



Church Hill Middle School Weekly Update Friday 13th October

Welcome from Miss Harris.



Congratulations to our pupils for another successful week and a continued thank you to parents and carers for your support.

The choir have been working hard this week on their Harvest performance in readiness for next week. Final reminder for parents to sign up for tickets using the Forms sent via EPraise last week. Any problems, please let us know!

This week, we have had our first drop-down day of the year! The children worked together in their houses, focusing on our school value of community. They talked about what community meant to them and what they want from our school community. After this, they looked at different charities that support our community and how we can support these throughout the year. The children worked together brilliantly in the house communities. Look out in next week's newsletter for the details of this wonderful afternoon.

Well done to all of our pupils this week, but a special well done to [Tudor Blejan \(7SF\)](#), [Millie Wheeler \(7SF\)](#), [Mason Schipke \(6MH\)](#), [Nela Dordzik \(7SF\)](#), [Archie Fryer \(6BD\)](#), [Filip Szary \(6BD\)](#), [Jacob Beaman \(6BD\)](#), [George Groves \(8MO\)](#), [Tommy Hands \(6MH\)](#), [Erin Smith \(8JD\)](#) this week for being our top EPraise students. Keep up the hard work!

Dates for your diary



Please see below a list of key dates for this half term. Further information around these events will be sent via EPraise.

Tuesday 17th October Eco-Trip

Thursday 19th October 5OC and 5MP Harvest assembly at 2.15 pm

Friday 20th October 5CB and 5KS Harvest assembly at 2.15 pm

Wednesday 25th October Special Halloween Breakfast - sign up and pay on ParentPay.

Wednesday 25th October Open Evening (6pm onwards)

Thursday 26th October Key Stage 3 Halloween disco - sign up and pay on ParentPay.

Friday 27th October Teacher Training Day and End of Term

Tuesday 21st (3.30 - 6.30) and Wednesday 22nd November (3.30 - 5.30) Parents' Evenings for all classes.

Friday 17th November Year 5 trip to the Space Centre

Thursday 23rd November Year 6 trip to the Black Country Museum

Halloween Breakfast



On Wednesday 25th October, we are hosting a special Halloween Breakfast at our breakfast club.

The special breakfast will consist of a range of hot breakfast items.

If you wish for your child to attend, please pay £1.50 on Parent Pay by Monday 23rd October.

Normal breakfast club items will still be available for purchase on this day for children who do not wish to have the special breakfast.

Safeguarding with Attendance and Unauthorised Absences.



Attendance Matters



Unauthorised absence is where a school is not satisfied with the reasons given for the absence. Absence codes on registers are as follows:

•Code G: Holiday not authorised by the school or in excess of the period determined by the head teacher. If a school does not authorise a leave of absence for the purpose of a holiday but the parents still take the child out of school, or the child is kept away for longer than was agreed, the absence is unauthorised. The regulations do not allow schools to give retrospective approval. If the parents did not apply for leave of absence in advance, the absence must be recorded as unauthorised.

•Code N: Reason for absence not yet provided Schools should follow up all unexplained and unexpected absences in a timely manner. Every effort should be made to establish the reason for a pupil's absence. When the reason for the pupil's absence has been established the register should be amended. This code should not be left on a pupil's attendance record indefinitely; if no reason for absence is provided after a reasonable amount of time it should be replaced with code O (absent from school without authorisation).

•Code O: Absent from school without authorisation. If the school is not satisfied with the reason given for absence they should record it as unauthorised.

•Code U: Arrived in school after registration closed. Schools should actively discourage late arrival, be alert to patterns of late arrival and seek an explanation from the parent.

DFE Guidance School Attendance Guidance for maintained schools, academies, independent schools and local authorities (August 2020)

When safeguarding all children,
school attendance and
parent/carer's communication really
matters!



Please **contact school by 9am** to inform us of your child's absence by telephone or email. **This is essential**, so we can account for every child as early as possible after our registers close at 9am daily.
Thank you

Pupils who arrive late after 9am receive an **UNAUTHORISED (U)** absence on their attendance record, unless it's for medical reasons.

