



Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year.

Our newest children in Reception seem very happy and are settling well already!

Don't they look smart and grown up in their uniforms! In fact, in all of the classes, the children have returned focussed and content.

Staffing update: It's another exciting year for us with Mrs Vassiliou as our Head of School supported by Miss Wheeler (Y6) as the Deputy Head. I continue as a Learning Network Inspector on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week, working across Barnet. Mrs Breheny is our Safeguarding and Well-being leader and part of the senior leadership team.

A little thing that makes a big difference...

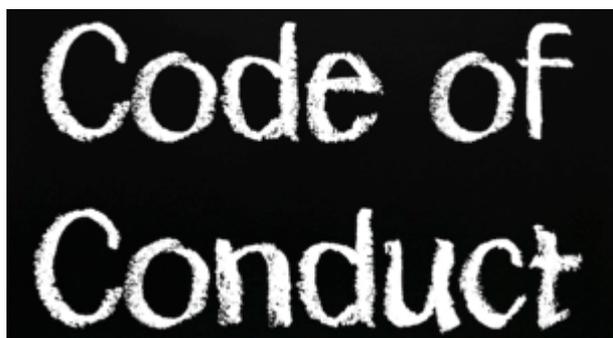
At Trent we have a strong school identity, practiced every single day, and I know how proud we all feel to belong here with our smart children, ready to be smart in their learning. During the day, shirts often get untucked, please help us to keep our great attitude to school by reminding your child to keep 'tucked-in'. Remarkably, it's a really small thing to do that seems to make a big difference to learning! This year, every child needs to wear a shirt with a tie, unless it is a PE day when they can wear the school PE kit and trainers (in plain dark, school colours).



Snacks in school – a polite reminder

Despite our healthy lunches, once the clock turns to 3.30pm, *everyone* at school feels hungry! If your child is staying for a club, you may want to send them in with a small snack. Please resist sending a huge amount, as they will spend most of the club time missing-out whilst they eat, and then soon feel uncomfortable running around on a full tummy. A piece of fruit

or a small, healthy sandwich is just right. Please don't ever send in anything with nuts or chocolate or any fizzy drinks or crisps. We have plenty of water, readily available to top up water bottles in school, so a drink is not necessary at the end of the day. **As many of you are already aware, the children in Reception Class and KS1 have fruit supplied for them at playtimes. For children in years 3-6, they are able to bring in a snack of fruit or vegetables only (no fruit winders, cereal bars etc).**



Please do check your child's book bag next week as we are sending home the 'Parents' Code of Conduct' and the 'Photography and filming' consent form for you to read, sign and return to your class teacher. We kindly ask that you spend some time reading these carefully in particular the section on social media.



PTA news

A huge 'Thank you' to our PTA who fund-raised, in just one year, enough money to buy a challenging new climbing frame for all the children across the school.

Thank you for your contributions to the Governors' Maintenance and Contingency fund which met the shortfall, allowing us to start the new year with it in place.

Once ROSPA (Royal Society for Prevention of Accidents) have approved the construction, the children will be able to use it.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT:

- 1) **THE CLIMBING FRAME IS NEVER USED BY PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN.**
- 2) **NO CHILD USES THE CLIMBING FRAME BEFORE OR AFTER SCHOOL.**

KEEPING COMMUNICATION STRONG!

Open communication between home and school is a great strength of our lovely school - many parents have mentioned to me how much they appreciate Mrs Ring's frequent texts and Mrs Murray's quick calls home. However, we are continually looking for ways to make 'receiving messages' even better, easier for you to do and in ways that make sure the right person at school hears information from home. You can help us out like this:



- ✚ In the mornings, before the school day starts, and when the bell rings, please give messages to the **teaching assistant** only. Teachers are busy preparing for a day's teaching and then greeting the children. This type of message would probably involve matters affecting your child in the day ahead.
- ✚ If you need to speak with the class **teacher**, please pop in/call/email Julie to make an appointment to see them at the end of the day – usually they will be available on the same day, unless teachers have another meeting planned. Wednesday is our staff meeting day. Usually either Mrs Breheny or Miss Wheeler (Y6) will come along too.
- ✚ If there is something more worrying or something that continues to be a worry, the teachers will be happy to meet again. Hopefully, this meeting can also be arranged at short notice via the Office but it might be helpful if you can give Julie an idea beforehand so that the right people meet up. As you may know, medical matters are Mrs Murray's specialism, food and eating matters may involve Mrs Holmes too.

