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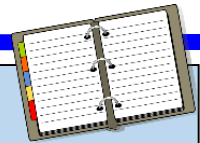
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Newsletter 1

7th September 2018



Welcome back / New developments!

What an incredible start to the year. It feels so exciting and positive and everyone has come to school buzzing. I really hope that you have had a lovely summer with your family. Please remember that if things do not seem so smooth for your child, you can talk to their class teacher or the Band leader who will be able to help.

Year 5/6 Band leader: Mr Alex Desmond

Year 3/4 Band leader: Miss Susan Friend (also Deputy)

We have had a huge amount of work done to the site over summer. Thank you for all the positive comments about the new fences. The other side will be completed by October. All our toilets have new boilers, the offices have moved round, 5 classrooms have been painted and the gazebo has a new base!

Mrs Osborne



Premier Sports Term 1 After School Clubs

After school clubs for Term 1 have now been agreed and will run as follows from Monday 10th September:

Monday – Sports Academy Years 5 & 6

Tuesday – Gymnastics Years 3 & 4

Wednesday - Football Years 3 & 4

Thursday – Football Years 5 & 6

Friday – Nerf Years 3 to 6

To book any Summer Premier Sports clubs or after school clubs, you can book online at: <https://www.premier-education.com/>

Dinner Money

A reminder that as of Term 1 the cost of school dinners will now be **£2.20**. If you are having problems logging on to your smart phone/tablet please check that the password is all lower case and that you are logging into PARENT section of school money.

Individual/Sibling photos

Individual school photos will take place on Thursday 20th September. Please make sure that children are ready with their hair brushed and clean shirts! Photos will be on sale shortly after this date.

Diary Dates

September

Tuesday 11th - Year 3 New Parent Meeting 3:30pm

Wednesday 12th – Bikability Starts

Tuesday 18th – Year 4 Barton Camp Meeting 3:30pm

Wednesday 26th – Year 6 Life Skills Trip

Thursday 27th – Year 5 Trip to MShed

October

Wednesday 11-Friday 13th Year 4 Barton Camp

Wednesday 17th – 5/6AD class assembly

Thursday 18th – LB Trip to Bristol Zoo

Thursday 18th – Parents Evening 1 (TBC)

Tuesday 23rd – Parents Evening 2 (TBC)

Wednesday 24th – 6RH class assembly

Friday 26th – End of Term 1

November

Monday 5th – Inset Day

Tuesday 6th – Start of Term 2

Inset Days 2018/2019

Monday 5th November

Friday 15th February

Tuesday 23rd April

Breaktime Tuck List

Tuck is served in the hall every breaktime. Below is an indication of the current prices. (There is no free fruit provision at the Juniors.)

Toast 10p

Fruit 15p

Crossiant 50p

Orange/Apple Juice 35p

Milk 35p

Children look after their own money.

Attendance/ Absence request / Sickness

Please report all sickness or absence to the school phone 01454 866516 or email christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk (NOT to Mrs Osborne!)

Absence request forms need to be completed for any exams, appointments etc

Term time holiday will be unauthorised holiday and may result in a fixed penalty notice from the local authority.



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Welcome to Y3 meeting

Miss Friend and the Year 3 team will be holding a parents meeting on Tuesday 11th September after school at 3.30pm. All of our Year 3 parents are welcome to come and hear about what to expect this year as well as ask any questions you have. We will have a classroom open for Year 3 pupils to play in while the meeting is happening in the hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

House Cup

The winners of House Cup for the first week back were.... Phoenix House! Congratulations!



Chair of Governors

We are delighted to welcome Claire Edmunds as she steps up to the role of Chair of Governors for the start of this year. Thank you to Paul Peterson who was Chair last year.

Behaviour Policy

We have started the new school year with some positive changes to our behaviour system. Firstly, we will no longer run 'Sanction' as it was previously known but will instead run a lunchtime reflection area with a member of the senior leadership team. Any children who moves to 'red' during the school day will spend 15 minutes at the start of lunchtime in the reflection room. This also allows for a member of the SLT to be available to support all children with any issues that arise during the lunch break and ensure that they are sorted with quickly and fairly. We have attached our updated behaviour chart overview for your information and the policy will shortly be updated on the website.

Friends Meeting

The Friends of Christ Church Juniors AGM meeting is being held at CCJ on Monday 17th September at 9am. Everyone is invited to join us for a cup of tea to share some fresh ideas about events and methods of working together as we would love a class rep for each class. If you have any questions or would like to help but can't make this date please let the office know so we can pass this on to the Friends. Thanks.

Bristol Zoo Trip

The Lower Band will be visiting Bristol Zoo to learn more about the rainforest environment as part of this term's topic. Year 4 +3/4SG will visit the zoo on Thursday 18th October and Year 3 will visit on Friday 19th October. Letters with more details will be sent home next week.

Start and end of the day – Playground

School grounds open: 8.30am (no staff on duty)

Band doors open: 8.45am all in by 8.55am

End of school: 3.20pm

School grounds close: 4.20pm (no staff on duty)

Barton Camp Meeting

Barton Camp is fast approaching and we are already excited! Come and hear a bit more about the camp and what to expect on Tuesday 18th September after school at 3.30pm with the Year 4 team. This is a great opportunity to ask any questions and alleviate any concerns - we look forward to seeing you there!