500 Word Story Competition!

500 Words, the UK's most successful children's writing competition has now opened for submissions and will run till **Friday 10 November**.

Since the competition was first launched in 2011 by Chris Evans on the Radio 2 Breakfast Show, it has received over one million stories from children throughout the UK.

This year, the two age categories will be **5-7 year-olds** and **8-11 year-olds**.

Children of all abilities are encouraged to use their creativity and imagination to **write a story they would love to read!**

Our brilliant 500 Word judges are back; award-winning and best-selling authors **Frank Cottrell-Boyce, Francesca Simon, Charlie Higson**, and former children's laureate, **Malorie Blackman**. We are delighted to say that this year there will be a new addition to the panel, TV legend and children's author, **Sir Lenny Henry**. The judges will be casting their expert eyes over the final 50 stories. You can find out why they are perfect judges [here](#).

This year, BBC Breakfast will be hosting the competition supported by us on BBC Teach. The winners will be featured in a special 500 Word programme with **The One Show, on World Book Day on 7 March 2024**.

Please visit the following, or Google BBC Teach 500 Words 2023 for more details.

www.bbc.co.uk/500words

BBC

500 WORDS

2023

Calling all 5-11
year-olds!
Can you write an
amazing story of
500 words or under?

Your story could
be read on TV to
millions!

Competition opens
26th September - 10th November.
We can't wait to read your stories

Head to
[bbc.co.uk/
500words](https://bbc.co.uk/500words)



KS2 - Let's Celebrate!



KASE Champions

Isla Meakin - 5OC

For consistently putting in incredible amounts of effort in all lessons. I have been very impressed with Isla's efforts in Maths as she has been very resilient and even though she has found some areas challenging she hasn't given up and has found success.

Finnley Fuller - 5CB

For his increased engaged and enthused attitude in lessons. Finnley has become more self-directed and focussed in his work throughout this week and this has enabled him to succeed across all his lessons!

Logan Hines - 5MP

For working really hard in all his lessons to learn, apply his knowledge, and improve. He has shown great self-direction and perseverance, especially in maths. Well done!

Oscar Nicholls- 5KS/PC

For always being engaged and enthused in lessons. Oscar can be relied upon to give his ideas in every lesson. He has produced some great work this week, especially in maths and English

Poppy Spacie - 6JE

For being determined and resilient in lessons, especially maths. You have been trying hard to do your best and I'm very impressed with your efforts. Recently, you have been regularly checking your answers with me to ensure you understand and then you've even been helping others with their learning too. Great effort Poppy!

Lacey Walsh and Chloe Barnwell- 6BD

For always being ready to learn. They show resourcefulness and initiative through handing out books as well as finding ways to work together in lessons to find the answers to problems. Great teamwork!

Leyland Pendleton - 6MD

For regularly challenging himself to complete more complex problems in maths and choosing efficient methods to ensure he has more time to complete more work!

Tommy Hands - 6MH

Tommy has worked exceptionally well this week and has remained focused throughout lessons. Tommy is beginning to apply his learning within his lessons. Well done for being determined and resilient in your learning journey!

Oracy Superstars**Freddie Messenger - 5OC**

For consistently providing excellent answers and contributions in class. The main reason for his nomination this week was his ability to explain and work through a very challenging maths word problem with myself, I loved how he wanted to challenge himself and articulated his understanding wonderfully.

Frankie Britton - 5CB

For being increasingly eager to offer some excellent contributions to class discussions. Frankie always will take on the challenge of talking through challenging maths calculations clearly and confidently, offers well thought out opinions to discussions as well as working well as a brilliant learning partner!

Mitchell Green - 5MP

For always showing enthusiasm and eagerness to read to the class!

Logan Field 5KS/PC

Week on week Logan has been increasing the amount he contributes in class and shares fantastic ideas. He works quietly and hard in each subject and isn't afraid to ask for help when needed.

Lilly Hopkins - 6JE

For always showing excellent listening skills. Alongside this, you have been putting your hand up more and giving well thought out answers within class. You are also an excellent learning partner and role model to your peers. Well done Lilly!

