

Christ THE Sower Weekly Newsletter



20th October 2023

<https://www.ctsmk.org.uk/>

A Loving Place, Where we CARE, Learn and Grow Together

We have reached the end of the first half term of the academic year! It has been a hugely successful half term as with purposeful energy we are all working hard on our school vision to create 'the good earth' for our children to flourish and achieve their full potential.

A huge and heartfelt thank you to all our parents, who have supported us and their children since the start of the year. Your children are a credit to you, and our staff team is incredible – everyone teaches and drives from the heart, all going the extra mile to support and develop our pupils.

I have added some photo's below of some of the wonderful curriculum enrichment that has happened this term. We have worked hard to ensure that our curriculum is as broad and challenging as possible, and we go far beyond the requirements of the national curriculum.

I wish you all a happy and healthy half term break, and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 30th October 2023.

Mel Nugent
Headteacher

Our Curriculum Enrichment

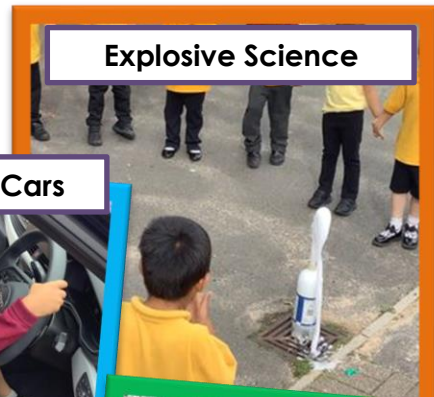
Making Compost



Exploring engines



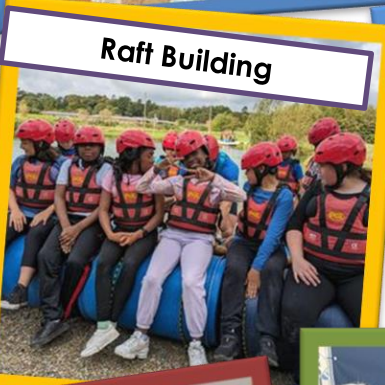
Explosive Science



Electric Cars



Raft Building



Giant Swing



Building Catapults



Structures



World record attempt



Aspirational Visitors



Robotics



Cookery



Our School Rewards

The Golden Book

We are very proud of all our children at CtS, a special well done to those that received Golden Book certificates this week!

This Week's KS2 Winners

 Mustard	Rayhaan
 Rosehip	Kadel
 Catkin	Andrew
 Barley	Evelyn
 Wheat	Sophia & Arielle

This Week's KS1 Winners

 Daisy	David
 Poppy	Mikaela
 Pumpkin	Kamal
 Acorn	Elijah

This week the theme was:

The **CARE** Value Achieved was:

Attendance Bears

KS1— Acorn 96%
KS2— Barley 99%
Well done!!

TT Rockstars

TT Rockstars Year 3 – Fathima
Year 4 - Abigail Year 5 – Ranelle
Year 6 - Jayden



The House Cup



The team that have earned the most points this week is the **Green** team
Well done **Green** Team!!

Get to Know our Governors

Each week we plan to keep you up to date with the work of the Governing Body in school. We will also meet each member of the LGB. **This week, we are introducing one of our Foundation Governors..**

Gemma Williamson- Foundation Governor

I have been a governor at Christ the Sower for almost two years. I am also Deputy Principal for Teaching & Learning at The Hazeley Academy. I am proud to support the school as link governor for English, mathematics, science and also health and safety. In my role at Hazeley, I focus on staff development, standards and lead the teaching and learning strategy. I also teach English. I am passionate about the science of learning, pedagogy and engaging learning. As an experienced senior leader, I have substantial experience in leading highly effective teams and securing strong outcomes. As a governor for Christ the Sower, I have the opportunity to bring our community closer together for the benefit of our children.

Christ the Sower’s development has been nothing short of phenomenal, making rapid and sustained improvement in all areas. Parents, children, and the wider community should be rightly proud and reassured that the school offers a high-quality education and enriching wider experiences helping prepare children for life beyond the school gates. The Hazeley Academy is delighted to receive wonderful groups of year 6 children into year 7 annually as we know that Christ the Sower develops ambitious, kind, characterful children.

Gemma Williamson



Keep Up to Date

Autumn Term 2023

October	November	December	January
Friday 20 October Last day	Tuesday 7 November PTA Meeting 6pm	Tuesday 12 Rocksteady Concert	Monday 8 January 2024 Inset Day
Monday 30 October Back to School	Thursday 9 School Photos	Wednesday 13 Christmas Jumper Day	Tuesday 9 January 2024 School reopens to students
Monday 30 Year 1 Publishing Party at 2.30pm		Wednesday 13 Christmas Lunch	



EMOTIONAL BASED SCHOOL AVOIDANCE (EBSA) PARENT GUIDANCE



What is EBSA?

Worrying or anxiety is a normal feeling that we all experience from time to time. It can even keep us safe from harm or help us perform in difficult situations. However, sometimes anxiety or excessive worrying can become a problem especially when it stops people doing what they want or need to do. Many children and young people worry about school. This is normal. Anxieties are part of life and learning to deal with them is part of growing up. However sometimes a child's worries may lead to difficulties attending school. If your child has high levels of anxiety and does not want to attend school, they may be experiencing Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA). (Credit West Sussex EPS)

Who created the booklet?

This booklet was written by parents, PACA MK (parent carer forum) MKSENDIAS, Milton Keynes Educational Psychology Service and Senior Attendance Officer (legal interventions), representatives from education, health, social care and the Schools Mental Health Team



What can I find in the booklet?

The booklet covers information on the presentation of EBSA and what parents and carers can do to support their young person. Working in partnership with the school

What can I find in the booklet?

Information on EBSA including autism
What can build and maintain resilience?
Information on the law and absence from school
FAQ
Further sources of support



Where can I find this information?

Guidance along with guidance for schools can be found on the Milton Keynes SEND Local Offer
<https://www.mksendlocaloffer.co.uk/emotionally-based-school-avoidance-ebsa>



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