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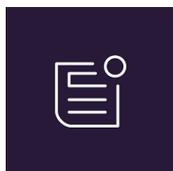
13th June	EYFS visit to Kentish Town City Farm
18th June	St. Joseph Class trip to Kew Gardens
	Year 6 trip to Grant Museum of Zoology
19th June	Year 6: St. Augustines event
20th June	Apollo music with Year 4/5
	Year 1 trip to London Zoo
23rd June	Brent schools Climate Summit – Y4-6 pupil group attending
24th June	Year 2 trip to London Zoo
25th – 27th June	Year 6 residential trip to Sayers Croft
27th June	Year 1 trip to Willesden Library
2nd July	Year 1,2 & 3 music concert to parents (2pm)
3rd July	Year 6: Hampstead High school event
4th July	Apollo music with Year 4/5
8th July	Year 3 trip to Kew Gardens
	Year 4/5 trip to Hackney – Apollo Music concert
9th July	Year 4,5 & 6 music concert to parents
14th – 18th July	Transition week
14th July	Year 2 trip to Kew Gardens
15th July	Year 6 play: dress rehearsal to school
16th July	Year 4/5 trip to Queens Park
	Year 6 play to parents (pm)
17th July	PSA summer Fair
18th July	Year 6 Vs Staff sports competition (2pm)
21st July	Year 6 Awards & Party (3.45pm)
22nd July	Leavers' Service at Christ Church (9.30am) – with Bishop Lusa
	School finishes for summer holidays (1.30pm)

Message from Mr. Kelly

This has been a very busy term at school. We have supported our Year 6 children go through their SATs exams (they coped very well) and we have started to see an increase in the number of trips and visits which our children make as the weather improves.

This week, our Year 1 children are making good progress with their Phonics screening check and the Year 4 children are completing their Multiplication Tables check.

As you can see... there is a huge emphasis on examination at various points throughout each child's life – therefore it is very important that they are practising these core skills at home consistently. Every night your child should be practising their phonics, reading and number work (that's number bonds for Key Stage 1 and Times Tables for Key Stage 2).



The term ahead promises only to get busier.

Please check the diary dates above and keep checking the calendar on our **School News App**. If you haven't already downloaded it, this can be done from your app store. All you need to do is download and then link to our school through the postcode.

Who to contact & when

Sometimes it is difficult to know who to contact for queries and questions at school.

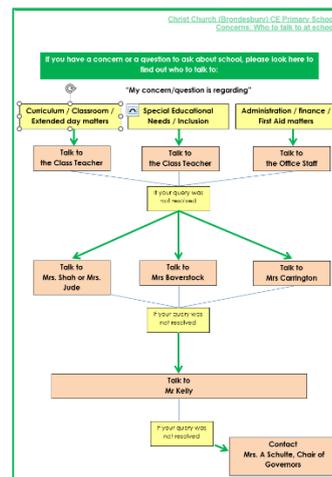
We now have a handy guide to support you with this on our website under **Parents > Who to contact**.

This guide should help to direct you to the right person who can deal with your question.

Remember, if you need to email anything to a member of staff, please do so through our address: admin@cchurch.brent.sch.uk and give the email the title FAO: teacher's name.

If you need to call a member of staff or to arrange an appointment to see someone, you can do this by calling the school office on 0207 624 4967.

Please be patient if it takes a day or two to receive a response. We do aim to respond as quickly as we can to queries.



P.E. kits on P.E. Days

In order to make things a little more streamlined for P.E. from this half term and moving forward, we ask that your child attends school on their P.E. day wearing their correct P.E. kit.

P.E. kit consists of:

- a **gold/yellow t-shirt** and
- **bottle green jogging bottoms or shorts** with
- **black trainers/plimsolls**.

Travelling to/from school on P.E. days, the children should wear their school jumper on top of their P.E. kit and of course wear a coat/jacket suitable for the weather conditions.

On days where the children do not have P.E. they should attend school in their uniform as normal.

We are seeing a growing number of children arriving at school without P.E. kit on their allocated day. Please remember that P.E. is an important part of the curriculum, especially as currently we are seeing a national crisis in the number of unfit and overweight children. Please ensure your child takes part in P.E. every week in order to help them remain healthy.

Lost property

We have a large amount of coats, jumpers, trousers, lunch boxes and scooters which have been left behind at school.

Many of these items are quite expensive and would be a large financial loss to a family if they were left behind.

Please check that your child has everything you have bought for them at home.