Amberlea-Rose Bruton and Kaitlyn Howard- 6BD

For demonstrating excellent work in partner-talk and discussion tasks. They can also articulate their ideas and reasoning for answers carefully, ensuring their thought process are understood.

Harry Carter - 6MD

For carefully rehearsing his opinions before sharing them confidently with the class.

Ellie-Mae Bathurst - 6MH

Ellie-Mae is consistently providing purposeful and detailed responses within her lessons. She can be depended upon to engage in lessons and contribute across subjects. Well done for inspiring others and being confident when taking risks and giving difficult questioning a go!

Values champion - Community award**Lily-Rose Chandler- 5OC**

For always being a kind and considerate member of the class. The main reason for her nomination this week was her demonstration of empathy and care for her friend offering to take on a more challenging part in our Harvest assembly to support them. This embodies everything we look for in a Church Hill pupil and It made me incredibly proud.

Aiden Turner - 5CB

Always being a happy, kind and smiley member of our class. Aiden is always keen to chat with other people and enjoys socialising with his peers. It is a pleasure to teach Aiden and he is always happy and bubbly, contributing to a lovely community feel in our class!

The whole class – 5MP

For being amazing, kind, welcoming, and friendly to the newest member of our CHMS and 5MP community, Scarlett. You are all brilliant and I am so proud.

Archie Owen- 5KS/PC

For the second consecutive week, we had to choose Archie. He has been an outstanding member of the class this week to support a new member of the class. He continues to support everyone around him whenever he can.

Gracie Reid - 6JE

For being a kind and caring member of the class and learning partner. You are regularly offering to help people when they are stuck and are kindly explaining your learning to people, especially in maths. Well done, Gracie!

Nico Dennis and Alie Hammon - 6BD

For always staying positive and keeping a smile on their faces which always has a positive reflection on their class.

Jessica Lowe - 6MD

For always being happy and willing to work any learning partner!

Evie Little - 6MH

For being a caring and considerate member of 6MH. Evie is always looking out for others and tries to help fellow students make the right decisions. Thank you for always asking and showing thought for my blood sugars!

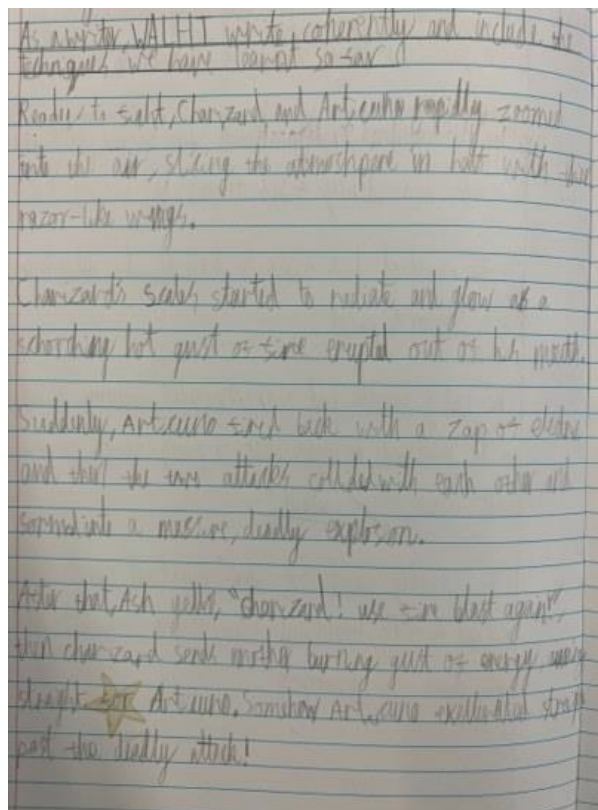
Renaissance reading shout outs

6MD: Maisy Davis for choosing a very long book, above her ZPD and then being resilient and patient enough to read every single day for three weeks and getting 100%

5CB: Josh Mills (100%) and Oliver Monk (90%) for passing challenging books in their ZPD ranges this week!

