



Our school value this half term is “Compassion”

‘Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’

Colossians 3.12

Forthcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

Please check all our key dates on the website—a reminder of some key dates is below.

Year 6 WW1 Liverpool Trip—Friday 16th November

Year 5 Greek Day & Year 6 WWII Day— Friday 30th November

Breakfast with Father Christmas—7th December

Year 3 Roman Day—7th December

(Letters will be sent out to Year 3 children regarding this day)

School Christmas Dinner—13th December

Junior Pantomime & Infant Fun Day— 19th December

Key Stage 1 Christmas Party—Wednesday 19th December

Key Stage 2 Christmas Party—Thursday 20th December (full details to follow)

Christmas Nativity Plays

Years 1 & 2 Monday 10th December & Tuesday 11th December 1.30 p.m.

Reception Friday 14th December 9.30 a.m.

To which parents, grandparents and carers are warmly welcomed.

KS2 Christmas Service in Church

The KS2 Christmas Service will take place on Monday 17th December 6.00 to 7.00 p.m. at Christ Church. The children should be in school by 5.30 p.m. dressed in their winter school uniform (shirt & tie—no cardigans or sweatshirts) and will be taken to church by their teachers. Children who need costumes will have these provided. Children can be collected from church following the performance.

Autumn Term Clubs

All clubs have now started. Please refer to our school website for full details of lunchtime and afternoon clubs. A polite reminder please that drama club finishes at 4.15pm

Year 3 Christmas Ukulele Concert

Year 3 are proud to present their Christmas Ukulele Concert to their parents/carers on **Tuesday 18th December at 9.15 a.m.** Children may come dressed in elf costumes for this performance, with an elf hat if possible. Following our concert, Year 3 children have been invited to perform for residents at Aughton Park Care Home. They will be walked down to the care home by Mrs. Chapple, Mrs. Brewer, Mr Kennedy and Mr Woodward. This opportunity reflects our school value of compassion and we would be grateful if parents/carers could return permission slips for their child as soon as possible.

Signing Choir Singing at Alder Hey Children’s Hospital and Aughton Park Care Home

Mrs Frackelton’s signing choir have been invited to perform at **Alder Hey Children’s Hospital on Tuesday 4th December at 10.00am till 11.30am.** They will be taken by coach to the hospital and perform in the atrium to patients. Mrs.Chapple and Mrs Frackelton will be leading this trip. We have also been invited to perform at Aughton Park Care home on Wednesday 5th December. The children will be walked down to the care home. These are both wonderful opportunity for the children to show our school value of compassion and we would be grateful if parents/carers could complete the permission slip that will be given to the choir at their rehearsal on Monday.

Violin & Cello

Parents/carers are warmly invited to attend a Violin & Cello concert on Thursday 6th December (time to be confirmed ASAP). Please be aware that Violin and Cello lessons will be taking place on a Thursday for the rest of this term. The children will receive an additional session in December to make up for the cancelled lesson back in October.

Cricket Club Dates

Thursday 15th November, Thursday 22nd November, Thursday 29th November, Thursday 6th December, Thursday 13th December.

Notices



Administration of Medicines in School

As you know prescription medication can be administered to children in school if parents/carers are unable to do so. Two medicine forms must be completed before medicines can be accepted. However, Lancashire Guidelines dictate that we are unable to administer non-prescription medicines in school. We would therefore appreciate your cooperation in not sending children into school with cough sweets, lip balm, and other over-the-counter medicines. Thank you.

Drama Club Cancelled Next Week

Unfortunately due to staff commitments, Drama Club is cancelled next week, Tuesday 15th November

School Photographs

Please ensure that photograph orders are returned to school by Thursday 15th November at the very latest. Class photographs will follow shortly.

New School Website Coming Soon !

May we remind parents to return the “School Spider” consent form by the end of this week. Thank you.

We’re supporting



On Friday 16th November we will be supporting ‘Children In Need’ which reflects our school value of “Compassion”. As requested by some children, we invite everyone on this date to come to school in their own clothes and with crazy hair in

exchange for a donation to this good cause. We appreciate that Year 4 children are going swimming on this day and ask that they do not wear hair dye. However they can still participate by wearing crazy, fun hair accessories if they wish.

School Parental Questionnaire

In the Summer Term we held our annual parental questionnaire. Parental views are always very important to us and we have taken time to analyse these, the results of which can be seen on pages 2 and 3.



Parental Questionnaire Review – 2018

Thank you so much to all of our parents who responded to our parental questionnaire in the Summer term.

We have now analysed the results and will use this data as part of school development for the coming year ahead.

We were delighted to receive **116** responses to our questionnaire. Below are the results of those parents who **agreed**, were **unsure** or **disagreed** to each question.

In particular it was pleasing that:

All 116 people agreed their children were safe at school.

114 parents agreed their children enjoyed school.

