



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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28th September 2018

Smarties Mission 2018

Can you help us on our mission to buy some staging for the playground? Yes! Great- join in with our Smarties Mission 2018... and demonstrate our school values at the same time! We want you to help friends and family with some extra jobs and earn some 20p pieces to donate to the school.

*We've given you these Smarties to eat
But the empty tube you must keep*



*For every task done, earn 20p
It's up to you to earn your fee
Fill up your tube, right to the top*



Return in three weeks for our charity pot!

Tubes of Smarties will be sent home with all children next week. Please can they be returned filled with as many 20p pieces as possible on the last day of term and use it as your donation for dress down day.

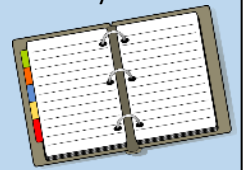
Diary Dates

October

Tuesday 9th – 1:30pm Harvest Service
Wednesday 11th -Friday 13th Y4 Barton Camp
Wednesday 17th – 5/6AD Class Assembly
Thursday 18th – LB Trip to Bristol Zoo
Thursday 18th – Parents Evening 1
Tuesday 23rd – Parents Evening 2
Wednesday 24th - PP Coffee Morning
Wednesday 24th – 6RH Class Assembly
Friday 26th – End of Term 1

November

Monday 5th – Inset Day
Tuesday 6th – Start of Term 2
Wednesday 15th – Flu Y3/Y4/Y5 **only**



Flu Nasal Sprays 15th November 2018

Packs have been sent home with your child this week for the NHS UK Flu nasal spray scheme.

This is for the Years 3/4/5 only. This is a NHS scheme and they set which year groups receive the spray.

If you do not receive a pack this week please speak to the main office.

Harvest Service

Our Harvest Service will take place at 1.30pm on Tuesday 19th October and all parents are invited to join us. The service will be held at Christ Church and we are very excited that this will be our first service in the newly refurbished building.

The Upper Band will be preparing some poems, prayers and art work to share and of course there will be some of our favourite harvest songs. Any donations are greatly appreciated; tins, bottles and dried food welcome from Monday 8th. If any parents can help us walk children over from school then please speak to class teachers.



Are you.....

..... able to ask questions, and be confidential?

..... wanting Christ Church Junior to become an even better school?

.... available to meet with others like you twice a half term?



.... able to come into school a few times a year?

If so, then Christ Church Juniors **NEEDS YOU!**

We are looking for a new governor, who can be part of our team. It does not have to be a parent, so if you know someone in the community who may be interested, then please encourage them to get in touch.

In return you will gain great satisfaction knowing that you are contributing to the school life, development of the children and helping to make our school be the best it can be.

If this is of interest to you, please email our clerk, Frances on fmcmmillan@hotmail.com



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Reading Levels

Within the next few weeks, all children who are not yet 'free readers' will have taken a short benchmark assessment, which means they will read a short passage aloud to an adult and answer comprehension questions about what they have read. This will help us to choose the correct level book for them so that the texts they bring home are just right in terms of challenge and new vocabulary. This chart shows the order of the book levels at CCJ.

0 Lilac	9 Gold
1 Pink	10 White
2 Red	11 Lime
3 Yellow	12 Brown
4 Blue	13 Grey
5 Green	14 Navy
6 Orange	15 Burgundy
7 Turquoise	16 Black
8 Purple	

Year 3 parents should note that the reading scheme at the Infants goes up to lime level, after which children are 'free readers'. As our reading scheme has more levels, some children who were previously free readers at CCI will now have a levelled reading book again. Although expression and pronunciation are extremely important, children will also need to have a good comprehension of events, the characters and the themes to move up to the next level.

Our reading books can be found in the 'Reading Hub' in the middle of the school, right next to our library, where there is a new display showing all the reading levels. Children also have the opportunity to choose a book from our extensive selection of library books to take home and read in addition to their levelled text.

If your child is a free reader, we will be developing a new scheme over the next few months so that they have regular access to high quality texts - watch this space! In the meantime, please encourage them to use our wonderful library to choose a good read.

As part of our weekly homework, all children should read their levelled reading book (or library book if they are a free reader) at least five times a week. Every child has a yellow reading record to note when they have read and to keep a track of which books they have already read.

Comprehension is a very important part of learning to read so it is important to ask your child lots of questions about their book to help them progress to the next level. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's book level, please speak to their class teacher, who will be able to discuss your child's next steps.

Call for CDs

We would really appreciate any donations of age-appropriate CDs for our children to listen to at lunchtimes. Please leave any donations at the office- thanks!



School Photos

If your child missed the school photos last week, another day will be organised in due course. We will let you know once a date has been confirmed.

House Cup

This week Team Phoenix have won the house cup.

Well done Phoenix!



Cogs!

The picture (right) has been created by our wonderful children to represent the power of teamwork. Each child painted a cog and then the very talented Mrs Byrom and Mrs Teller collated all 300 to create this stunning piece of art.

*Individually we are unique...
together we are a masterpiece...*



Parent Link Workers

At CCJ we have two parent link workers, Mrs Sally Payne and Mrs Kate Thatcher who are another point of contact for families needing advice or help. Feel free to catch them any time or email ccjparentsupport@sgmail.org.uk



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That Monday Thing!

That Monday Thing is on Monday lunchtimes in Mrs Elliott's room from 12.30-1pm. We would love to see any new children. At the moment we are sharing Bible stories, playing games, making crafts and learning a new song called, "Every Giant will Fall" by Rend Collective (Have a listen on YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EF84v-oOhp0>). Hope to see you next Monday!

Love from Louise Branch & Helen Buick



Special events for the Grand Re-opening at Christ Church Downend

Dear children, parents & carers,

We would like to invite you all to come and explore the newly re-opened Christ Church over the weekend of 5-7 October. After 11 months of building works the Church has been transformed, with new heating, new wiring, new tech / sound system, new toilets, a damp course, lots of redecorating and more.

There are lots of different events planned over the Opening weekend, and you can see them all listed on our website <http://christchurchdownend.com/grand-re-opening-weekend-events/>

I wanted to draw your attention to the special Fun afternoon we have planned for Saturday 6 October from 2-4pm when the Church will be filled with games, crafts and a free giant bouncy castle. There will be a treasure trail to follow, and plenty of refreshments as we celebrate the end of the building project with our local community. Later that day our CCJ choir will be singing in the celebration concert at 7pm.

Our first Sunday service back in Church will be our Harvest Service on Sunday 7 October at 10.30am, with a short, very family friendly, All Age Praise, with our puppets Lucy & Bert & Monty Mouse booked to appear. If you haven't been along to one of our services recently, I thoroughly recommend a little look in. There will be an opportunity to bring Harvest food gifts to that service and you are welcome to stay for our harvest bring and share lunch at 12pm.

Hope to see you there,

Helen Buick (Children's worker at Christ Church Downend)