6JE: Well done Amelia M for completing 4 quizzes and Jekabs for completing 3 quizzes so far on books within their ZPD. Between them they have read 188,050 words so far this year!

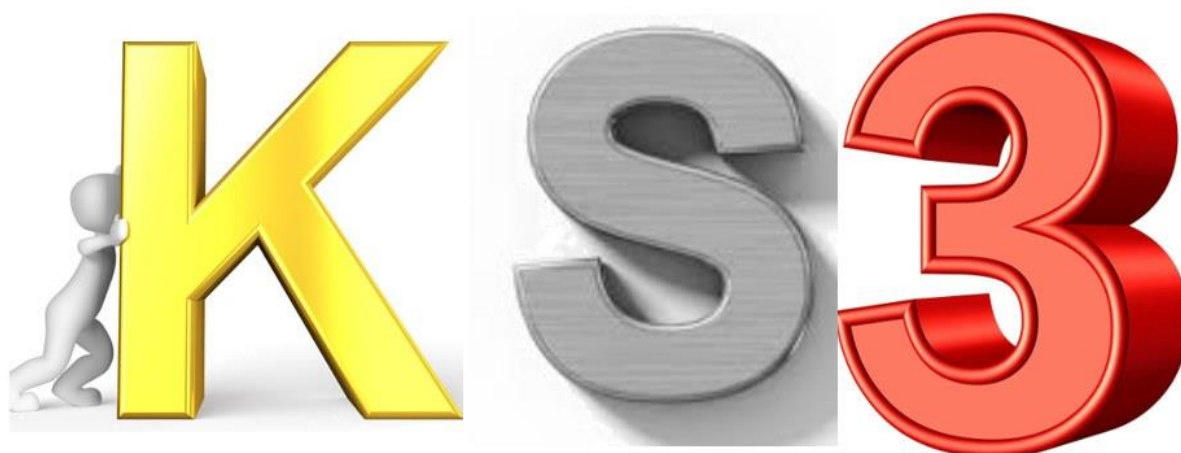
Also, well done to Reece, Archie F, Kaiden, Amelia M, Archie P, Jekabs, Taylah, Hunter, Emmit and Marcel for completing quizzes so far. Remember we should all be quizzing before half term!



1 - Writer of the week - Harrison Wall 50C

Well done Harrison for writing a descriptive and informative passage of writing about pokemon, including extended noun phrases and fronted adverbials to ensure cohesion and engage the reader!

KEY STAGE 3 NEWS



We have been busy this week working on our active listening within lessons. Students have been tasked to use expectations that they created within form time. We pride ourselves in challenging our pupils to achieve their potential and work alongside them to educate them in how they can achieve this.

Friday 13th October saw us spend time in our houses to discuss one of our key values of community- what it means to us and how we can help in our local community. Pupils have voted in their houses which local charity they would like to support and then how they intend on raising funds for their chosen charity.

Student leaders took part in an afternoon of training for their specific roles and discussed their mission statements which will feature on our new website very soon.

Another fantastic assembly celebrating all of our success this week.

TUTEE OF THE WEEK



7BP – Oliver Hobbs for being super lovely, polite and what is asked always 1st time.

7AP –Dasia walrond for cheering me up with her stories on the daily mile. Great company!

7SK– Anais Belfield: for being a kind, caring and supportive friend and classmate.

7SF- Tudor Blejan for working really hard this week, for always being helpful and for fabulous contributions during tutor times.

7JL – Phoebe Andrews for always showing a positive can-do attitude and showing great positivity.

8JD – Ashleigh-May Craig for her vastly improved punctuality and attendance this week.

8MO – Harry Bench for his improved attitude in school and striving to do the right thing and make the right choices.

8FG - Mickie McCormack for always wanting to help make the day run smoother by doing the little jobs that make a big difference.

Subject Stars of the Week



ART - Jayjay Peach (7BP) for his fabulous William Morris work. **Brooklyn Bathhurst (8MO)** for fantastic presentation in her sketchbook.

COMPUTING – Layla Wszeborowska (8JD) for showing great independence when completing her work. **Coral Poolton (7AP)** for showing great respect and empathy when discussion cyberbullying and online hate.

