



Church Hill Middle School Weekly Update Friday 17th November

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 21st (3.30 - 6.30) and Wednesday 22nd November (3.30 - 5.30) Parents' Evenings for all classes. Please book your appointments on EPraise. If you need support with this please contact your child's teacher via EPraise.

Wednesday 22nd November (3.30 - 4.30) - Children's University Parent Workshop. Sign up on EPraise.

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

Friday 24th November - TED. Children are not expected in school on this day.

Monday 27th November School Photo Mop-up (only for those pupils absent on the September photo day)

Parents' Evening

Thank you to everyone who has booked a parents' evening slot so far. It will be wonderful to share all of the information with you regarding how your child is getting on in their different subjects.

There will be signs around school to direct you to where you need to go, but here is an overview of our locations in advance:

KS2 - you will meet your class teachers in your classrooms, so when you arrive please head on up to Year 5 or 6.

KS3 - The majority of subject teachers will be sat in our school hall.

If you are in Y8 and are taught maths by Miss Elvins, you will need to head upstairs to Year 6 for your appointment with her, due to her having a Year 6 form also.

If you are in 6JE and are taught English by Mrs Khan, she will be sat in the school hall.

If you haven't booked an appointment already, there is still time!

Thank you.

KS2 - News



KASE Award winners

Tommy Bull - 5OC

For always making the best choices in the classroom, Tommy consistently demonstrates each and every KASE value in the classroom every single day,

Alexander Wojtanowski - 5MP

For always being engaged, enthusiastic, fluent, purposeful, collaborative and self-aware in every lesson. Alexander is always just brilliant- keep it up!

Lenny Masters – 5KS/PC

Lenny works hard in all lessons. He always contributes to class discussions with insightful answer and is extremely pragmatic when working with others. Well done Lenny.

Chanelle King-Walker

For showing excellent resilience and perseverance, which has really shown within her tests. You have worked so hard the past few weeks and due to this, you are making excellent progress in your learning. I'm very proud of how much effort you're putting in. Keep it up Superstar!

Layla Jones, Tiana Taylor & Cody Maeers - 6MH

For demonstrating that resilience and perseverance really pays off! These three have worked incredibly hard over the past few weeks and as a result they have scored the highest marks in our tests so far! A huge well done from a very proud teacher!

Alicia McCrea & Chance Layton - 6MD

For approaching test week with a confident, resilient, purposeful and 'can do' attitude. The power of self-belief and positivity you modelled has encouraged others to do their best too!

Nico Dennis - 6BD

For showing great resilience and dedication during test week this week. He has been overcoming barriers and approaching problems with confidence – keep it up!

Oracy Award Winners

Ivan Stefanov - 5OC

For consistently being involved in all class discussions in all lessons. Ivan always gives his best to challenge himself with his responses and his knowledge always supports those around him.

Cian Quilkin - 5MP

For being engaged in class and pair discussions and offering great ideas to the class.

Walter Newman – 5KS/PC

Since the beginning of the year Walter has grown in confidence and week on week he's contributing more and more to each lesson. His responses to questions are insightful and relevant and it's always lovely to hear his opinions in lesson.

Well done Walter you're doing fantastic work.

Kyron Bytheway – 6JE

For starting to make more contributions in class. You have been trying hard the past few weeks with your learning, especially in maths and due to this, you have been joining in more and making more progress! Keep up the good work Kyron, you're doing amazing!

Taylan Yetim - 6MH

Taylan has made fantastic, purposeful contributions across lessons this week. He has demonstrated the ability to articulate his thoughts and opinions on topics in a respectful and conducive manner. Well done buddy!

Olly-Jay Pakes - 6MD

For thinking hard, focusing on tasks and being ready to share insightful understanding when he is cold-called during lessons. A highlight this week was sharing previously learned knowledge about light during science.

Emily Evason - 6BD

For consistently showing dedication and enthusiasm for her learning: contributing in class and effectively explaining her ideas, using key words where possible.

