



The Chronicle

News from Christ Church Academy



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We have enjoyed a very interesting start to the half term. Last week, lessons had the common thread of 'Remembrance and the Centenary of the end of the First World War' running through them. Many exciting and innovative activities were planned and it was clear that the children developed greater understanding and knowledge of why Remembrance is important. The week culminated in the whole school coming together for an act of Remembrance, with a bugler playing the Last Post. It was a very poignant event and the children showed great respect and maturity. We are grateful to Mr Reynolds for playing the bugle for us.

This week Mrs Thomas launched the HOPE project to the children, which has been developed to support child mental health. Letters have gone home regarding process, consent etc. We hope this is going to help lots of our pupils. In addition, it has been great to see our cyclists all wearing helmets when coming to school - well done.

This week most of our Year 8 children are going to the Skills Show at the NEC. This is part of the careers programme and hopefully will inspire the children and broaden their horizons as to the employment opportunities available to them. We hope to be able to offer this opportunity to Year 8 each year in the future.

I will be visiting classrooms over the next couple of weeks and am looking forward to seeing children challenging themselves in their learning. Onward and upward . . . !

Mr C M Wright, Principal

Earlier this month, pupils participated in Remembrance Week- five days of specially designed activities to deepen their understanding of the importance of the 2018 centenary. The children had opportunities to reflect on the importance of remembrance in their own lives and to learn more about WWI. They took part in military drill in PE, created artwork to be displayed at Christ Church Stone, decorated memorial stones and contributed over 1000 paper doves to be used in Lichfield Cathedral later this month, as part of an art installation on the theme of peace. The week culminated with a very moving two minute silence, begun with the Last Post being played by one of our parents, Mr. Reynolds, and Y8 pupil Rosie who did a fantastic job. Every member of our school community stood together to remember the sacrifices of those who gave their lives.

Mrs Nicholson-Ward



WWI medals brought in by one of our pupils.



Memorial stones created by talented pupils and their families, wreaths created during Science lessons this month.



Pupils from Y7 with Mr Ward, Education Manager from Lichfield Cathedral, with their paper doves.

We are fortunate at CCA to have a fantastic PTA who work very hard to enhance the opportunities pupils have during their time at the Academy. Recent projects that they have supported have included a two-day RE conference on Christianity and Islam, the funding of specialist equipment to allow pupils to participate in computer programming competitions, resources for the School Council and a theatre production to develop pupils experience of spoken French. We always welcome new members to the PTA and would love to hear from you if you would like to join. For further information, please contact Mrs. Nicholson-Ward.

The PTA are pleased to invite all pupils to our Christmas Party Disco on Thursday 13th December from 6.00pm- 7.30pm. Come dressed in your favourite Christmassy attire if you wish and be ready for some festive fun! Tickets will be available to buy in school from the week beginning the 10th December for £2.50 each and sweet tokens may be purchased up to the value of £1.00. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

Dates for your Diary

December 2018

Tues 4th	Library Coffee Morning
Monday 10th	KS2 'Wind in the Willows' trip
Thurs 13th 6pm-7.30pm	Christmas Disco
Thurs 20th 7pm-9pm	Christmas Concert
Fri 21st 10.45am	Christmas Church service

January

Wed 9th	Y5 & Y7 Parents evening
Thurs 15th	Y6 & Y8 Parents evening

Well done to all KS3 who entered the Food Technology design competition to commemorate Remembrance Week. There were some fantastic cake designs and students took pride in their overall presentation as well as understanding the sensitivity surrounding 100 years of remembering our World War 1 heroes.

Mrs. Chapman



1st prize - Emma 8C

2nd prize - Eva 7E

3rd prize - Adreeja 8D

Ella Y7 and Amy Y6 have won a competition to design the Town Mayor's Christmas card. They helped to switch on the Christmas lights in the high street yesterday evening. Well done girls!

Saturday Nov 24th, the CCA choir have been asked to support the Daleian male voice choir in concert at Christ Church (church). We will be performing a number of our own songs as well as some joint singing of festive songs to end the evening. The Daleian singers were in this week to rehearse with the children in preparation for the concert. It would be great if you could offer your support. Letters have been handed and tickets are available at a reduced price of £5 for parents and carers of those pupils involved.

Book Club leaflets have been given out to tutor groups. If you are interested in buying anything from the Book Club, orders with payment, should be handed in by December 7th. We hope to receive all the books before the Christmas Holiday. Payment can be made by card, cash or cheque and the order form is inside the years 7 to 11 leaflet.

Well done to our choir who sung carols in the Stone Light Switch on last night. It's always an enjoyable occasion and only 39 days until Christmas!



Medical Appointments

It would be appreciated if medical/dental appointments could be arranged out of school hours. If your child does have to attend a medical appointment during the day, please bring them into school for as much of the school day as possible. If they are here at registration times, they will receive their attendance mark. This will make a big difference to their attendance percentage. Appointments should not require a whole day off school unless there is a distance to travel for the appointment. Medical evidence will be required by the school to authorise whole days off for appointments.

All children must be signed out of school by a responsible adult.

Request for Leave in Exceptional Circumstances

To request a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances please complete a form which can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from the policies page of the school website. Each application will be judged on its own merit. May we also remind you that if your child is going to be absent from school, both parents may receive a penalty notice for an unauthorised holiday in term time, irrespective of which parent your child resides with.

After school arrangements and messages to parents

Please can all pupils ensure they know their after school arrangements before the school day begins. The office is very busy and can only pass a message onto a child in an emergency.