

Christ Church (Brondesbury) CE Primary School

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Diary	11th Sept	SLT meeting all parents – hall: 3.15pm
	18th Sept	Parents – “Meet the teacher” – classes: 3.15pm
	25th Sept	Ms Baverstock – SEN Parents – hall: 3.15pm
	29th Sept	International Day
	3rd Oct	Y1 Parents – Phonics workshop
	5th Oct	EYFS Parents – Phonics Workshop
	10th Oct	Parents - Reading workshop
	17th Oct	Parents - Maths Workshop
	13th/14th Nov	Parents Consultation Evenings

Welcome Back

Hello to everyone and welcome back to school for the 2023 – 2024 academic year.

I hope everyone has had a fantastic summer holiday, whether you went abroad, or stayed around London.

We look forward to seeing everyone back here at school on **Wednesday 6th September**. As usual, the school gates will open at **8.35am** and the bell will ring at **8.45am**. We expect every child in school before the bell rings at 8.45am. The school day finishes at 3.15pm.

Nursery and Reception parents should have been contacted by now with the start date and/or transition timings for the start of term. If you are unsure, please contact the school office on **0207 624 4967**

Safety, Safety, Safety

Our **Safer School Street Zone** is again in place. This means any cars driving along **Clarence Road** between **8.15am - 9.15am** and **2.30pm – 4.00pm** will be given a Penalty Notice ticket.

Please remember not to drive into Clarence Road from either end during these times. This scheme is in place to allow our children and families to enter and leave school safely without danger from traffic.

Uniform

Please ensure all children return to school in the proper uniform. This means shirts & ties (boys and girls) and grey trousers or skirts with black shoes.

If the weather becomes too hot this week, we will ask children to remove ties at school, but in order for the start of term to look and feel good, please send children in full uniform each day.

Personal Equipment

Last term, I sent a message to all parents asking them you to support both the school and the children by supplying some simple classroom equipment.

This is in order to both support our small school budget and to teach the children the benefit of looking after their own equipment.

Please see a copy of the message below:

Dear Parents,

As you know, school budgets are becoming tighter (this has been highlighted by the teachers' industrial action over the last few months as they have challenged the government for fair funding for schools).

Unfortunately, we are getting to a stage now where the school is struggling to provide some of the **basic equipment** which your child needs to support learning.

Whereas we will try our best to provide as much as we can, **I would like to ask for your support** in preparing your children for school.

Please look at the list below and ensure your child brings all of this to school with them in September:

- A **pencil** for writing (3 per term)
- A 30cm **ruler**
- A **glue** stick
- A **rubber**
- A **sharpener**
- A black erasable **whiteboard pen** (2 per term)
- A small pack of **coloured pencils**
- A black biro **writing pen** (if they have a pen license)

All of these should be kept within a **small pencil case**. Please do not buy oversized pencil cases as these take up too much space and cause distractions.

Children **do not need to bring sets of felt-tipped pens with them each day** - if these are required, teachers will ask the children to bring them in good time.

Please take the time to **put your child's name clearly** on the pencil case and on their items. **The children must learn to be responsible for their own items.**

Shops such as **Asda, Tesco and Poundland** will be selling all of these items cheaply over the summer holidays - this will be a cost-effective way to equip your child.

If you have been unable to buy these items over the summer holidays, please enquire at the School Office, where we will be selling packs of equipment.

RAAC concrete scare

You may have seen in the news the current scare around the use of RAAC concrete in public buildings, causing some schools in England to close. **Please be aware we have no RAAC identified in our building and therefore we are perfectly safe to open tomorrow.**

Parent Governor

Last term we held an election for the position of Parent Governor.

Following the vote count, I can announce that **Tara Stroud** has been elected to the post.

Tara will join the Governors for their first meeting on September 28th.

We will be calling on Parents throughout the year to help us (as Friends of Christ Church – FCC) to organise various events and festivities. Please talk with Tara Stroud on the playground if you would be interested in helping out.

Diary Dates

Please make note of the diary dates above for important meetings with class teachers, the Leadership Team (SLT) and with Ms Baverstock. These meetings will help you to support your child(ren) over the next year here at school.

Thank you for taking the time to read these important messages.

I look forward to seeing everyone over the next few days at the school gates and to sharing your stories about the summer.

Warm Regards,

Mr. Kelly

Christ Church (Brondesbury) CE Primary School is a vibrant, welcoming and inclusive school at the centre of our diverse local community. We are perceived as a “family” by all who know us.

As a Christian school, we encourage everyone to be their best and to grow in God's creation. We provide a supportive, safe, respectful and reflective environment in which all flourish irrespective of their culture and belief.

We provide the highest standard of learning for all of our community and encourage them to pursue aspirational goals.

Here at Christ Church we are all Going for **GOLD** with faith.

We can do this, as scripture tells us: *“But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, and in all eagerness and in the love from us that is in you—make sure that you excel in this act of kindness too.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)*