



Our school value this half term is “Courage”

‘Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.’

Joshua 1.9

Notices

School Spider App

Please be aware that once you have logged into the School Spider App it is essential that you remain logged in, in order to receive messages.

Year 4 Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons at Park Pool - Friday 8th February will be the final session.

Book in a Box Competition

We have received some amazing entries. The winning entries from each class will win vouchers to spend at the Book Fair and these are being displayed in the school hall alongside the Book Fair for parents and carers to see.

Travelling Books—Book Fair in School

The Book Fair will run up to and including Friday 8th February in the school hall between 8:45 a.m. and 9:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. Please try and visit our Book Fair at some point during the week with your child and help us to promote a love of reading with children in school.

Crosby Marina Residential for Year 5

Letters have now been distributed to the children in Year 5 by Mrs. Frackelton. Please return the permission slip together with £10.00 deposit to school by **Friday 8th February** in order to secure a place for your child. All payments must be sent to school in a sealed envelope. Thank you.

Please note that there will be a meeting for all Year 5 parents on **Friday 22nd March** at 2:45pm. This will be held in the school hall and there will be an opportunity for parents to find out about this visit.

Year 6 Tower Wood 2019 Holiday Payments

Please ensure that the payment card provided accompanies all payments for the school holiday to Tower Wood on Monday 24th June to Friday 28th June.

We are able to accept any instalments until the end of May 2019.

Cheques should be made payable to “L.C.C.” Thank you.

Online Safety

This week all of the children have been thinking about how to stay safe online. They have had special assemblies and workshops in their classes which have focussed on this important issue. We also welcomed parents into school to discuss this important issue and support the ways in which you can help your children at home. Please see our school website for further details and advice about keeping your children safe online by clicking on the link below.

<https://www.aughtonchristchurch.lancs.sch.uk/page/online-safety/49955>

Letter from the Secretary of State for Education

We were delighted to receive a lovely letter from the Secretary of State for Education this week. The letter outlines that in terms of the progress our pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the End of Key Stage 2, our school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England.

The letter congratulates pupils and staff in school on last years end of Key Stage 2 assessments and reflects the hard work and commitment of all the wonderful staff and children in our school. I have said many times how proud I am of the daily achievements of all the staff and children in our school and this letter is another example of how our children continue to excel in so many ways every single day. The letter can be seen in full on page 2 of our newsletter.

Mr D Kennedy

Forthcoming Events

Dates for your Diary

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

Tuesday 12th February— Y5 Victorian Day

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February—Half Term

Friday 8th March-PHA Disco (see slip on page 3)

Thursday 21st March—Aughton Music Festival (St. Michael’s School)

Aughton Music Festival

Both solo and ensemble entry forms for Aughton Music Festival are now available from our school office. This year the festival will be taking place on Thursday 21st March at Aughton St Michael’s Primary School. **The closing date for entries is Friday 8th February.** All details can be found on the entry forms.

PHA Disco Friday 8th March

Infants— 5.00 p.m.—6.00 p.m.

Juniors— 6.15 p.m.—7.15 p.m.

Tickets are £3.00 per child, which includes a snack and a drink. Please complete and return the slip provided on page 3 of this Newsletter or handwritten equivalent.

If you are writing a cheque please ensure that you make this payable to “Christ Church P.H.A.” Thank you.



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Mr David Kennedy
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/ February 2019

Dear Mr Kennedy,

We would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on the very high level of progress that pupils in your school demonstrated in the reading, writing and mathematics Key Stage 2 assessments last year.

Your school's results, as published on 13 December, show progress scores of 3.5, 3.7 and 4.6 in English reading, writing and mathematics respectively. This means that in terms of the progress your pupils make between Key Stage 1 and the end of Key Stage 2, your school is amongst the top 3% of schools in England.

We want to equip every child with the fluency in reading, writing and mathematics necessary to prepare them for a successful secondary education and beyond, and your school has provided this.

Thank you for producing such high standards through your hard work and professionalism, and congratulations again to you and your staff for all you have achieved.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP
Secretary of State for Education

Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP
Minister of State for School Standards

PARENT HELPERS ASSOCIATION

Forthcoming Events & Activities

OUR NEXT MAIN EVENT IS:-



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.

PHA Disco on Friday 8th March 2019

Infants Disco— 5.00 p.m.—6.00 p.m.

Juniors Disco— 6.15 p.m.—7.15 p.m.

(Tickets are £3.00 per child—Price includes a snack and a drink)

I hereby give consent for my child/ren to attend the disco on Friday 8th March 2019 as follows:-

My child **(Full Name)** _____ **in Year** _____ will be attending the disco at £3.00 per child

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Please list any allergies: _____

Total enclosed £ _____ (*Cheques payable to "Christ Church P.H.A."*)

Signature

Parent/Guardian

Date: __/__/2019

Please complete this slip (or handwritten equivalent) and return it to **your eldest child's class teacher together with payment in a sealed envelope marked "P.H.A. Disco"**