



**CHRIST CHURCH CHORLEYWOOD**  
*"What we nurture today, flourishes tomorrow"*



**Chess Valley  
Primary  
Learning  
Trust**

19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

***"For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future"***

**Jeremiah 29:11**

Dear Parents & Carers,

We have come to the end of another academic year which, as ever, seems to have flown by. It has been a very successful year and it has been wonderful to see the children flourishing.

At the end of this term we sent out a questionnaire to all parents and every child in school. The answers from the children have been incredibly insightful. It is so important to us that we listen to the children in our care and hear what they have to say, it is after all their school and how they feel as they learn and play here is key to their success.

Christ Church School is a very special place, it has always had an incredible warmth about it and a feeling that can be hard to define. I thought I would share with you some of the quotes of children that really make it clear why the children feel it is special.

When asked "What makes Christ Church special?"

***"I think that Christ Church is special because no matter who you are you belong here, it doesn't matter if you need adult help, you belong here. And it may be a Christian school but everyone is treated equal no matter your religion you will be treated the same" Y4 child***

***"we are all unique and respect each other for that" Y4 child***

***"we are like a family" Y1 child***

***"I think the teachers make Christ Church special because they are all unique and special in different ways, it is the people that count, not the place" Y5 child***

***"it has all the kind and gentle people you need" Y2 child***

Do you feel safe at school?

***"Yes, because there is a church right next door to the school and it makes me feel safe because God is always there" Y4 child***

***"yes because we have lovely (sic) teachers all around us" Y2***

***"The adults are very trusted so we know they are going to look after us. Everybody knows us and the teachers are like superheroes" Y3 child***

The overwhelming response to the question where we asked children what their favourite value was **Love and Joy.**

How wonderful to know that children feel loved and that they have a sense of joy as they spend their days at school!

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We say a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils and those other children who are leaving us to start the next chapter in their learning journeys. We wish them great success and happiness in their new schools.

At the end of this term, we have three staff members leaving us for pastures new. We thank them for their dedication and commitment in their daily work and to the children in their care. Mrs Blokhuis, Mrs Marlow and Mrs Smith have been dedicated Classroom Assistants and they will be greatly missed.

We recently communicated to you about building work that is happening over the summer holidays and will continue into the autumn term. Please look out for correspondence from us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> September for an update on the progress of the project and how you will enter the school on the first day of term.

We are so grateful for the Parents Staff Association who have done their utmost to support the school. We know just how busy our parent community is and we appreciate the time and effort it takes to hold such events; we are very appreciative. We are thankful too for donations given to the Rainbow Fund and look ahead to some exciting projects planned for next year.

As we bring the year to a conclusion, we must thank those who provide the wonderful support that gives this school its strength. We are grateful for our governing body that cares about and gives their time to the school; for children who are eager to learn and want to do their best; a supportive parent community; for the dedicated team of staff who go above and beyond to provide an outstanding education for all the children, work hard to nurture them, encourage them to reach their full potential and to discover the God-given gifts within each child.

I hope the following quote by childhood theorist Friedrich Froebel gives you some inspiration for the long holidays ahead, remember the days may seem long but the years are short! Enjoy watching your children play this summer & enjoy making some precious memories with your families. We look forward to seeing you refreshed and ready for the new year ahead in September.

***“Play is the highest expression of human development in childhood, for it alone is the free expression of what is in a child’s soul.” ~ Friedrich Froebel***

Yours sincerely,

*Sarah Selleck*

Sarah Selleck  
Headteacher

<b>Autumn term 2024</b>	
<b>Autumn Term Staff Inset Days</b> <i>(School closed to children)</i>	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September & Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
<b>Autumn Term Staff Development Day</b> <i>(School closed to children)</i>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
<b>New Reception Starters Induction Stay and Play</b> <i>(please note this is for new starters to our Reception Class only. This is for children who have not attended our Nursery)</i>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 9.15am-10am
<b>Term Starts</b> <b>Children back to School</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September – YR to Y6
<b>Half term holiday</b>	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November