



Our school value this half term is: "Perseverance"

'I can do all things through Him who strengthens me'

Psalm 18.2

## Notices

### At Aughton Christ Church, We Love Reading

To help us to promote a love of reading with children in school, we are planning several exciting reading initiatives to tie in with world book day.

#### World Book Day—3rd March

Children are invited to attend school on **Thursday 3rd March** dressed as a character from their favourite book to celebrate World Book Day. We will also be running a competition for the children to create a

recycled 'Reading Buddy'. Here are a few examples, but please use your imagination and get creative. Upcycle your rubbish into something beautiful and grow/make yourself a reading buddy. The closing date for our competition will be World Book Day (**Thursday 3rd March**).



### Sponsored Read & Extreme Reading Challenge

Over half term we will be running a sponsored readathon (*please see page 3 for details*) and an extreme reading competition where we invite all the children and staff to take pictures of themselves reading in the most interesting and unique places. How far can you take your reading? A letter was sent home and shared on ClassDojo yesterday with further details.



### Book Fair

The Book Fair will be in the school hall from Thursday 3rd to Tuesday 8th March. Times will be released after half term. Please try and visit our Book Fair at some point during the week with your child and help us promote reading for enjoyment. Every book sold at the book fair helps us earn rewards that our school can then spend on books for our classrooms and library.

### Phonics at Christ Church School

Following an update from the DfE around phonics teaching, and in line with our school improvement plan, as a school we have moved to 'Essential Letters & Sounds' (ELS) systematic, synthetic programme (SSP) for teaching phonics in Reception and Year 1. Children in these classes have received a letter giving further details of our phonics programme. We will be holding a meeting in school for Reception and Year 1 parents on Tuesday 22nd February at 6pm to further explain how we teach reading in our school. Please do try to attend this meeting if you have a child in these classes.

### Music Tuition

We are working closely with Lancashire Music service to provide extended opportunities for additional instrument tuition. Over the last term we have been working hard with Ormskirk Music Centre and Chris Cull to develop opportunities and he will lead this music tuition.

On **Monday 21st February**, we will be having a special assembly in school when Chris will tell all the children about the different instruments they may wish to learn. Following this special assembly, the children will bring letters home detailing the instruments available and prices for lessons.

Then on **Monday 28th February** there will be an after-school session from **3:30-5:00pm** for parents to come and discuss the instruments with your children and actually try them out. At his evening you will be able to talk to the music teachers and sign up for instrument tuition should you wish. Please put this date in your diary.

### Online Safety

Online safety also plays an important part in keeping all children safe and supports their well being. This week we had special assemblies to talk to the children about the importance of respect on line and remaining safe. This was followed up with class actives. If you click on the link here you can see many ways of supporting your children to stay safe online.

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

### Dates for your diary

*Monday 14th to Friday 18th February—Half Term*

*Tuesday 22nd February—Phonics meeting for Rec & Y1 parents 6pm*

*Monday 28th February—Rec & Y6 height/weight screening*

*Monday 28th February—Music tuition sign-up 3:30-5pm*

*Tuesday 1st March—Y5 & Y6 visit to Bridgewater Hall*

*Thursday 3rd March—World Book Day*

*Thursday 3rd to Tuesday 8th March—Book Fair*

## Update on Covid-19 - Isolation and Testing

As a school we continue to have measures in place for the safety of our whole community. Upon our initial return to school in January we maintained a bubble structure in school to allow us to review cases and our school and community context.

Last Monday we removed our bubble structure and have monitored school carefully this week. School has functioned really well and we have once again come together in the hall for whole school worship. We will continue to keep our measures and school context under daily review to ensure the most appropriate measures for our setting are in place.

Also, in line with Government guidance, **from January 11th, people testing asymptotically do not need to book a PCR test if they have a positive LFD result.** They can just start their isolation from the day of their positive LFD test.

**People who are symptomatic should still book a PCR test.**

From **Monday 17th January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 now have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, **if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.**

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.



"Inspiring a child to read is one of the greatest gifts you can give"

Julia Donaldson

Author and Read for Good Patron

Dear Parent / Guardian,

We are excited as a school to be taking part in Read for Good's sponsored read which has a long track record of encouraging students to read for fun. Pupils choose what they want to read, and the money they raise, as well as providing them with fantastic motivation, enables Read for Good to provide brand new books and storyteller visits to children in a chosen hospital. The hospital we are hoping to provide books for is **ALDERHEY CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL..**

Research shows again and again that young people who regularly choose to read are more likely to do well in exams, and throughout their lives. Read for Good's sponsored read helps to establish and reinforce these good habits and enables pupils to discover which books, authors and genres they enjoy the most.

Our school earns 20% of our overall sponsorship total in free books as well, so please, please encourage your child to get involved by supporting their reading.

For more information on the work of Read for Good, go to <http://readforgood.org/>.

You can use the sponsor card that your child has brought home to sponsor your child or alternatively you can follow this link to sponsor a pupil:

<https://readforgood.org/sponsor-a-pupil-taking-part-in-readathon/>

If you sponsor online, your details will not be used by Read for Good for any other purpose. No pupil information is recorded in this process to ensure appropriate data protection.

We will also be holding an **EXTREME READING COMPETITION**. The competition is for children to take pictures in the most unique, interesting and unusual places! **How far can you take your reading?** Email or bring in your photos after half term which will be displayed and judged on **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February** and the winner announced **on World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**.

So get reading this half term and enjoy.

Thank you for your support

