

Dear Parents and Carers,

We all hope that you had a lovely half term break, even though we only had a few days of sunshine! This term is a long one and we all understand how tired, hot and bothered the children can get as the temperature warms up. Our school policy for Sun Safety has been updated and is attached to this newsletter. Please ensure for safety that your child has a hat, a water bottle and wears suncream when needed.

This term we will be thinking a lot about transition. We welcome all our new Reception children for September 2024 for their induction visits and our Year 6 children will be visiting their Secondary Schools. We will also be thinking about moving up to new classes for all our other year groups. This year, every class will be mixed up when moving into their next year group. We are asking for your help in this through talking to your child/children about who their special friends are across the current 2 classes e.g. Oak and Ash, and by asking them to choose 3 friends. Current class teachers will contact you and let you know when they need this information and they will use your child's choice, as well as their own class knowledge to mix the children for next year. We will ensure that your child has at least 1-2 of their choices of friends with them but cannot guarantee all 3. There will be some staff year group moves and changes for next year and we will inform you of that in due course when we tell you who your child's new teacher is.

Last term we had the Year 6 SATs, this term we have the Year 4 Multiplication Check, and the Year 1 Phonics Test. Please see the dates overleaf and ensure that your Year 4 and Year 1 children are in school during these weeks.

There are lots of trips, events and exciting activities this term, including those organised by our fantastic Friends of the School. Please ensure you check the relevant dates and have all the information that you or your child may need.

The last week of last term was Walk to School Week, an event that we did not publicise due to our TD day on the last day. Instead, we would like to do this in the last week of June – 24th to 28th. This year's challenge, "The Magic of Walking", encourages children to travel actively to school every day of the week. Each pupil will be challenged to travel sustainably (walk, wheel, scoot, cycle or Park and Stride – park away from school and walk in) to school every day for one week. We do hope that you can support this.

Finally, your child's teacher is busy writing their end of year report. After this is sent home, you will have the opportunity to discuss it with your child's teacher should you so wish to. This is not an official 'parent's evening', only if you wish to make a specific appointment.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Joanne Andrews

WHEN?	WHO?	WHAT?
03/06-14/06	Year 4	Multiplication check
10/06-14/06	Year 1	Phonics screening check
11/06 2:30 p.m.	Upper School	Sports assembly – football parents invited
11/06	Upper School	Girl's Kwik cricket club
12/06	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
13/06	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
14/06	Whole School	Fitness Friday Euros penalty shoot out
14/06 2:15 p.m.	Whole School	FoS Family Bingo
17/06	Whole School	Superhero Day Hot Lunch
17/06 p.m.	Yr 2	Yr 2 Dance Festival
18/06	Upper School	Girl's Kwik cricket club – last one
19/06	Whole School	Sport's Day – a.m. Upper School p.m. Lower School
19/06	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
20/06	Reception 2024	New Reception pupils' induction visit a.m. & p.m.
20/06	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
21/06	Whole School	FoS Wacky Hair Day or Dress as a Rock Star Day for World Music Day - £1 donation for either
24-28/06	Whole School	Walk to School week
24/06 p.m.	Upper School	Girl' Kwik Cricket Competition
26/06	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
27/06	Yr 6	Transition visits - Lawn Manor, Swindon Academy
27/06	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
28/06 p.m.	Reception 2024	New Reception pupils' induction visit p.m.
01/07	Yr 5	Lifepath day
02/07	Yr R	Educational visit to Farmer Gow's Farm
03/07	Yr 6	Transition visit - Dorcan
03/07	Yr R	Vision screening checks
04/07	Yr 6	Transition visit - Dorcan
04/07 a.m.	Whole School	Whole School move up morning
04/07 a.m.	Reception 2024	New Reception pupils' induction visit a.m.
05/07	Yr 6	Transition visit - Dorcan
08/07	Whole School	French Week
08/07	Yr 6	Legoland trip
08/07	Yr 1	Educational visit to Cotswold Country Park
08/07 a.m.	Yr 4	Quad kids
10/07 p.m.	Whole School	Rock Steady Summer Concerts
10/07	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
11/07	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
11/07 5p.m.	Lower School	Infant Voice Festival – evening event
12/07	Whole School	Wear Blue Day
13/07 (Saturday)	Whole School	FoS Summer Fete
15/07	Yr 6	Dress rehearsal
15/07	Whole School	Annual School Report
15/07 4 p.m.	Upper School	Blue Kite School Games
16/07 1:30 p.m.	Yr 6	Afternoon Performance
16/07 6 p.m.	Yr 6	Evening Performance
17/07	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
17/07 3:15- 4:15 pm	Whole School	Open evening to discuss reports if requested
17/07 6 p.m.	Yr 6	Evening Performance
18/07	Yr 6	Yr 6 Catch up swimming programme
23/07	Whole School	FoS School Disco
25/07	Yr 6	Leavers Assembly – parents welcome
25/07 12-1:30p.m.	Whole School	Family Fun Picnic and Yr 4 parent's lunchbox event
25/07 3:00/15 p.m.	Whole School	Term ends

In assemblies, we will be thinking about the following themes, World Environmental Issues, the 80th anniversary of D-Day, Father's Day, World Music Day, celebrating our Armed Forces and remembering the Moon Landing

You can support this at home through discussions, media, and internet searches. Programs such as 'Newsround' also help children to consider World Events that we may discuss.