We will put clothing and bags on a table each evening next week after school for you to check. *Anything which has not been claimed by the **end of the month** will be added to our collection of welfare clothing and items for families who may be struggling.*

Any scooters which are not collected by the end of the month may be put up for sale at the school fair on Thursday 17th July.



In order to stop any confusion over who these lost items belong to, please write your child's name on the labels clearly with a black pen or attach a name tag to each item of clothing. Name tags can be bought cheaply on Amazon and from local stores.

With this in mind, please do also check the clothing and equipment which your child brings home – **is it actually theirs, or does it just look like theirs?**

Currently we have a scooter missing, which **looks like** many others, but has a sticker on it where the name used to be. If you see this, please return it to school.



Attendance & Punctuality

Currently our school attendance for the year is at 94.4%. This is not bad, however, it could be better as the national target is 96%. It has been great this term to see so many classes with attendance of 95% and above each week. You can check current attendance on our website under **Children > Stars of the week**. Currently the class with the highest attendance for the year is St. Peter Class with 95.8%. Well done Year 6!



Please remember that school starts at 8:45am each morning... not at 9:00. Often we see the same children arriving at school after the bell has been rung. This morning alone, we had 12 pupils arrive between 8:48am and 9:18am.

The reasons given for this lateness are often the same: **transport issues** or **oversleeping**.

If these are the norm for your children, there are simple steps to take in order to address this. The easiest thing is to **set the alarm clock for 15 minutes earlier in the morning**. This would mean everyone is up and ready for school 15 minutes earlier than the current norm. If you walk or drive to school, you will arrive 15 minutes earlier. If you are getting the bus... it means you will get an earlier bus and therefore arrive on time.

By making a simple change and encouraging/supporting your child to arrive on time to school, you are teaching them a valuable life lesson – that punctuality is important and that it is also a sign of good manners.

Also, arriving late means that your child misses out on valuable learning time, which builds up very quickly. If your child is 5 minutes late on a regular basis, this adds up to (5x190 days) 950 minutes missed over the course of a year. (This equates to 15 hours... which is almost 3 days of learning lost each year. 10 minutes late, means 6 lost days per year.)

**5 mins
= 3 days lost
each year**

Please help your child to keep on top of their learning and to value the importance of punctuality as a life skill by supporting them to arrive at school on time each day.



Pentecost – when Bishop Lusa came to school

On Monday 9th June, we celebrated the feast of Pentecost. This is an important feast in the Christian calendar as it marks 50 days after Jesus rose from the dead. At that time, Jesus' followers were scared and didn't know what to do. Jesus promised he would send his spirit to direct them. The spirit came and helped Jesus' followers to spread God's good news and those around them heard this good news in all of their own languages.



More photos of this event can be seen on our website under **About Us > School events & celebrations > Summer term events > Pentecost**

Transition days June 2025

Towards the end of each year, we give the children the opportunity to spend some time with their new teachers in their new classrooms for September.

This year, we aim to spend a little more time on this – up to 3 days during the week of **14th July**.

The reason behind this is to relieve some of the stress and anxiety which children have over moving classes and meeting new adults. Also, this will give the new class teachers a better chance to get to know their children for September and to prepare the learning.



Holiday Leave



Every year, I am inundated with requests for early holiday leave before the school holidays.

Whereas I understand the cost implications of waiting for the holidays, I must point out that *parents have a duty to ensure their children are in school 190* days of the year. This means that the children have 175 days of holiday each year, which is more than sufficient time to visit relatives abroad or to take a family holiday.

As Headteacher, I have a duty to support the law in this matter and therefore ***I am not allowed to authorise leave*** from school before or after the school holidays. Any leave taken either side of the holidays will be reported to the School Attendance Service (formerly the EWO) and may be subject to a fine.

I have already been asked by a number of families about booking time off early, or returning late. If this is the case, ***the absence will be unauthorised and you may have to pay a fine.*** Please do not ask to leave school early or return late.

St. Anne's new priest

A number of weeks ago, we were honoured to be asked to take part in the selection process for the new Parish Priest at St. Anne's in Salusbury Road. Since Mother Christine left in December, the parish has been without it's own priest and therefore school has been without our link Parish Priest, (big thanks to Revd. James from St. Gabriel's who has stepped in to support when needed.)

It has recently been announced that the position of Parish Priest at St. Annes will be taken by Revd. Peter Hopkins, currently attached to St. Pauls, Winchmore Hill.

Revd. Peter will take up his position from 15th July and we look forward to working closely with him in the future.

Our prayers are with Revd. Peter and his family as they make their move and begin a new life in St. Anne's parish.



Watch out for news of...

