

Wednesday 7th September 2022

Our new reception children September 2022

Initial parent meetings

On Thursday 15th September we are having our initial parent meetings. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher, find out about the class routines and some of the things the children will be doing this year. Each teacher will be running two sessions in their classroom at 5:30pm and 6pm. You don't need to sign up for the sessions, just come to your child's classroom at 5:30 or 6pm.

Harvest Festival

On Friday 16th September we will be having our Harvest Festival service in the church (St Thomas a Becket) for the children. The service will be led by Clair Southgate. As part of the service there will be a collection of long life harvest gifts, such as: tins, pasta, sugar, tea, coffee and nappies. These gifts will be collected and taken to Bristol where they will be distributed by the 'Sisters of the Church' to the homeless and those in need in Bristol.

Staff Development Days (SDDays)

Don't forget we have our next SDDay on Friday 9th September. We have another booked in for Monday 17th April and there is one further SDDay to be confirmed.

Music lessons

All violin, woodwind, cello, keyboard and guitar lessons start next week. If you signed up for music lessons before the summer break you will receive an email this week confirming what day your child's lesson will take place and their music teacher.

Lost property

Our aim for this year is to keep lost property to zero! To do this we really need your help. Please can you name all your children's uniform, bags, coats, shoes, water bottles and lunchboxes. All named lost property is returned to its owner.

Winter illness

On the next page is the latest guidance from the UK Health Security Agency on what to do if your child has symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19.

You can read the full guidance at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19#Children>



Box CE VC Primary School

School Diary

Autumn 2022

Term 1

09/09/22 - SDDay
15/09/22 - initial parents' meetings, 5:30pm & 6pm
16/09/22 - Harvest Festival
13 & 18/10/22 - parents' evenings
19/10/22 - last day of term

Term 2

31/10/22 - first day of term
13/12/22 - Ash, Oak & Willow Christmas dinner & party
14/12/22 - Beech, Chestnut & Sycamore Christmas dinner & party
16/12/22 - Carol service & last day of term

Term 3

03/01/23 - first day of term
07/02/23 - Safer Internet Day
09/02/23 - Year 6 tests meeting
10/02/23 - last day of term

Term 4

20/02/23 - first day of term
02/03/23 - World Book Day
13/03/23 - waste week
15/03/23 - Year 2 tests meeting
21 & 23/03/23 - parents' evenings
31/03/23 - Easter service & last day of term

Term 5

17/04/23 - SDDay
18/04/23 - first day of term
08/05/23 - KS2 test week
15/05/23 - KS1 test week
18/05/23 - Ascension Day services
22-26/05/23 - Yr 6 residential visit to Jamie's Farm
26/05/23 - last day of term

Term 6

05/06/23 - first day of term
07-09/06/23 - Yr 4 residential visit to Braeside
22/06/23 - Windrush Day
23/06/23 - Sports Day 1:20pm
25/07/23 - leavers service 2pm in the church & last day of term

School Garden

Thank you very much to the parents who helped look after the school garden with Clair Southgate during the school holiday and helped to get it ready for the start of term. Your help is very much appreciated.

School Policies

Statutory policies such as our Child Protection and behaviour policies have been updated during the summer holidays and can be found on our school website in the policy section.

Children and young people (aged 18 years and under) who have symptoms of a respiratory infection, including COVID-19

Respiratory infections are common in children and young people, particularly during the winter months. Symptoms can be caused by several respiratory infections including the common cold, COVID-19 and RSV.

For most children and young people, these illnesses will not be serious, and they will soon recover following rest and plenty of fluids.

Very few children and young people with respiratory infections become seriously unwell. This is also true for children and young people with long-term conditions. Some children under 2, especially those born prematurely or with a heart condition, can be more seriously unwell from respiratory syncytial virus [RSV](#).

Attending education is hugely important for children and young people's health and their future.

When children and young people with symptoms should stay at home and when they can return to education

Children and young people with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, who are otherwise well, can continue to attend their education setting.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people, where they can. They can go back to school, college or childcare, and resume normal activities when they no longer have a high temperature and they are well enough to attend.

All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

It can be difficult to know when to seek help if your child is unwell. If you are worried about your child, especially if they are aged under 2 years old, then you should seek medical help.

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.