Staffing update

Welcome to our new 1:1 TA and
MDSA Mrs Mytton



If needed, please ensure that your child has suncream on before they come to school. If they are bringing suncream to school, **then please ensure that your child can apply it independently.**

Ensure any bottles of cream are in date, named and placed in a clear bag. Children should not share suncream.

A sun hat/cap and a water bottle are vital items for your child to bring to school in the heat.

Travel to School

If your child cycles to school, please ensure that they are wearing a helmet and have good road sense. Last term, there was a near miss with a car and a bicycle.

Please ensure that no child in Year 4 or below walks to school or home by themselves. Children do not have the visual perception for the speed of cars until at least 8 years old.

Children in from Year 5 and 6 may walk if you feel they are sensible to do so.



Only parents who have shown their Blue Disabled Badge to the Office and have signed the form will be allowed access to park in the staff carpark.

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Term times are for education. This is the priority. Children and families have 175 days off school to spend time together, including weekends and school holidays. Head teachers will rightly prioritise attendance. Generally, absences will not be granted during term time and will only be authorised by the Head teacher in exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances are one off events which are unavoidable, examples may include the death of a close relative, military deployment, attendance at a funeral, respite care of a looked after child, a housing crisis which prevents attendance. It is not linked to employment patterns.

Penalty Notices for term time leave are issued based on information and referrals received from schools. The Local Authority cannot override the decision made by the Headteacher to unauthorise the absence. If you have any reasons to believe the Penalty Notice should not have been issued, please contact the school within 10 working days. There is no statutory right of appeal against the issuing of a Penalty Notice.

CHARITY DOG FUN RUN!

Sat 15th June

10:30am - 3:00pm

Christ Church, Old Town

A family fun day (for dogs and their humans!)

Competitive Race

11:00am start
5km distance

The Fun Run

11:15am start
2km distance

Tickets To Join The Race:

Adults: £6 | Children: £4
Family (Upto 5): £15

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW:
bit.ly/dog-fun-run

Family entertainment,
refreshments and
dog show after the race!

Raising funds for the Community Centre
@ Christ Church's 10th Anniversary

In partnership with the Young Entrepreneurs From Nova Hreod Academy



Christ Church
Swindon







Introduction

Too much exposure to ultraviolet light (UV) radiation from the sun causes sunburn, skin damage and increases the risk of skin cancer. Sun exposure in the first 15 years of life contributes significantly to the lifetime risk of skin cancer.

There is enormous potential for schools to help prevent skin cancer in future generations. Schools are central to protecting children's skin this is because:

- Children are at school five out of seven days a week at times when UV rays are high.
- Most damage due to sun exposure occurs during the school years.
- Schools can play a significant role in changing behaviours through role modelling and education.
- Students and teachers are at risk of sunburn within 10-15 minutes of being exposed to strong sunlight.
- Students spend an average of 1.5 hours outside per school day, more if involved in sports and outdoor activities.
- Skin cancer is largely preventable through behaviour modification and sun protection during early years.

Aims and objectives

PARTNERSHIP

Partnership: working with parents/carers, governors, our school nurse and the wider community to reinforce awareness about sun safety and promote a healthy school.

- Sun safety will be promoted through working with parents, governors and the wider community to improve our understanding and provision to avoid the harmful effects of too much exposure to ultraviolet light (UV).
- Staff should act as positive role models and set a good example by seeking out the shade whenever possible and wearing suitable clothing, hat and sunscreen.

EDUCATION

Education: learning about sun safety to increase knowledge and influence behaviour.

- Annually a special assembly will be dedicated to 'Sun Safety'. This will emphasise the 5 S's of Sun Safety including: SLIP SLOP SLAP - to SLIP ON A T-SHIRT, SLOP ON THE SUNSCREEN, SLAP ON A HAT.
- At appropriate times during the year children will be reminded through our assemblies about 'How to be Sun Safe'.
- The curriculum for all year groups will include aspects of 'Sun Safety' annually.
- Parents and carers will be asked through letters/newsletters to support this policy by encouraging their children to adopt the Slip, Slop, Slap message and act as role models.
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas of the school during playtimes.

PROTECTION

Protection: providing an environment that enables pupils and staff to stay safe in the sun.

Shade:

- The school playground has shade provided either by the school building, outdoor shelter(s), canopy, trees
- Children will be encouraged to use the shaded areas of the school during playtimes when appropriate.
- School will limit the time children spend outside in the summer months (e.g. playtimes/PE etc).
- Events such as sport's days etc, where the children may spend longer outside, may be postponed if the weather is too hot.

Clothing:

- The children will be encouraged to wear clothes that provide good sun protection.
- The children will supply themselves with hats.

Sunscreen:

- Pupils may supply themselves with sunscreen (minimum SPF 30, 4 star UVA) before school. If they need to have this reapplied, it must be kept in a labelled bottle, in the classroom and the children may reapply themselves when appropriate and used on or off site for any prolonged outdoor school related activities. If children are unable to do this themselves (e.g. a child with an EHCP), then staff, wearing gloves may support them or a parent called in.

Drinking Water:

- Children are encouraged to increase their water intake in hot weather and are encouraged to drink water during break times and lunch times. Every child should bring a water bottle to school every day.