



28th March

Happy Easter!

We hope everyone has a lovely two weeks off, just a quick reminder that school is back open for students on the 16th of April.



Rebound Therapy

St Christopher's students have been enjoying their Rebound therapy sessions this term! Rebound Therapy is used to facilitate movement, promote balance, and increase or decrease muscle tone it promotes relaxation and sensory integration, improves fitness and exercise tolerance, and is used to improve communication skills. In this session we explored sitting unsupported in the centre of the trampoline whilst maintaining balance and encouraging pushing hands into the floor whilst being bounced in the air. This student worked brilliantly in her first ever session, she loved shouting stop and go for each movement and was full of giggles when she began to bounce higher. We look forward to lots more students accessing this amazing facility.



Student wellbeing

Staff at primary site celebrated world down syndrome day by wearing odd socks to raise awareness and start conversations about down syndrome. Down syndrome is just one among various types of learning disabilities. Most individuals have two copies of chromosome 21, but those with three copies of chromosome 21 are diagnosed with Down syndrome. This is why we commemorate World Down Syndrome Day on the 21st of March annually. While most individuals have two copies of chromosome 21, some are born with an extra copy, resembling little socks! This concept inspired the idea of 'Rock Your Socks'.



Book fair

Our schools book fair, organised with Usborne Partner Sarah Singleton, is on April 17th from 9:30-11:30. Parents are invited to explore and purchase books. Every purchase contributes to free books for our school. Usborne will donate up to 60% of sales value as free books. Payment options include card, cash, apple pay, google pay or a provided link. Let's promote reading and provide more books for our children to enjoy.



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Happy Holi!

Semi-formal pathway have been celebrating the Hindu festival of Holi. They learnt about why and how the festival is celebrated and created our own colour celebration t-shirts. Happy Holi!



Stay and Play

Just a quick thank you to all the parents and carers who joined the primary school over the last couple days for this terms stay and play. Your involvement not only strengthens the bond between home and school but also reinforces the importance of active participation in your child's education.



Donated easter eggs

Priestley and Cockett Funeral Directors have been appealing for easter eggs and/or donations in the local community. They did this with the goal of donating easter eggs to our primary students. They provided us with some easter colouring sheets, so the students could enter a competition to win easter egg prizes! Every single student on the primary site have all received either an easter egg or a ceramic chick, bunny or egg decoration to paint.



Epilepsy awareness day!

Purple Day, observed on 26 March every year, serves as a reminder to raise awareness and promote understanding of epilepsy, a common neurological disorder. It's a day to reflect on the impact of epilepsy on individuals and families, and to raise awareness about the challenges and rewards of living with the condition. Let's stand together to support those living with epilepsy. Understanding, empathy, and a commitment to inclusivity are key. Let's ensure everyone feels accepted and valued in our community.





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Federation leadership changes

Early years lead: We are delighted to announce we have appointed Emma Castle as our Early Years Lead. She is a long-standing member of staff who you will probably already know. She will be in post from April until the end of next academic year.

Apply for free school meals

If you receive any benefits, you should tell your school as they can get extra funding called **the Pupil Premium grant**. This includes:

- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- 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 state Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Children who get paid these benefits directly can also get free school meals.



Term Dates

Term 4

Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March

Term 5

Monday 15th April - Friday 24th May

Term 6

Monday 3rd June - Friday 19th July

New starters/staff changes

We give a warm welcome to 4 new Teaching Assistants on Primary site after Easter. They are:

- Victoria Barber
- Leah Barnes
- Mikayla Millar
- Grace Robson

If you see them around, please say hello and introduce yourself.

Universal free school

Your child will be able to get free school meals if they are in a government-funded school and are in: Reception, Year 1, Year 2. Please speak with a member of the admin team if you have any questions.

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-pupil-support/apply-free-school-meals>

Attendance

Our attendance so far this term is 91% thank you for all your support in helping us to improve this.

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