Value award - Compassion award

Alexandru Stegaru - 5OC

Alex is an incredibly kind and wonderful person. He always is polite and respectful to everybody around him at all times which brightens the room and mood for everybody.

Jessica Callow - 5MP

For simply **always** showing compassion through kindness, being caring and thoughtful, and always treating everyone with respect.

Archie Owen – 5KS/PC

For making Mr Bengers' day by taking the time to stop and ask how he was and having a lovely conversation about football. Well done Archie.

Marcel Yam – 6JE

Marcel is a helpful and kind member of 6JE. He is always offering to help students with their learning and help around the class. Mrs Wilson was very impressed this week when a student was having issues in computing and he volunteered straight away to work with them and help. You are great to have in class Marcel and your compassion is contagious. Keep it up!

Charlie Powell - 6MH

Charlie is a wonderful member of 6MH. He is one of the politest and positive students I have ever come across. He enjoys learning and supporting others. He will continuously model amazing manners and attitudes which help to influence others, and finally he can be relied upon to cheer anyone up with his great sense of humour. Well done!

Evie Amphlett - 6MD

For always demonstrating a bright and positive attitude to learning and life in general! It is amazing that you work so well with whichever partner you are sitting beside!

Szymon Majcherek - 6BD

For showing kindness to others through sharing and looking out for others. He always ensures he is saying the right thing and approaches conversations with lovely manners!

Reading Champions

6MD

Emily, Ella-Sophia, Ellie-Mai, Harry, Isla, Maisy, Olly-Jay and Emil for all completing quizzes since Monday!

Archie Fryer 6BD for persevering with his quizzes – great dedication retaking quizzes to try and better his score, and also putting careful thought about which books will be best for him to read.

KS2 News

Well done to the Year 6 football team, you did our phase incredibly proud by coming second in the district finals tournament. A huge achievement and a memory to treasure.

Year 6 have been completing test week this week, their second of the year and they are all demonstrating high levels of resilience to achieve the best they possibly can and are doing their teachers very proud.



1 - SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS...

Which classes have the least absences so far this year?

KS2	% up to 16th Nov 2023	
5MP	95.59%	★
5CB	95.91%	★
5KS	87.73%	
5OC	93.4%	
6BD	93.98%	
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6JE	94.41%	
6MD	91.85%	
6MH	94.34%	

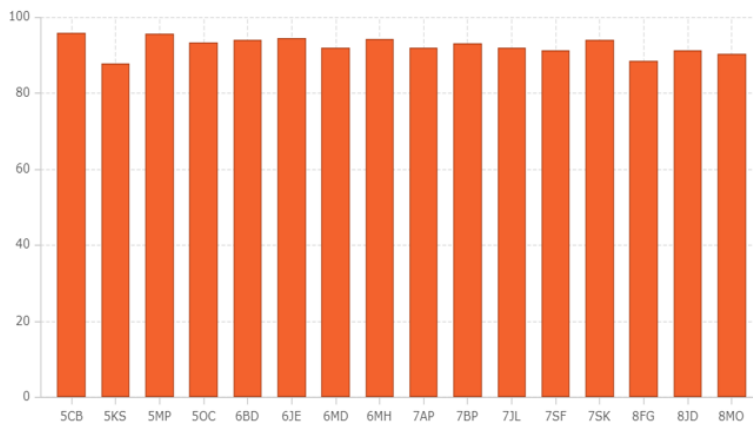
KS3	% up to 16th Nov 2023
7AP	91.83%
7BP	92.98
7JL	91.9%
7SK	91.16%
8FG	88.48%
8JD	91.2%
8MO	90.35%

Let's support our children to:

- Be Successful Learners - less likely to fall behind in their learning
- Form Friendships - more inclined to build strong relationships/ social skills.
- Feel Connected - feel part of our school **community**, develop team values.
- Have Cultural Awareness - respect others.
- Aspire, Develop Ambition - prepare children for life beyond education.



Attendance so far this year!