Class Names

We are continuing our British Birds theme for our class names this year.

3NK-**Starling** (forest school terms 1&4)

3DK- **Swallow** (forest school terms 4&5)

3/4SG- **Woodpecker** (forest school terms 4&5)

4GE- **Robin** (forest school terms 1&5)

4KR- **Wagtail** (forest school terms 3&5)

5BM- **Puffin** (forest school terms 2&4)

5KW- **Jay** (forest school terms 3&6)

5/6AD- **Kingfisher** (forest school terms 1&4)

6MH- **Kestrel** (forest school terms 4&6)

6RH-**Falcon** (forest school terms 2&6)



**"You're never
too old, too wacky, too wild,
to pick up a book and
read to a child."
-Dr. Seuss**

For your child's protection we need a minimum of two emergency contact numbers per child. At least one MUST have custody of the pupil. The more details we have, the easier we can get in touch if needed.



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Page Park Poetry Event

After working with local poet Fiona Hamilton in July, some of our children will be performing their poems as part of the Park Life Poetry Event this Saturday 8th September at Page Park. Children taking part should arrive at 2pm and the main event starts at 3pm. All are welcome to attend. The event will take place at the clock tower and there will be a market, music, poetry the café will be open as well!

Homework

In agreement with our Governors and responding to pupil and parental feedback, we are now giving spellings and times tables as weekly homework to all years. In addition to this we would expect every child to be reading with parents several times a week as these are the things that will most positively impact on progress and confidence. This means there will no longer be individual maths, topic or English homework. During the year there will also be opportunities to join in with project homework. Examples from recent years include the book emporium and the science fair.

Lunchtime Provision

We are constantly looking for ways to improve our lunch provision – here are some of the things we have put into place.

- **Learning mentor on duty**
- **The reflection zone with a member of SLT on duty daily**
- **Playpod, music and different activities such as parachute games**
- **Daily sports coach input**
- **Recruiting more SMSA staff**

We have been very pleased with the smooth start to lunchtimes this term and so will continue to introduce additional activities to benefit all children in our care.

Swimming

Some of our Upper Band pupils have been invited to take part in swimming lessons in the week beginning 17th September. If you have returned your permission form please note that this is a block of 5 lessons – one every day during this week. It is really important that swimming kits are in school every day to allow each child to make the most of the opportunity. Thank you for your support.

PARK LIFE POETRY

Saturday 8 September 2018
Page Park Clocktower 3pm
all welcome!



Art Shirts!

Please send your child to school with an old art shirt on Monday. Our classes will all be using acrylic paint for a large scale art project and this can stain clothing.

Bikeability

Bikeability for year 6 starts back next Wednesday. The children starting this six week cycle need to ensure their bike and helmet is in school every Wednesday otherwise they will not be able to complete the course. Bikeability is for year 6 children (10 at a time) and is a 6 week course – all year 6's will get the opportunity to attend the course during 2018/2019.



Music Tuition

If you returned a form for music tuition this year your lessons will begin next week (from Monday 10th September). All pupils asking to be considered have been allocated a lesson with their chosen instrument. Please check the list below to ensure you bring your instrument on the correct day and don't miss your lesson.



Monday: Clarinet (with Mr Wise)

Tuesday: Violin (with Ms Windram)

Tuesday: Brass (with Mr Maloney)

Friday: Fife/Flute (with Ms Lawson)





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We are constantly updating our website and twitter feed, so please do follow us <http://www.christchurchjuniors.co.uk/> and twitter.com/CCJDownend or serach @CCJDownend

Reception Area

You have probably noticed our wonderful new front of house Reception area! We feel that this is a more welcoming entrance to the school and that it works well for the staff, pupils and parents. Please can we just ask that if you are waiting to come in, and you see that staff are serving another parent, for privacy and security reasons, please bare with us.



Parent Pay

We understand that Parent Pay has not been working for some people this week. This is due to a system fault, which we are currently dealing with. It will hopefully be back up and running soon, so we ask that you please bear with us.

Uniform reminder

Thank you for dressing all the children so smartly for the start of term. Please remember that shoes must be all black and socks should be plain blue, black, grey or white. Please also avoid hair accessories in bright colours. They should all be blue, black or white. Thank you for your continued support with this.



Permissions

Year 3

If you haven't already, please return your starter packs to the office as a matter of urgency. It is important that we have all relevant information for your child. Thank you if you have already returned this to us.

Walking/scooting to and from school alone

If you wish for your child to walk home by themselves after school, you will need to complete and return a signed permission form. You can collect one of these from Reception.

The Meadow

Over the summer we have developed *The Meadow* - a calm and peaceful space for any child who needs a bit of extra help. The wonderful Mrs Lovell will be based in The Meadow and will now work as a full time mentor to assist those who need extra pastoral care or therapeutic support.



Report working group

The governing body have recently approved a new report system where written reports will come home three times per year in line with the parent's evenings. Staff have created a proposed format but we'd love a parent group to give us their feedback. Come join the parent group at **2.30pm Mon 17th Sept**