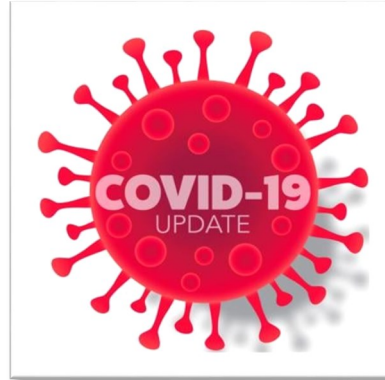
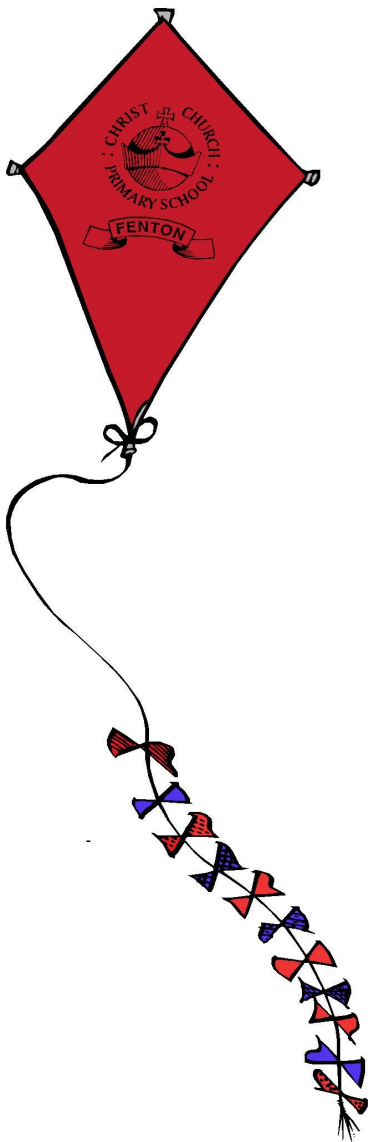


CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWS

06 December 2021

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



Covid Update

Please see below the latest government guidance on self-isolation and testing for schools. Information has been taken directly from the latest schools operational guidance:

All individuals who have been identified as a close contact of a suspected or confirmed case of the Omicron variant of COVID-19, irrespective of vaccination status and age, will be contacted directly and required to self-isolate immediately and asked to book [PCR test](#). They will be informed by the local health protection team or [NHS Test and Trace](#) if they fall into this category and provided details about self-isolation.

Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings.

*When an individual develops COVID-19 symptoms or has a positive test
Pupils, staff and other adults should follow public health advice on [when to self-isolate and what to do](#). They should not come into school if they have symptoms, have had a positive test result or other reasons requiring them to stay at home due to the risk of them passing on COVID-19*

If you are unsure of any of the new or changing guidance please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 8th December:**
Christmas Dinner Day
- **Friday 17th December:**
Christmas Parties,
non-uniform day
- **Monday 20th December:**
School Closed for Christmas
holidays
- **Wednesday 5th January:**
School re-opens to all pupils



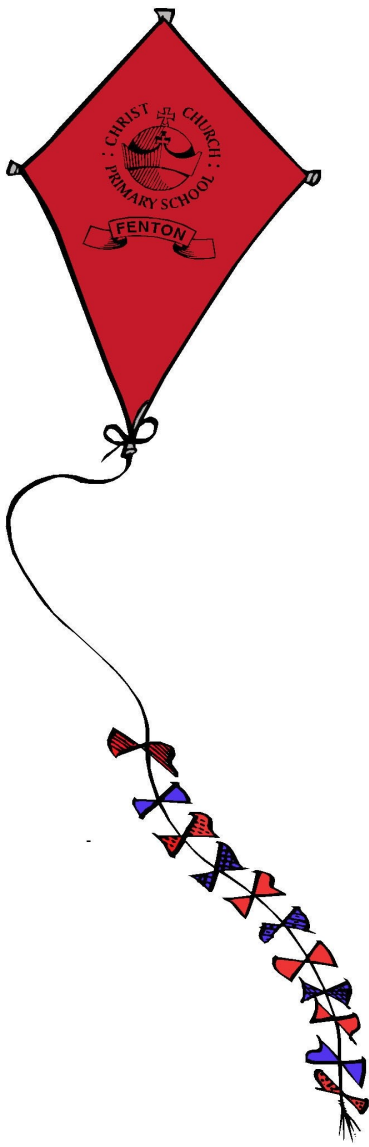
Staff Changes

Sadly, Mrs Park will be leaving at the end of this term. She will be greatly missed by all staff and pupils. I am sure that you will join us all in wishing her the very best for the future. Miss Clarke will be joining us as our Year 4 class teacher. She will be a great addition to our team.