DT - Nela Bordzik (7SF) for her fantastic evaluation page, Nela listened to instructions and produced a great piece of work. **Charlie Griffith (8JD)** for his improved engagement in DT this week, completing his work on time and asking for help when needed.

ENGLISH – Sydney Stevens (7AP) for her fantastic ideas during English this week. It was lovely to see her write in role thinking carefully about what her particular person might have thought and felt

during a key event. **Harry Bench (8MO)** for his insightful final predictions about our text. He justified his ideas clearly stating evidence to strengthen his argument and ended up being correct!

FRENCH – Vanessa Wloch (7JL) for commitment to foreign languages and always going the extra mile!

Daisy Taylor (8JD) for learning German with an online app.

GEOGRAPHY – Eddie Birkett (7JL) for always remaining focused in lessons despite potential distractions, persevering with his work and always willing to give everything go. Even willing to work independently to practice his map skills. **Kacie Cook (8MO)** for asking astute questions to link her prior and future learning revolving around the issues rural living.

HISTORY - Kai Sullivan (7AP) for always being willing to share his knowledge and resilient enough to ask questions when necessary. **Blake Jordan and Brooklyn Bathurst (8MO)** for being able to discuss, debate, collaborate their knowledge on the Tudors and the impacts this had on Religion.

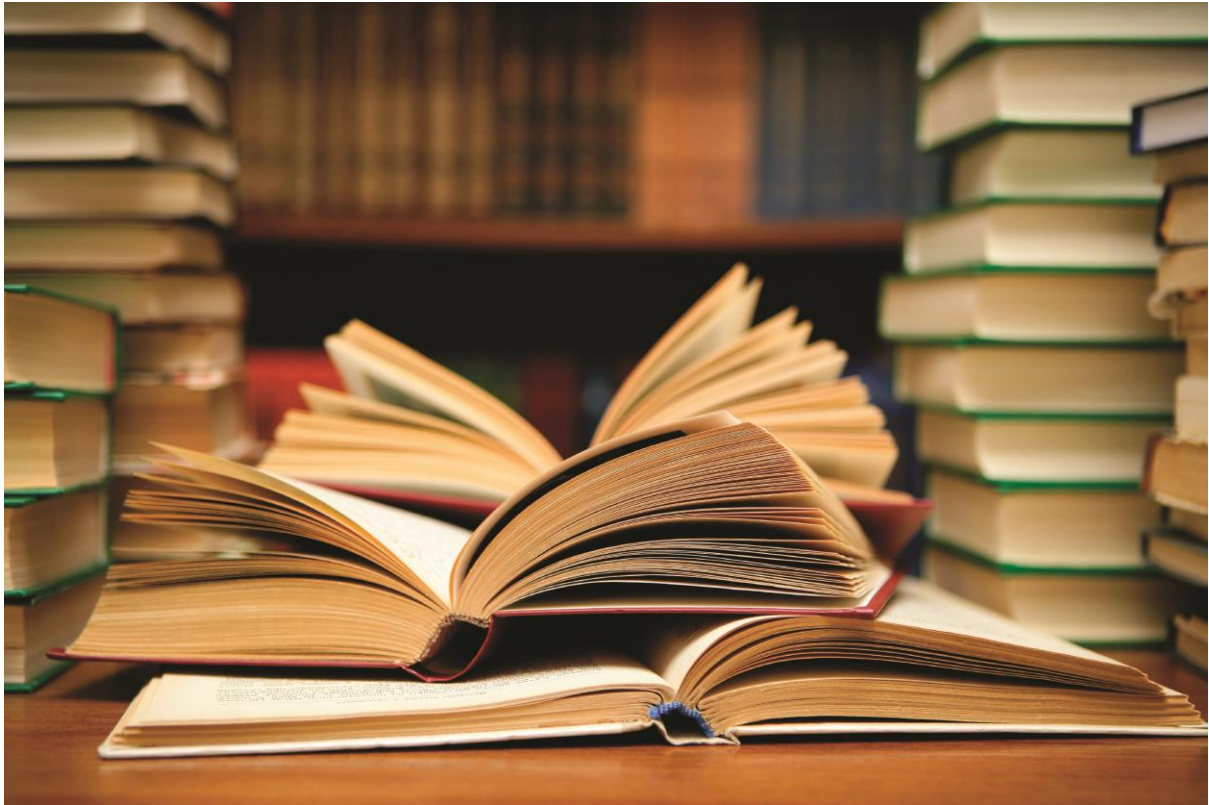
MATHS – Cameron-George Bruton (8JL Maths Group) for showing great determination this week in solving problems and displaying his value of collaboration when working with others. **Tudor Blejan (7JL Maths Group)** for expanding his knowledge in algebra and applying this knowledge to problem solving activities.

