



FRIDAY 6 OCTOBER 2023

As the weather has started to turn a bit wetter and colder, please ensure your child has a coat in school with them every day.

Thank you
Mrs Frampton

PE Uniform

Children in Y2-6 come to school in their PE kit on their PE days. Children in Reception and Year 1 need to bring their kit in a bag and leave it at school. They will change in school to help them practice getting dressed and undressed independently.

PE kit consists of plain black shorts or joggers and a white t shirt. Your child can wear their school jumper or cardigan as an extra layer. Hoodies are not allowed.

Please remember any long hair must be tied up for PE and all jewellery must be removed, including earrings. If your child cannot remove these independently, we suggest they do not wear them on PE days. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they can bring in tape or a plaster to cover them for the initial few weeks.

Arbor

Thank you to all those parents who are signed up and using Arbor. We are trying to move away from sending paper home and many permissions will now be on Arbor. Please make sure you have consented for the local area trips—see later in the newsletter for more information.

If you need to make a payment and can't work the app, please call the office and they will be able to take your payment over the phone.

Trips, visits and visitors

We have an exciting plan of activities for the year and will soon send home our donation planner so you know what needs budgeting for as parents. We also try and keep the cost down as much as possible by accessing grants and funds.

If we do not receive enough donations for a trip this year, we will need to cancel it as the school budget has become too tight to 'top up' trips. Please talk to us if you are finding it difficult to donate.

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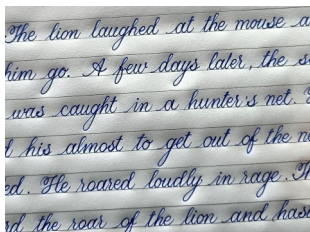
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Our focus for this year



This year we are really trying hard to improve our handwriting and presentation in every piece of work. Children are having handwriting sessions and being rewarded for excellent presentation. This might include using a ruler, sticking things in neatly and colouring well. Our younger children are having lots of fun developing their fine motor skills ready for their handwriting.

Attendance

Our expectation for attendance is 96% or above.

The school will not authorise leave in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances and are likely to result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to each parent for each child.

Attendance at the end of this week

Year group	Attendance	National attendance
1	94.3%	95.4%
2	91.4%	95.6%
3	95.1%	95.8%
4	95.7%	95.6%
5	95.0%	95.4%
6	92.0%	95.0%

That means across the whole school, 108 children have met or exceeded our target of 96% attendance! Congratulations to those children!

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Mental Health Week

Next week is Mental Health week and lots of our lessons and assemblies will be based on supporting children's positive mental health.

On Friday, children can come to school wearing yellow to celebrate a positive mental health. There is no charge for this. It is not a usual non uniform day. Children could come in clothes which are yellow or maybe come in school uniform with a yellow scarf or yellow hair ribbons for example.

Flu immunisation

On Monday the School Nursing Team will visit school to administer the flu vaccine for ONLY those children whose parents have consented online. If you have not consented, your child will not receive this.

Parent Governors

We are looking for some enthusiastic parents to join our Governing Body. We meet about once a half term on a Monday from 4.30-6.00pm. As a governor you can really help shape the direction of the school and help to ensure the best outcomes possible. If you would like to know more, please catch one of us on the gate.

End of half term

We close for a week's half term holiday on Friday 20th October at the usual time. We reopen at the usual times on Monday 30th October.

Individual/Siblings School Photographs

Just a reminder that on Thursday 12th October 2023 we have Fraser Portraits in school doing the individual pupils photographs and after several enquiries by parents they will also be doing sibling photographs.

New School Lunch Menu

The new school lunch menu is now on Arbor ready for you to make your child's school lunch choices for the next half term commencing 30th October 2023, please ensure choices are made by the end of the Thursday of each week.

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Local area trips

For trips and visits that happen in the local area and do not involve transport, we will be asking for your consent to cover all trips this year.

These may include:

High Cross Church
Waterman's Park
Christchurch town centre
Stanpit Marsh
Christchurch Priory
Christchurch Library
Grange School
Mudford Woods

You will always be informed of the details of the trip but you will no longer need to remember to return the slip!

The one consent form is on Arbor and you will receive an email asking you to consent on the app.

We will continue to seek consent for those trips involving transport.

Diary dates

A list of diary dates for this term will be sent with this newsletter.

Please note the next staff training day is Tuesday 2nd January. School will reopen to pupils on Wednesday 3rd January after the Christmas holidays.

Parent Consultations

These will be held on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th October. Your child should have brought a letter home for you to sign up for a slot.

Harvest Festival

We will be walking to HighCross Church on Tuesday 10th October for our Harvest Festival. Unfortunately, there is not enough space for parents. Please could your child bring in a donation for the Foodbank on that day. Thank you

Date of next newsletter

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