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# NEWSLETTER

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## A MESSAGE FROM MRS SLATER...

Hi all,

We have been making the most of the good weather over the last 2 weeks, and you can read below about our fun at Woodland Classroom.

It has also been great to visit the children in their lessons and there have been lots of steps of progress to celebrate for individuals. Please do keep up with your support for learning at home. Especially with the crucial skill of reading as confidence with this opens so many doors for the children.

Best Wishes,

Rebecca Slater



## ACTIVE RE

We enjoyed our first Active RE session with Emily Twigg on Friday 11th. We played lots of different games that linked in to Christian Values.

We played a game called Crusts and Crumbs which taught us all about sharing. We also played a forgiveness game where we had to throw beanbags into the hula hoop—if we missed the hula hoop twice we were out, but our team members could help us by doing 20 star jumps to rescue/forgive us.

Thank you to Isabella, Klara & Madison for telling me all about Active RE!



## WOODLAND CLASSROOM

On Friday 18th we enjoyed being rock detectives for the day in our science lesson in the woodland classroom. First of all we had to find rocks and then we had a really close look at them using magnifying glasses. We then went on to draw the rocks with chalks and then wrote a description of them.

The rocks were not allowed to be man-made, so Megan's bone and Madison's tile didn't count and they had to find another rock!

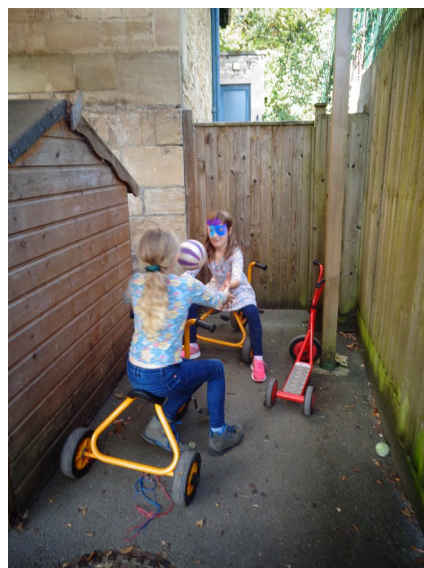
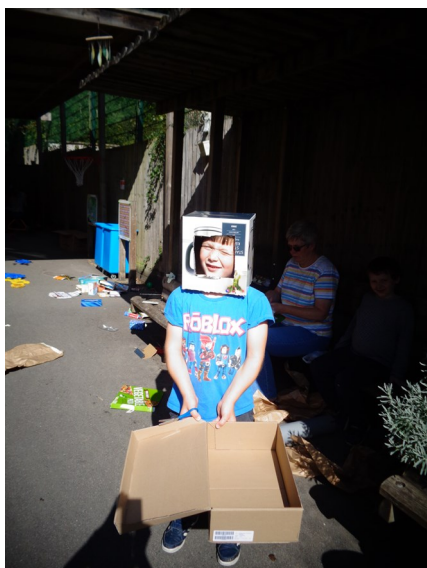
Thanks to Madison, Isabella and Klara for the information!





# BUSY SCHOOL DAYS

We are already back in the swing of things with lots of learning going on. We have also enjoyed lots of activities with Atlas Sports, Active RE, Superstars drama and a visit from Rev. Sue..





## YEAR 5/6 RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Just a reminder to our Year 5 & Year 6 parents that we need your £50 deposit before 30th September to secure your child's place on our residential trip to Woodland Adventure, West Midlands which takes place next June (21st to 24th).

We hope all our Year 5 and 6 children will be able to join us for this exciting experience.

Please contact the office if you need any further information about the residential trip or if you have any concerns.

## REMOTE LEARNING

During this term, the school is going to be facing the challenge of managing remote learning and providing high quality education in a safe environment for those in school. I would therefore like to explain to parents how this will work, so that expectations are clear and workload is manageable.

Teachers have been asked to provide learning activities for those children who are at home for long periods as a result of either having mild symptoms of Coronavirus or needing to self-isolate. These activities will be set through Class Dojo. Our aim is to provide work within 24 hours of being notified of your child's absence from school. We are advising all parents that for the first day of absence they involve their children (if they are well enough) in some or all of the following useful learning tasks:

- Independent writing for a purpose (shopping lists, plan of activities for the day, letter to a relative)
- Practise of multiplication tables
- Reading and telling stories
- Developing the skill of telling the time
- Observational drawing skills

Teachers will endeavour to review your child's learning at home on a daily basis in the same way as they would in class.

As with all of the learning opportunities we provide at Christ Church, we are always happy to receive feedback and to tweak provision if necessary.

## SCOOTASTIC!

As a reward to the children for good behaviour at lunchtimes, this Friday (25th) the children will be allowed to bring scooters in from home and play with these during the lunchtime break. They will also need to bring any protective wear (helmets, kneepads, etc.) that they use when scooting at home.

The scooters will be stored in the back garden during the morning and we are going to set up a track in the playground. Please be aware of the following:

- We cannot be responsible for any damage to the scooters
- We will be allowing children to swap and borrow scooters (unless you inform us otherwise).
- As usual, children will use hand sanitizers before and after using the scooters and if children are behaving in an unsafe way, they will be asked to put their scooter away.

If your child doesn't have a scooter, please don't worry, we have a number of bikes they can use to join in the fun.

## YEAR 6 TRANSFERS

Although we are only just beginning the school year, it is time for our Year 6 pupils to start thinking about secondary schools!

Cirencester Deer Park are holding out of hours tours which need to be booked in advance (please refer to the website <https://www.deerparkschool.net/>)

Thomas Keble School are holding a virtual Open evening on Thursday 1st October.

The Grammar School Entrance Test will take place on Saturday 17th October.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Fri 25th Sep	Active RE	Wed 14th Oct	PE with Atlas Sports
	Scootastic		Deer Park out of hours tours
	Music with The Music Works	Thu 15th Oct	Flu Immunisations
Tue 29th Sep	Superstars Drama	Fri 16th Oct	Music with The Music Works
Wed 30th Sep	PE with Atlas Sports	Sat 17th Oct	Grammar School Entrance Test
Thu 1st Oct	Thomas Keble Virtual Open Evening		Deer Park out of hours tours
Fri 2nd Oct	Music with The Music Works	Tue 20th Oct	Superstars Drama
Tue 6th Oct	Superstars Drama	Wed 21st Oct	PE with Atlas Sports
Wed 7th Oct	PE with Atlas Sports	Fri 23rd Oct	Active RE
Fri 9th Oct	Active RE		Harvest Festival Service
	Music with the Music Works		Harvest Shared Lunch
Tue 13th Oct	Superstars Drama		End of Term 1