

**Jesus said, "I have come in order that you might have life – life in all its fullness."**

*(John 10:10)*



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**Newsletter**  
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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends of Christ Church,

#### **Perseverance matters**

Last weekend I watched the 2016 *Eddie the Eagle* film about a British Olympic ski jumper who showed amazing personal perseverance. Eddie kept going when others gave up, and many others would not have tried in the first place. (If you enjoyed *Cool Runnings* – the film about the Jamaican bobsleigh team – you'll love *Eddie the Eagle*.)

At Christ Church, we value perseverance because learning is a process whereby long-term success is built on short-term "failure". Not everyone finds failure easy to cope with. That's why perseverance is so important, and why we actively seek to develop it in children at Christ Church.

Rupert Kaye,  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January ... 10.30am, Parent Tour of the school

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January ... 6.30–8pm, Prayer Meeting for parents, staff, governors and friends of our school

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January ... 3.15pm, Ruby Class cake sale

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February ... 10.30am, Parent Tour of the school

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February ... 9.15am, Headteacher's Commendations  
Assembly followed by Golden Time Party

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February ... 3.15pm, Pearl Class cake sale

**Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> February ... Spring Half-Term Holiday**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February ... Children back to school

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March ... 6.30–8pm, Prayer Meeting for parents, staff, governors and friends of our school

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March ... 10.30am, Parent Tour of the school

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March ... Year 4 "Pilgrim Day" at Wells Cathedral

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March ... 3.30–6pm, Parents' Evening

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March ... 3.30–6pm, Parents' Evening

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March ... 3.15pm, Sapphire Class cake sale

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March ... Red Nose Day

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March ... 2.30pm, Mother's Day Service at school  
(parents invited)

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March ... 9.15am, Headteacher's Commendations  
Assembly followed by Golden Time Party

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March ... PTFA Easter Egg Hunt

**Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> – Mon 17<sup>th</sup> April ... Easter Holiday/Bank Holiday**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April ... Children back to school

*Please note: dates may be subject to change*



### **Value focus:**

**Perseverance**  
means ... *we work hard and keep trying until we succeed*



**This week's Bible reference:**

"Jesus said, 'There was once a judge who was not afraid of God and who did not respect any man or woman. Now, in that same city there was a widow who needed his help.

Every day she knocked on his door and said, 'Please help me!' For a while the judge would not help her but eventually her persistence wore him down and he did as she asked."

*(Luke 18:2–5)*

# Our five core Christian values: **Respect Thankfulness Perseverance Forgiveness Responsibility**



## Please visit our school website

All of our letters, news, diary dates and more can be found on our website:  
[www.christchurchschoolfrome.org.uk](http://www.christchurchschoolfrome.org.uk)

### School Facebook page

Please "like" the Christ Church First School and Nursery PTFA Facebook page.

### School Admissions Facebook page

Visit and "like" the Somerset School Admissions Facebook page to receive updates and deadline reminders: <https://www.facebook.com/SomersetSchoolAdmissions/>

### Following our Facebook rules

-  Yes, please do spread **good news** about Christ Church whenever we get it right or you just want to say a big "Thank you!"
-  If something doesn't go well, or you feel let down or confused by something at school, please let us know straight away so we can put it right. Please do this **BEFORE** you post a grumble or a complaint on Facebook!
-  Yes, if you have an issue about pupil behaviour or classwork then, in the first instance, please speak to the class teacher about this.
-  Yes, if you have an issue about money, lunches, after-school clubs, school uniform or Health and Safety issues, please speak to office staff.
-  Yes, if you still have a complaint, please follow our school Complaints Procedure rather than posting your criticism on social media.
-  Yes, do post pictures of your own child on Facebook where these photos have been taken at a school event or on the school premises (but please make sure your pictures do not include other people's children, even in the background).

## School and Nursery emergency closure

It is important to emphasise that only in extreme circumstances will Christ Church close. We will always try to keep the school open come rain, shine or blizzard. But ... we may have to close if it has become **too cold** in school/nursery or **too risky** for children, staff and parents to travel safely to and from Christ Church. We will attempt to alert you in one or more of the following ways:

### RADIO

**BBC Somerset: 95.5FM or 1566AM**  
**Heart FM: 96.5/97.1 or 102.6FM**



### TELEPHONE

The school telephone will operate from **9.00–10.00am** and **3.00–4.00pm** each day; the number is **01373 463781**.



### TEXT

**Do we have your up-to-date mobile number?**

### WEBSITE

A message will be posted on the home page.

## Sue Crisfield of Mendip YMCA writes:

"I wanted to thank the children at Christ Church First School for all of the lovely Christmas gifts donated to the young people who are homeless in the community or use our supported housing project at Frome Foyer. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Thank you so much!"

## **Hurry! There are still places in most of our after-school clubs this term**

*Please note: Cooking Club is full but all other clubs still have spaces. All places are offered on a first come, first served basis.*