115 parents agreed that they were happy with their child’s experiences at Aughton Christ Church C of E Primary School.

All 116 parents felt the teaching was good and 115 would recommend our school to others.

I was also delighted to receive so much positive feedback regarding the school in so many ways, including:

‘I cannot rate this school and its staff highly enough’

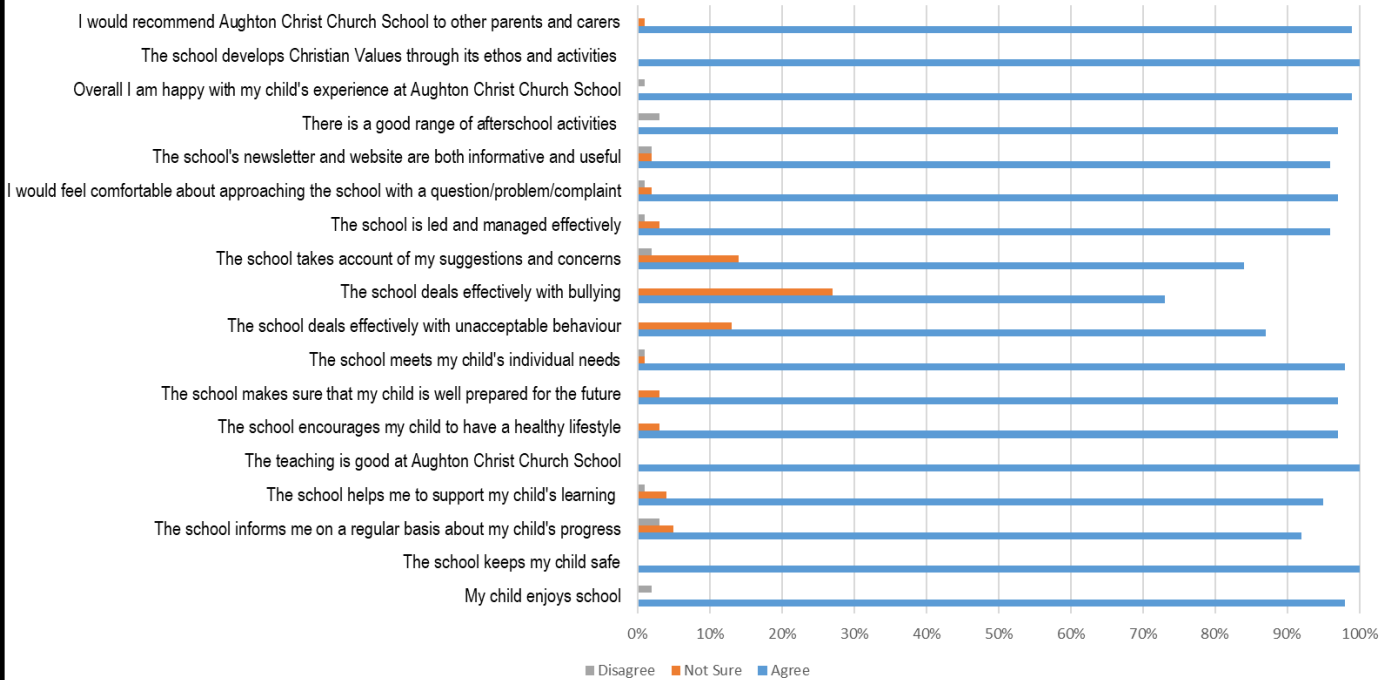
‘Fantastic school, fantastic staff, learning, teaching and support’

‘Brilliant leadership, and fantastic staff who know all the children very well, you can see in the reports and at parents evenings’

‘The teachers within school go above and beyond to provide our children with opportunities’

‘This year’s residential was a fantastic experience and a wonderful opportunity for the children’

Feedback from Parents Questionnaire Summer 2018





As a result of this questionnaire we have taken on board that some parents reported to be **unsure** or **disagreed**. We are therefore using this information, along with additional comments to develop the following areas in school.

Newsletter and Website

We currently have a weekly informative newsletter including dates of events and a regularly updated website. We are now in the process of having a new website and APP designed to ensure the information we provide is as clear and accessible as possible. We will keep you informed of its progress.

After school opportunities

We are reviewing afterschool activities for the children. We have recently achieved the Gold Award for School Sport and P.E due to high level of sporting opportunities we provide for all children. So far this term we have had the following provision for after school clubs:

Autumn Term

Craft Club – Reception

Sports club – Year 1

Mad Science - Year 1-6

Dodgeball - Year 2-6

Spanish - Year 2

Drama - Year 3-6

Athletics - Year 4

Cricket - Year 5- 6

Football - Year 5-6

In addition there have been the following lunchtime clubs:

Choir - Year 1-6

Chess - Year 5-6

Signing Choir - Year 4, 5 and 6

Following parental feedback, we are continuing to review the breadth of opportunities so all of our children have as many extended chances as possible.

