



Friday 25 September 2020

Important Dates

Wednesday 30 September: Photo Day

Arrival and Dismissal Times

Could we please ask all parents and carers to ensure students are dropped off and collected at the published start and end time. It is very important these are adhered to as it is key part of our risk assessment; it ensures your child comes into contact with as few people as possible. It is not possible for us to make individual arrangements for children to arrive or depart earlier or later than the published time, which would jeopardise our carefully planned bubbles.

It is important your child brings a waterproof coat to school; if it is raining on a morning we are not able to let students in early as this would compromise our bubbles.

Eligibility for Free School Meals



Some families' financial circumstances may have changed due to the economic effects of the pandemic. If that is

Year Group	am arrival	pm departure
Reception	9:05	2:50
Y1	9:05	2:50
Y2	9:05	2:50
Y3	8:55	3:00
Y4	8:55	3:00
Y5	8:45	3:10
Y6	8:45	3:10
Y7	8:35	3:20
Y8	8:35	3:20
Y9	8:40	3:30
Y10	8:40	3:30
Y11	8:40	3:30

the case, your son or daughter may have become eligible to receive Free School Meals, including the vouchers referred to above.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

Your child may also get free school meals if you receive any of these benefits and your child is both:

- Younger than the compulsory age for starting school
- In full-time education

To apply for free school meals, or to find out more information, go to:

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/families/free-school-meals>

If you require any help with applying, please contact the school finance department (0191 5344444) or email: enquiries@christcollege.org.uk.

You should hear whether your application has been successful within 10 working days. If you have not heard, then please contact the College at enquiries@christcollege.org.uk and we will try to assist.

PE day change for Year 2 & 3 (also emailed separately)

Year 2 and 3 students will have PE on **Monday 28th September** due to school photographs on 30th September. Please make sure your child comes to school in their PE kit on the 28th and **NOT** on the 30th. This arrangement is for one week only. Thank you.

My Child at School (MCAS): Year 3 & 4

Parents with children in Year 3 & 4 should have received an email last week containing personalised login details for My Child At School (MCAS). If you have not received this, or are experiencing difficulties with setting up your account, please contact the College office.

Bromcom Student Portal

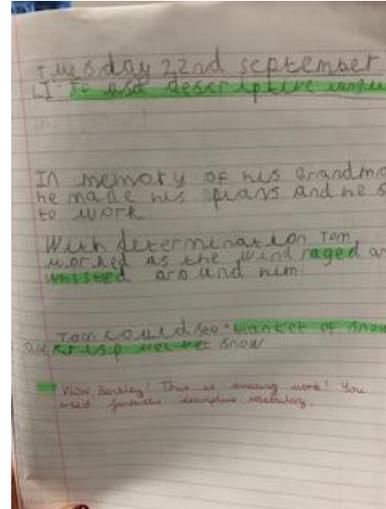
Students in Y7-Y11 should be logging on a daily basis to the Bromcom Student Portal. Students are able to view homework set by the teacher along with other key information such as useful links, attendance and behaviour records. Students in Y7-11 should have recorded login details on page 112 in their planners.

Students in Y5 & 6 were given login details to Bromcom Student Portal last week. Students were taken into the IT room to setup their account. Each student in Y5 and Y6 should have their login details stapled to the back of their planner. We encourage parents and carers to help children become familiar with logging into the Student Portal. Here they will find a summary of homework tasks to be completed (including all tasks on paper provided, or Microsoft Teams, or otherwise).

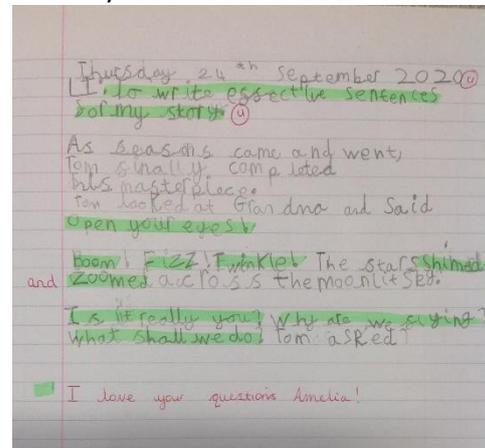
Wonderful Writing

Year 2 have been producing some excellent writing this week. They are using exciting vocabulary and are writing some super sentences.

This work by Bentley Warrenner put a huge smile on Mrs Critchley's face this week. He included some fantastic descriptive vocabulary and has worked hard to improve his handwriting.



This work is by Amelia Duncan. Miss Petty is so proud of her for the improvements she has made with her handwriting. Not only this but Amelia has included some lovely questions and has used a question mark correctly.



Parent Pay update

Thank you for your patience whilst we worked through technical issues. Parent Pay activation letters have now been sent home for all our new students. However, we would encourage all parents to set up Parent Pay, even if your child does not stay for school meals, as this is also the payment method used for trips, revision guides etc. Please contact the school office to request your activation details.

Parent Pay – Meal Balances

If your child stays for school meals, could you please ensure they have enough money on their Parent Pay account to pay for lunches. Thank you.

Milk

We are now able to offer milk to primary students, payable via Parent Pay. Milk will be available each day from Monday 5 October, until the end of term (Friday 11 December). Due to the delayed start, the price for the term has been reduced to £12.60. Please ensure your Parent Pay payment is made before close of business on **Wednesday 30th September**.

Pupils who are registered for Free School Meals (means tested, i.e. not Universal Free School Meals R-Yr2), are also entitled to receive free milk. Please request this via e-mail finance@christcollege.org.uk
All other milk conditions remain the same as published.

Chance Sunderland

This organisation distributes free fruit and vegetables that has been grown locally.

<https://www.chancesunderland.co.uk>

Community School Clothing Scheme

Community school clothing scheme have preloved school uniform. The school department is a free service to all Northeast parents. You will find uniform for over 100 schools' logos represented.

There is a huge outdoor wear section, a PE department which also has Out of School Club kits, including football boots, gym and dance kits, a great swimwear selection, as well as fancy dress.

KS1 reading books



Children in years 1 and 2 will be sent home with a reading book every **Monday**. This book will need to be brought back into school on a **Friday**. This is so we can put the

books into quarantine for 48 hours before handing out any new books. This is a brand-new scheme of reading books which we have invested in and we hope your child enjoys reading them.

Any reading books not returned on a Friday will need to be kept for a further week due to quarantine rules. We appreciate your co-operation on this matter.