On a separate matter, should your child have any new medication, a change of dietary or medical needs, a change of family circumstances or if YOU change your contact details, please let us know as soon as possible.



Please remember to **park with care** and consideration for others in our community. No parking, please, on Church Lane or at Church House.

Reception class 2019 – Christ Church Cheese and Wine Welcome Event

The Revs Jon and James invite all Reception parents to Church House on **Thursday 12th September, 8pm – 9.15pm** for a social evening.



Assembly rota for this term:

I know that many parents like to follow our collective worship themes with discussion at home too. Here is the rota for the term ahead:

Big Question: What can we learn from these OT Characters? (Monday- Hymn Practise, Wednesday- Church team, Thursday- celebrations)			
W/B	Aim	Passage	School Value
2 September			
9 September	To launch the school values, focus on one each term (Inspired by Christ we serve one another in love)	Philippians 2	Kindness
16 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand that God is in control of every aspect of our lives and that we can trust him to care for us even in difficult situations. To understand that God uses ordinary people and difficult circumstances to bring about his bigger plan for the world. 	Ruth 1:1-2:23	Kindness
23 September		Ruth 3:1-4:22	Kindness
30 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand that God is at work in all things, both good and bad, for the good of his people. To understand that we can trust God because his plans and timing are far better than our own. To understand that God always defeats his enemies and rescues his people, no matter how impossible it might seem. 	Esther 1:1-4:17	Kindness
7 October		Esther 5:1-7:10	Kindness
14 October		Esther 8:1-10:3	Kindness
21 October			
28 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand that those who love God will listen to, trust and obey his word wholeheartedly. To understand that we reject God when we desire to be like the world instead of seeking his will. To understand that God will judge repeated and deliberate disobedience. 	1 Samuel 8:1-22	Kindness
4 November		1 Samuel 9:1-10:27	Kindness
11 November	Act of Remembrance		Kindness
18 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand that those who love God will listen to, trust and obey his word wholeheartedly. To understand that we reject God when we desire to be like the world instead of seeking his will. To understand that God will judge repeated and deliberate disobedience. 	1 Samuel 13:1-14:45	Kindness
25 November		1 Samuel 15:1-35	Kindness
2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand that Jesus is the King to whom all the Old Testament stories point. To teach that Jesus is God the Son in human form - fully God and fully man. To understand that Jesus came into this world to rescue people from their sins. To challenge children to worship Jesus as King. 	Matthew 1:1-17	Kindness
9 December		Matthew 1:18-25	Kindness
16 December		Matthew 2:1-12	Humility

You will see that our new school value of **KINDNESS** is the focus for this term. Our Welcome Service is on Wednesday 11th September at 9am in Christ Church.

Curriculum Information Meetings:

- Tuesday 10th @ 2:45pm Year 6
- Wednesday 11th @ 2:45pm Year 3
- Thursday 12th @ 9:00am- Year 5
- Thursday 12th @ 2:45pm Year 4
- Friday 13th @ 9:00am Year 2
- Friday 13th @ 2:45pm Year 1



Can't make it?
Look out for the Curriculum Information Letters in the bookbags and on the website.



Gardening Club Appeal

Over the last few terms Ms Kenealy has been running after school Gardening club which is continuing this term on a Tuesday. However, she has a new helper – Mr Holmes! (Yes – husband to Mrs Holmes). He will be taking a group of pupils on **Monday lunchtimes** to grow plants that encourage wildlife, particularly butterflies and bees. We currently have hundreds of empty pots and planters standing empty and would be grateful for any **donations of seeds, plants, tools, compost etc...** *If you have something that we may find useful, please bring it into the school Office on Mondays for Ms Kenealey and Mr Holmes to see.*

With every blessing for another successful year ahead,

Mrs L Yarwood and Mrs Vassiliou

Please check our Google calendar for the latest updates.