



Dear Parents/Carers



The Extension and Children's Centre is taking shape! Thank you for your patience with car parking and other disruptions.



Would you like to make a difference and be part of the Children's Centre Advisory Board? We are looking for community representation to join Governors, Staff and other local community representatives to help establish this centre and provide an excellent service for the wider community.



If you are interested, please contact me for further details. We will be meeting in mid November for the first time.



On 4 November, Liz McGrath, Senior Parent Support Advisor, will be running a parent workshop entitled 'Choices' on supporting appropriate behaviour. Please put this date in your diary! Liz is keen to support parents, and this is one of several workshops we will be running after half term. More details will follow next week.



Friends Together have done a totally amazing job of fundraising for our school over the last academic year. The incredible total of £5000 is the highest ever in CtS history, and we are all very grateful to everyone who has helped to achieve this for our school.



Yours sincerely
Mrs Anne Hamilton



The First CtS Parent Forum **22nd October 2009: 7.00- 8.00pm**

Please join us for our first Parent Forum. This is an open meeting for all parents at Christ the Sower. The meeting will look at the three themes chosen by the new Parent Council last week.

The Parent Council is made up of 2 representatives for each class. This is a consultative and advisory group which will highlight issues and themes that are important to parents and work with Staff and Governors on particular topics and policies brought to them by the school. It will not discuss individual cases or make decisions but allow parent's to have a voice in the life of the school. We will report back to all parents after each meeting. It was a really good meeting and parent's who attended felt it is a fantastic opportunity to get involved and partner with school on our children's education.

The 3 themes chosen to be discussed at the Parent Forum were:

1. The Behaviour Policy
2. How the CRB system works and the schools safeguarding policy
3. Special Educational Needs

We will have a short presentation on these topics and have a chance to discuss and understand how these topics work in schools in general and at Christ the Sower.

Did you know that research shows that parents who are engaged with their child's education can help them achieve by 30%! Let's get involved.

Bev Delaney – Parent Governor

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PARENT HELPERS IN SCHOOL

Please be reminded that we do very much welcome parents in school to help with supporting reading and other activities. May I remind and reassure parents of our parent helper policy:

- All parents must be fully CRB checked and hold a full enhanced CRB disclosure and List 99 check prior to working in the school on a regular basis.
- If a parent has had any criminal allegations made against them, these must be disclosed to the Headteacher.

BOOK FAIR

 SCHOLASTIC

Mrs Birkett and some helpers from Year 6 will be running a book fair in the school library at the following times:



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| Tuesday 20 October | 3.15 - 5.00 pm and then 6.00 pm - 8.00 pm |
| Wednesday 21 October | 6.00 - 8.00 pm |
| Thursday 22 October | 3.15 - 4.00 pm |
| Friday 23 October | 3.15 - 4.00 pm |



READING CHAMPIONS PROMOTE BOOKS FOR BOYS!

 Reading Champions

Cameron, Josh, Sebastian, Zac and Nathan are our school reading champions – their mission is to promote reading as a ‘cool’ activity for boys to do and are looking at ways to get boys excited about reading. On Tuesday and Thursday evenings next week, during the school book fair, they will be running activities for children to join in from 3.15 – 6.00pm:

1. Make a badge to show you love reading! 50p a badge – all children can participate
2. Wrestle mania Reading challenge – a special challenge only for boys. They must read 5 books over the next month and then write a short letter to a WWE champion (in less than 100 words) saying which book they would recommend they read and why. Boys will be able to collect entry cards from the reading champions during the Book Fair. The national winners get to meet the WWE stars in America!
3. Free fun book-related activity sheets for all.

We hope as many children as possible will make the most of these opportunities to get excited about books and reading.

SCHOOL CALENDAR DATES

Tuesday 20 to Friday 23 October - BOOK FAIR in school library (see above list of times)

Tuesday 20 October Parent/Carer Consultation evening

Thursday 22 October 9-10am - Prospective Parents Open Morning Tour

Thursday 22 October Parent/Carer Consultation evening

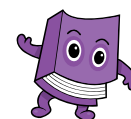
Thursday 22 October Open Forum Meeting 7.00 - 8.00 pm

Friday 23 October Break up at end of normal school day for half term holidays

Monday 2 November ALL students back to school

Wednesday 4 November Parent Workshop - “Choices” (details to follow)

Saturday 7 November Christmas Craft Fair 10am to 1pm



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