Children in Need

Our Children in Need fancy dress and non-school uniform day raised £167. Thank you everybody for your very generous donations.





Christ Church Football Match

Our Year 5 and Year 6 football team were able to play their very first match on Tuesday 30th November against Gladstone Primary Academy. Even though our team didn't win either match they played extremely well and loved having the chance to take part in a competitive game.



School Uniform

Can I remind all parents that earrings are not allowed due to health and safety reasons. We also need all children to be wearing sensible black shoes not trainers.

Due to the need for ventilation, our classrooms are a bit cooler than they would normally be. Please make sure your child has a red cardigan or jumper to wear over their polo shirt or school shirt/blouse in class. If they have a red fleece (NO HOODS) we will allow the children to wear these in their classroom as well. We can order school fleeces so please let us know if you would like to purchase a fleece with our school name.



Christmas Performances

Because of the concern regarding the Omicron variant we are unable to hold actual Christmas Concerts again this year. As we really want to show off what great performers our children are, we are doing virtual performances again for each class as well as a whole school carol. The videos for these are being recorded on Thursday 9th December. **Could all children please bring in a Christmas jumper and scarf on Thursday 9th December for the video.** As we want to see all children, no reindeer antlers please. We look forward to sharing the class performances with you before the end of term.



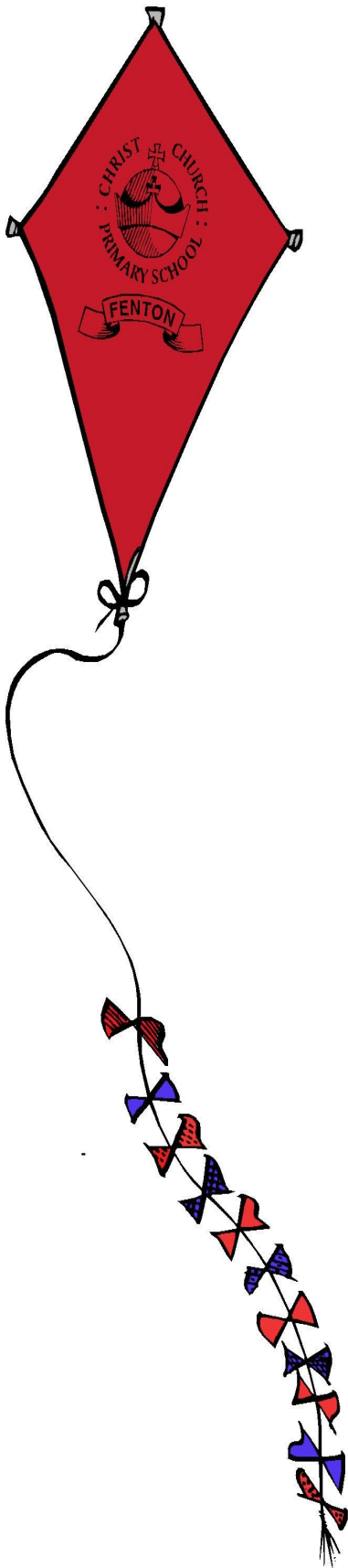
Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 10th December

Our school council have asked if we can support Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day this year. They have asked for a 50p donation in return for wearing a Christmas Jumper. We hope you will support the day with your festive clothing: jumpers, onesies, Christmas Dresses and Christmas T-shirts all welcome.

Christmas Crafts

All of our children will be making a Christmas craft item which will then be sold to help raise funds for the refurbishment of our playground. These will be sold for a £1 using Parent Pay. Further information will be sent via Class Dojo and school text.