Bullying and Behaviour

When asked if school deals with bullying effectively we had no one disagree but we did have a number of parents who said that they were unsure. School has very clear procedures and strategies for addressing poor behaviour and bullying which are published on our website. Our PSHE curriculum and Christian school values cover all these issues and we also undertake many additional planned activities with the children through whole school events. Next week is anti-bullying week and there will be a whole school approach as usual towards the issue of bullying. As a result of the feedback, we also intend to hold workshops for parents to discuss our policies and procedures in dealing with bullying and behaviour. We will inform you of these dates on the weekly newsletter and website.

Updates on Progress

A small percentage of parents also felt that school didn't keep them informed about their child's progress on a regular basis. We hold termly opportunities for parents to come in and attend a formal evening to discuss their child's progress as well as an end of year written report. To further address this we have altered how we provide information on parents evening. We hope this is meaningful and clear and will ensure you know about your child's progress throughout the year. However, should you wish to gain further information throughout the year you are always welcome to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

I hope parents feel that we take on board any concerns and ideas. However, if you feel we are not addressing your concerns or if you are concerned about any area of school life, please make an appointment to come and see either your class teacher or myself to address any issues.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely

***Mr D Kennedy
Headteacher***



'Girlie Night in' at Christ Church Ministry Centre

On **Friday 16th November from 7.45 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.** we will be hosting a 'Girlie Night In' beauty night with Tropic. The Tropic Band offers a vegan, cruelty free and 100% naturally derived range of luxury skincare and beauty products to suit all skin types. A representative from Tropic will be coming along to explain the background and ethos of Tropic. There will be demonstrations of both facials and makeup. All ladies will be given the opportunity to sample all the award winning products. A percentage of the proceeds will be going to Macmillan.

Tearfund's Big Quiz Night



Thousands of people and hundreds of churches will be joining in the Tearfund's Big Quiz Night on Saturday 17th November at 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Our young people are organising our exciting Quiz Night on this same evening. We really hope you can join us.

Admission is £5.00 per team member and teams can be up to 6 people. No need to worry if you don't have a team already—we are great team builders! We will be offering you great snacks and soft drinks to help us raise some essential funds to fight poverty. Bring your friends and your excellent brains!

Tickets from the Ministry centre Office or from Jane Lake on 07711 066 179

Christmas Party



The family Christmas Party will take place in the Ministry Centre on Saturday 24th November 2018 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. till Afternoon treats, a visit from Santa, crafts, games and entertainment. All welcome. Tickets available from the Ministry Centre. £3.00 per child and £5.00 for a family ticket.

Polite Notice from the Ministry Centre

Please can parents park responsibly in the marked bays only. Please avoid parking alongside the building, in the hatched areas and on the grass. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARENT HELPERS ASSOCIATION

Forthcoming Events & Activities

Christmas Cards

We would like to thank everyone for their Christmas card orders this year. Hopefully you will now have received your cards and the mugs will follow shortly. If you have any queries please contact Cauliflower cards directly on 0800 043 2273 or E: office@cauliflowergroup.co.uk



OUR NEXT MAIN EVENT IS:-

Christmas Stockings

Our popular Children's Christmas Stockings are back again this year. Children may bring in donations for the stockings such as small treats, gifts or toys. **The donations need to be sent into school by Friday 7th December.** The children will then have the opportunity to buy as many goes as they like to win the stocking. Each entry is 50p a go and entries need to be sent into school in a **sealed envelope detailing your child's name, year group and "Christmas Stocking"**. The Christmas Stocking will be drawn on the Christmas Party Day.

Beetle Drive

Beetle Drive is a fast-paced energetic game for families to be held on **Friday 1st February**. Doors open at 5.30 p.m. and Beetle Drive starts at 6.00 p.m. Tickets are £3.00 a pair. Refreshments will be available to buy on the night and there will be a raffle. Every game is a race against time and the first to draw the complete beetle wins a prize.



Save the date in your diary for our ever-popular **Easter Bingo on Friday 29th March**. Doors open at 5.30 p.m. and its eyes down at 6.00 p.m. Tickets cost £3.50 a person and include entrance, Bingo books, an Irish Lottery ticket and a pen. Refreshments will be available to buy on the night and there will be a raffle.

Sponsored Run

Thursday 25th April will see all children compete in a sponsored run. This event will be held during school hours so parents will not attend. Sponsor forms will be sent home before the Easter holidays and all forms and **money raised needs to be returned to school by Friday 26th April**.

Christ Church Summer Social

In a twist this year, our Summer Fair is to be held on **Friday 14th June from 3:30pm until late**. The focus will be on family fun and there will be our fabulous BBQ, various other food stalls, fun games and refreshments. We would hope everyone could join us for a night of entertainment and a get together with friends, bring a picnic blanket and spend the night with us for a great cause.