

## Christ Church Walshaw Key Stage One

### Summer 1 Newsletter 2023

Dear Parents/Carers

We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter. We've got an exciting term ahead of us. Please find some key dates and information regarding the curriculum below. More detailed information along with copies of letters etc can be found on our class pages of the school website.

#### **Reminders:**

- Please ensure that your child has a water bottle in school daily.
- As the weather gets better, please make sure your child brings a hat on particularly hot days and wears sun cream when necessary.
- Please can all jumpers, cardigans and fleeces in particular be labelled clearly with your child's name.
- Reading books get changed **every Friday**. Please ensure you child reads regularly throughout the week. It is so important that children are reading as much as possible, please don't forget you can access Bug Club at home too.
- Just a reminder that any children who aren't collected after ten minutes at the end of their school day will be placed into After School Club which is located in the Porta Cabin.

#### **Important Dates**

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| • Monday 17th April                                 | Return to school                                |
| • Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April<br>NSPCC          | Wacky Hair Day- Raising Money for The           |
| • Wednesday 26th April<br>children in Key Stage 1   | Beep Beep Day! A Road Safety Day for            |
| • Monday 1st May                                    | School Closed for May Bank Holiday              |
| • Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May<br>separate letter. | Key Stage 1 Trips to Old Kay's Park. Please see |
| • Thursday 4th May                                  | School Closed for Local Elections               |
| • Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May                        | Coronation Bank Holiday                         |
| • Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May                     | Ash Class Assembly 9am School Hall              |
| • Friday 26th May                                   | School Closes for May Half-Term                 |

#### **Year 2 SATS**

In May, Year 2 children will be sitting tests in the areas of Reading and Maths. These tests are a Government National Requirement in England and the results are used to gauge your child's educational progress and support their teaching in their end of year assessments. As a school, our approach to testing is very informal and carried out in small groups. In our experience, the children have not known that they are sitting these tests and normally enjoy them! Please see a separate letter with more detailed information.

## The Curriculum

**Topic** This half term children will be developing their Geography skills within our next topic called 'Where Do I Live?'. Children will work on their map reading and drawing skills as well as exploring how our school and Walshaw has changed over time. We hope to take the children out on a small trip exploring the local area. More details to follow.

**R.E.** This half term our RE unit is called 'Why is Baptism Special'. Throughout this unit children will learn what a Baptism is, why Baptism is special and what it means to be Baptised. We will also look at how other faiths welcome new babies. This topic will also include a trip to Christ Church, more information about the trip can be found on a separate letter.

**English** Please see Class Pages for information about the English learning in each class.

**P.E.** Please see below for what days your child's class has P.E.

**Ash-** Wednesday and Thursday **Beech** Tuesdays and Wednesdays **Cedar** Thursdays and Fridays.

### **Maths**

In Year 1 we will be learning about :

- addition and subtraction word problems
- multiplication
- division
- fractions

In Year 2 we will be learning about:

- fractions
- time
- volume
- revision in preparation for the Year 2 SATs assessments

### **Science-**

Year 1 will be exploring a variety of common flowering plants as well as identifying the basic structure of a plants. They will grow plants observing the similarities and differences. Children will explore the difference between evergreen and deciduous trees.

Year 2 will be exploring the topic 'Changing Shape'. Children will learn that the shape of materials can be changed by squashing, bending, twisting and stretching. Children will build up to creating a piece of art work which applies the skills and facts learnt.

**Homework**

This half term there will be no Home Learning Challenges to complete. Children in Year 2 will be taking home their CGP books with one comprehension to be completed each week. There are further details in the letter sent home. The children in Year 1 will continue to receive their weekly spellings which are tested each Friday, a letter with more information has also gone home.

There is more detail on your child’s curriculum on their class page on the school website. We also try to add photos to Twitter and Facebook regularly. You can follow us @ccwalshaw.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact any member of the team if you would like to discuss any issue regarding your child. The easiest way to do this is to send an email to [ccwalshaw@bury.gov.uk](mailto:ccwalshaw@bury.gov.uk) and put for the attention of and then your child’s teacher.

Thank you for your on-going support.

Mrs Hudson, Miss Smethurst, Miss Founde and The Key Stage 1 Team