Local Academy Committee Parent Vacancies

We currently have two parent local academy committee (LAC) vacancies on our Local Academy Committee (LAC). These are important roles within our academy. However, we would make sure that you would be fully supported by existing members and training to support you in the role. If you are interested in becoming a Parent Local Academy Committee Member, please speak to Mrs Wilshaw or Mrs Colclough who will be able to provide you with further details and a Nomination Form. All nominations need to be received by Friday 7th January 2022. For more information about the role of the LAC please visit St Chad's Academies Trust website

<https://www.stchadsacademiestrust.co.uk/governance-policy/local-academy-committee/>

Safeguarding/Child Protection Concerns

If you have any concerns regarding any children in school please speak to Mrs Scattergood, our designated member of staff for child protection (DSL), or Mrs Birks or Mrs Wilkes, our deputy designated members of staff (DDSL). Our current safeguarding governor is now Mr Parkes. During the Christmas holidays, if you have any concerns you can speak to somebody at CHAD, Children's advice and duty service on 01782 235100, Monday to Friday 8.30am to 6pm. If you need to contact them out of hours, please call the emergency duty team on 01782 234234.

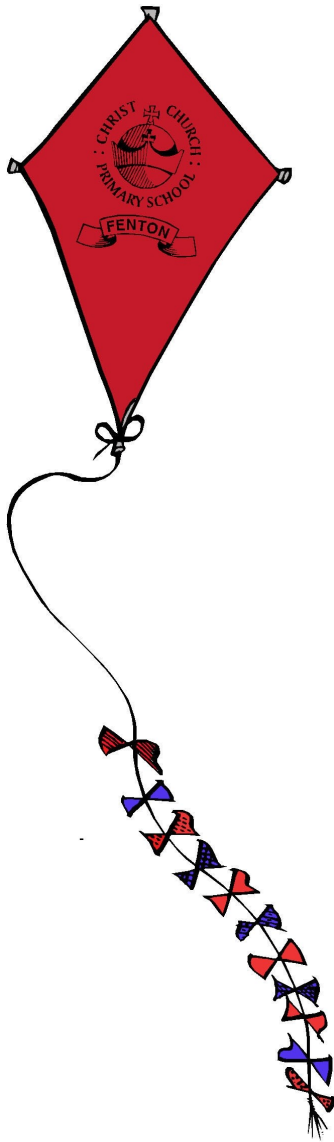
Further information can be found at the Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Partnership website:

https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20009/children_and_families/391/stoke-on-trent_safeguarding_children_partnership

Chocolate Raffle

Raffle tickets will be going on sale Monday 6th December. These will be £1 a strip with the chance to win one of our amazing Festive Hampers or chocolate treat. Please look out for the dojo message and text.





Ambassadors

Our school ambassadors have been very busy this term. We have worship, health and safety, e-safety, sports, attendance, friendship and gardening ambassadors. These are some of the ideas they have had and implemented this term:

Worship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supporting the Christian Aid harvest appeal Prioritising hymns as the focus of worship for the current year
Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed and amended the child friendly attendance policy Decided upon the attendance awards for the current academic year One of the Year 6 ambassadors will update the attendance display in the main corridor each week. Specific Attendance monitor badges to be purchased.
School Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Made the decision to support Christmas Jumper Day and Children in Need Want a film night after school Purchase Christmas crafts to complete and then sell to parents to help boost school funds. Support Children in Need with a fancy dress/non-uniform day New playground items for break and lunchtime The children shared their thoughts about music lessons in school: amazing learn more songs for the clarinet good good because it's fun great, because we do rock bands incredible – loads of things to play good, loads of stuff to play
Health and Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carried out an assembly focusing upon areas they thought needed improving: cloakroom tidiness, tucking chairs in, walking sensibly, playing safely Assigned cloakroom monitors in a morning
E-Safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One ambassador created a PowerPoint to share with the school. At the start of computing they were going to remind people of the rules. Safety poster designed which will be shared. At end of the lessons check laptops shut down safely and back in the cabinet carefully.
Friendship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Want to deliver an assembly on being kind and being a good friend. Purchase a friendship stop to be used at break or playtime
Gardening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The need to replant the pergola and triangle garden with winter flowering plants and tidy up the dead and overgrown plants.



