now on sale for the Nativities/Carol Concerts taking place during the last week of term. These cost £1 each with all money raised going towards our school funds.

- Monday 17th December: Nursery Nativity at school, 2.00pm
- Tuesday 18th December: Reception – Year 2 Nativity, 2.00pm and 6.00pm
- Wednesday 19th December: Year 3 – Year 6 Carol Concert, 2.00pm and 6.00pm

More information about the time we need your child to return to school will be sent home closer to the actual date. However, if you need any more information before this about any of the concerts, please speak to your child's class teacher.



Christmas Jumper Day

Our school council would like us to participate in Christmas Jumper Day again this year.

After much discussion, and a very heartfelt pitch from Destiny, the money will be sent to The Alzheimer's Society. The children have asked for a £1 donation and all money raised will be sent to this very worthwhile cause.

Our Christmas Jumper Day will take place on Friday 14th December.



Final End of Term Awards Assembly and Christmas Service at Christ Church

Our final end of term assembly will be taking place on Friday 14th December at 9.00am. Invitations will be sent out as usual for children due to receive awards.

On Friday 21st December the whole school will join Fr Tommy at Christ Church for our own Christmas Service. The service will start at 9.30am and we will begin to walk the children across from about 9.10am. If you are able to support your child's class teacher in helping us to walk the children to church, please let them know.

Christmas Card Competition

We are inviting all children to take part in a Christmas Card competition. There will be a prize for the winning card in each class. We will be looking for the children to be doing a lot of the work themselves, although we do appreciate that the younger children will require some help. The Christmas Card can be created using any materials but must be and A4 sheet of paper/card halved. All entries need to be in school by Monday 17th December with prizes being awarded before the Christmas holiday. Could you please make sure that all cards are clearly labelled on the back with your child's name and year group. We look forward to seeing the marvellous creations.