MUSIC – Jayjay Peach (7BP) for his focus and hard-work when learning the 12-bar-blues on the keyboard. **Blake Jordan (8MO)** for his concentration, resilience and perseverance when performing the body percussion ostinatos. This didn't come naturally but you didn't give up and you nailed it!

P.E – Ollie Manison (7AP) for showing fantastic leadership when leading shooting drills in football. **Brooklyn Bathurst (8MO)** for her enthusiasm shown in this week's football lesson.

R.E – Erin Smith (8JD) for her thoughts and insights into our study of Job. **Lucas Glodenis (7SF)** for thinking about his responses and oracy when answering questions.

Reader of the week



7AP – Rylan Doody for reading the biggest book I've ever seen!

7BP – Emmy Turrell for her determination to pass her quizzes.

7JL – Vanessa Wloch for showing great determination in her reading and showing great curiosity when discussing her books.

7SF – Millie Wheeler & Phoebe Leonard for starting their own reading competition.

7SK – Milly Burgess for completing 6 books already this year- considerably more than the class average! Well done!

8FG – George Holder for always having his book open and reading without being asked.

8JD – Beth Blake for making big gains towards her target, having already achieved 29% of it.

8MO – Harry Harrison for being enthused about reading and for not needing to be reminded in the mornings to read.

Halloween Disco



Just a reminder about the upcoming Halloween disco.

The disco will run from 5:30pm until 7pm. Pupils are invited to attend the disco in fancy dress or normal clothing, however this must be of an appropriate nature. Skirts, shorts or dresses must be of an appropriate length and no midriffs are to be on show. Children are also not permitted to wear masks or other items that cover their faces.

The cost of the ticket will be £3 and this includes a drink and a snack. All payments must be made via ParentPay by Friday 13th October and the pupils will then be issued with a ticket.

Pupils are to arrive at the main entrance of the school, no earlier than 5:30pm. Pupils are to be collected or walk home from the same entrance.

This event will be open on parent pay from Monday 1st October.

I look forward to what will hopefully be the first of many discos this year if successful.

Miss Major

Out in our community...

Sunday 15th October:

Church@4 session is back on at Willowtrees Community Centre. St Leonards Church, Beoley are coming into Church Hill for a cafe style worship for all! All are welcome so pop along if you're interested!

Children's University

By the time a child turns 18, [they will have spent just 9% of their waking life in a classroom.](#)

Children's University is about making the most of the remaining 91%.

Research shows that participation in extra-curricular activities can positively impact on attainment, increase a pupil's positive identification with school, and build self-confidence and resilience.

Research also shows that children that do not have access to these opportunities fall behind, lack confidence, and fail to develop career aspirations. The resulting attainment gap is so significant that 25% of children from the most disadvantaged backgrounds achieve below expected attainment levels.

Children's University is an initiative that promotes and celebrates extra-curricular activities. When children attend clubs, they can register their attendance using a unique code. If they spend a certain number of hours throughout the year attending clubs, they get to attend a special graduation ceremony at the end of the year.

Our in-school codes:

Choir **green8826**

Netball **green0569**

Dodgeball **yellow1577**

Girls' Football **blue8494**

Boys' Football **purple0151**

Yoga **orange3905**

Y7 Futsal **blue2081**

Y8 Futsal **purple1591**

Hockey **blue7476**

If you don't see your club's codes listed above, please let your teacher know!