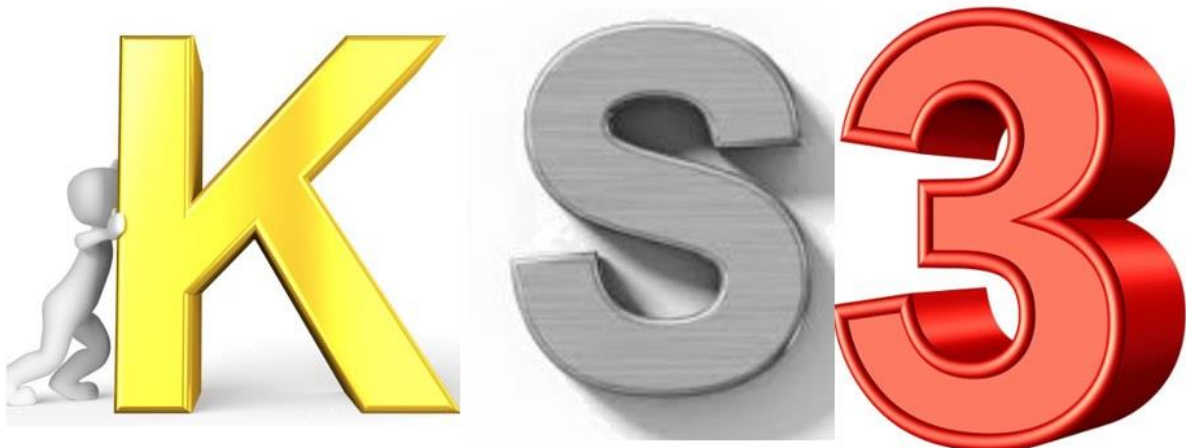
IMPORTANT REMINDER:

The DfE has made it clear that headteachers are not to authorise absence for any holidays during term time, except under exceptional circumstances.

We will not therefore grant authorisation for absence in the following instances:

- Day trips and holidays in term time.
- Leaving school unnecessarily during the school day.
- Not attending school for an unnecessary reason such as shopping or birthdays.
- Absences which have not been properly explained or have failed to follow the absence procedure.

KEY STAGE 3 NEWS



7BP – **Amy Freeman** – For being a lovely, polite, and wonderful human being.

7AP – **LOGAN MAEERS** – for showing great resilience

7SK–**Esmae Blanford** for being a constant source of calmness in the classroom as well as being consistently reliable!

7SF-. **Dexter Cope** – For always being polite and for impressing so many members of staff this week!

7JL – **Harrison Gayner** – for being kind to his fellow class mates.

Sports Superstars



It has been a very busy few weeks on the sporting front. Let's take a look at what our amazing students have been up to!

Year 7 Girls' District Football

Before half-term, our Year 7 girls' football team competed in the Redditch district tournament. There was plenty of excellent football on display from all schools but the passing, communication and finishing displayed by our girls was exceptional! Not to mention, the wall-like defending and goal-keeping. Church Hill won their first game a massive 9-0 and in their second group game, after going 1-0 down, managed to get a goal back against Saint Bede's and went through to the semi-final as group leaders.

In the semi-final, Church Hill were victors over Woodrush which then set up a replay of their group game against Saint Bede's. Saint Bede's had some very strong players and our girls knew they had a tough task ahead of them. However, Church Hill did not shy away from the task at hand and within the first minute of the final, the girls already found themselves 1-0 up. Church Hill continued to dominate and much to the annoyance of Saint Bede's, the Church Hill defence remained tight. Church Hill then found themselves on the receiving end of a free-kick just inside their own half. Captain, Felicity stepped up and slotted the free-kick away into the top corner, cementing the girls' victory and crowning them Year 7 district champions.

Well done to Ella Middleton, Milly Burgess, Alexia Parsons, Mia Wiggins, Miley Nicholls, Aliyah Wakeman-Sutherland, Felicity Moody, Summer-Grace Titterton, Elsie Harris, Imogen Plaskett and Jessica Williams - You are amazing young women!



