

CHRIST THE SAVIOUR C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils in years one to six back to school tomorrow and we look forward to warmly welcoming our new Nursery and Reception pupils and their families into our school community over the next few weeks.

The <u>year group pages</u> of our school website have been updated with key information for the start of term including what days your child will need to come to school in their PE kits for PE lessons which will start tomorrow.

Grove Site drop off

Our Grove gates open between 8.35am and 8.50am. Parents of children in Nursery, Reception and Year I should please walk their children to the door of the classroom for a quick handover with the class teacher. A polite reminder that parents of children in IHU (Beech class last year) should please use the front entrance as this class faces the Reception playground.

Our Year 2 teachers will be waiting in the **back playground** for their classes tomorrow morning so please help your child to find their Year 2 teacher and to line up with their class. Once Year 2 are familiar with the location of their classroom they will make their own way to their classrooms in the morning and parents may drop off using the front **or** back gate. We ask parents to bring Year 2 children through the gates (to avoid congestion at the gate) and then say their goodbyes in the playground.

Broadway Site drop off

Our Broadway Site gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. Lessons begin at 8.45am and so we ask for a prompt arrival at school.

Year 3 parents may come into the playground to meet the class teacher tomorrow morning. There will be plenty of staff available to help other students find their classrooms on the first day. If your child is new to the school this year please let one of the senior staff at the gates know and we will make sure they are supported to find their classroom.

School Street

A reminder that we operate a school street at the Grove Site during term time and the ANPR cameras are back in operation for the beginning of a new school year. We strongly encourage parents to plan a safe journey to school and encourage you to read information about <u>travelling to school</u> on our website. This page contains a helpful map with suggestions for parents who need to drive to school to park and stride.

Breakfast club

Breakfast club will start on both sites tomorrow morning from 7.45am. Parents are reminded that they must pay a one-off £4 registration fee to place your child's name on the breakfast club register. Once this has been paid parents do not need to pre-book the breakfast club session but there **must** be credit in their ParentPay account. We do not accept childcare vouchers or child credits for breakfast club payment. The cost of Breakfast club this year remains £4 per session and children will not be admitted if debt exceeds £12.

School Meals

Our <u>lunch menu</u> remains the same as the Summer term and will be updated during the Autumn Term. Please inform our medical team if your child's allergies have changed over the Summer break.

Some dates for your diary

Parent Information Afternoon - Thursday, 19th September from 2pm (Year I to Year 6 only)

Attendance at our Parent Information evenings has steadily dropped over the last two years with attendance last year on average less than half of each year group, despite offering free childcare for parents.

We are therefore trialing a Parent Information Afternoon and offering parents an opportunity to visit their child's classroom and learn about the curriculum in their child's new learning environment.

Our gates will open at 2pm and parents will be invited to make their way to their child's classroom. To avoid congestion in corridors and classrooms we will limit attendance to one parent/ carer per child and ask parents to do their best to avoid bringing large buggies with younger siblings.

School Photographs

Individual and class photographs will be taken on the following dates:

Tuesday 15th October - Broadway Site Photographs: Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 16th October - Grove Site Photographs: Reception, Year I and Year 2

Pupils should come to school in their **full school uniform**. Any classes who have PE should bring their trainers with them in their school bag for their PE lesson.

Our school photographer will be available to take **Sibling Photographs** after school at the Grove Site on Wednesday, 16th October between 3.30pm- 5.30pm on a first come first served basis. Parents will be asked to bring their siblings to the Grove Site Hall if they would like sibling group photos.

School Clubs

We are really looking forward to starting our popular before and after school clubs and our brochure will be emailed out to parents shortly, with bookings as usual via ParentPay. Clubs will start in the week beginning Monday 23rd September and will run for 11 weeks.

Choir rehearsals will begin next week on the following dates:

Year 6 - Tuesdays at 8am

Year 4 and 5 - Thursdays at 8am (starting this week)

Year 3 choir will take place during the school day and parents will be invited to register their child for this shortly. For **this week only** we are inviting Year 6 pupils in the school choir to attend a rehearsal at 8am on **Thursday** to prepare for Mass.

Mass can be found in the <u>calendar</u> on our school website and all parents are welcome to join us for Mass in Church for Broadway pupils or in the Grove Site Hall for pupils in Years I and 2.

Uniform

Parents are strongly encouraged to name their child's uniform. Staff on both sites have reported that they are spending a considerable amount of time supporting pupils to find lost uniform items. In the interest of time efficiency we have purchased class uniform labels which will be put on pupils' unnamed blazers and jumpers this week to ensure these are returned to the correct classroom when they are lost or mis-placed.

A reminder that blazers are a compulsory uniform item at the Broadway Site and pupils without a blazer will be asked to wear a spare school blazer which will be returned to the school office at the end of the day. Parents who require support with uniform should contact a senior member of staff. A polite reminder that all accessories such as hair bands should be in school colours and white socks are not part of our school uniform. PE trainers should be plain black.

Very best wishes,

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