Year 7 Boys' District Football Finals

Firstly, well done to our Year 7 boys' football team on making it to the finals of the Redditch district tournament. The final were held last Tuesday and although the results did not go our way, you represented the school excellently. We even received an email from one of the teacher of another school, commending the boys for their amazing attitude, respect and behaviour during the tournament.

Thank you Ollie Manison, Leo David, Nathan Fox, Nikita Sydorenko, Ronan Wilkes, Tawana Dune, Sam Anti, Kaidan Middle, Sonny Bagley and Lukas Glodenis.



KS3 District Cross-Country

Last Friday saw many of our students from KS3 competing at this year's district cross-country competition, being held at Tudor Grange High School.

Our students did not disappoint! Every single one of them ran their socks off, in extremely muddy and cold conditions. Our students resilience and determination to complete the course is something we should all aspire to have.

Extra special congratulations to Jessica Williams, who came first in the Year 7 girls' race and will now go on to represent Redditch at the Worcestershire School games in Spring. Go girl!

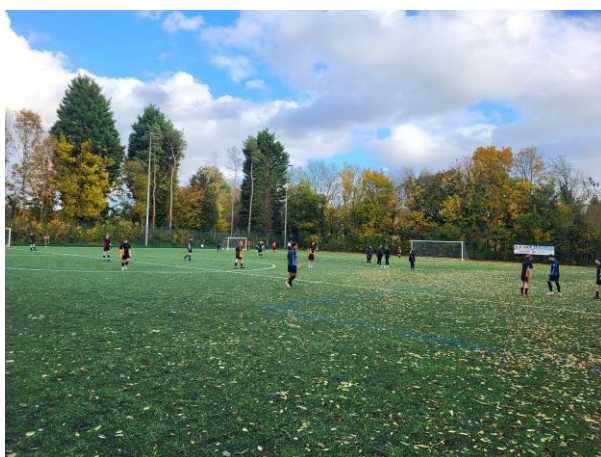


Central Region Schools Trust Football Tournament

On Monday of this week, we took some of our Year 8 students to compete in the first annual CRST football tournament - organised by Church Hill and Ipsley Middle School. Arrow Vale High School were also there representing the Redditch schools, but other schools there on the day were Holyhead Secondary from Birmingham, Gospel Oak Secondary from Tipton and Weasley Hills High School from Birmingham. Our children were competing against both Year 8 and Year 9 students and in cold conditions, represented the school excellently. You should be very proud of yourselves.

It was also good to catch up with some of our former students who are now at Arrow Vale.

Well done to Charlie Griffiths, Alfie Richards, Fabian Francis, Mickie McCormack, Shay O'Gorman, Brandon Whitehouse, Tarlie Davis, Olivia Roberts, Alexia Parsons, Dercy Gurden, Chloe Beech, Felicity Moody and Jessica Hennessey.





Year 6 Boys' District Football Finals

This week saw the turn of our Year 6 boys in their district final. The boys battled hard and only losing one of their games, they found themselves in the final against a tough Walkwood team. Despite their best efforts, the boys came up short on the day but their attitude and determination on the day meant they still came away with their runners-up medals. Special mention to Archie, who was named player of the tournament by Mr Bengner and Miss Jones.

Well done Archie Psaila, Emmitt Wade, Jack Lewis, Nico Denis, Max Onyszk, Alfie Hammon and Jonathan Stevens - we are all super proud!



Table-Tennis Competitions

Lastly, this afternoon some of our Year 7 and 8 student attending an afternoon of table-tennis at Saint Bede's middle school.

Miss Jones had nothing but positive things to say about you all and she was very impressed with your hard-work and determination.

Shout out to Nikola Petkov, Zach Filer, Riley Dixon, Elsie Harris, Hudson Eckloff, Zakk Walker, Kaidan Middle, Phoebe Andrews, Ollie Manison, Brody Blake, Sam Anti and Lewis Jones.

