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5th October 2018

Downend Soup-er Stars!

Miss Friend and I were so proud of the team from CCJ who have been creating an idea to give back to the community by creating a link with William Court, a home for the elderly on Overhill Road. They created a fantastic pitch and won the most votes on the night. They now have a share of the £700 raised to create an afternoon tea party – watch this space!



Diary Dates

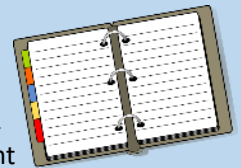
October

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
Friday 9th – Friends Quiz Night
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.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Friends of CCJ held our AGM on Monday 17th Sept.

We are delighted to welcome 3 new parents to our team for this year;

Beauty Phiri, Lisa Keegan-Wood and Jessica Favali.

Having worked tirelessly last year to raise thousands of pounds for the school and our children Sophie Flecken has decided to step down as chair. A massive thanks to Sophie for all she has done – over £7000 was raised last year.

The new committee are:

Alison Brooks (Chair), Melanie Ford-Samways (Treasurer), and Beauty Phiri (Secretary)

We are also delighted to still have on board Esther Monks, Ruthie Carstairs and Sophie Flecken

Having considered parent feedback from last year we have decided to reduce the number of events we run this school year. We are aiming to have 1 event per term starting with an adult only quiz on Friday 9th November. The quiz is a fun night with excellent feedback received from previous events.. To meet the new GDPR requirements we are restricted on the data that we can hold about students and parents. We are therefore looking to use parent pay (the school dinner and school trip on line system) for any payment of tickets/ events etc. We will as always endeavour to send out information about our events on the newsletter, via email, letters home and on Facebook. We hope you will enjoy our events this year. We can't run them without your help and support. Every penny raised goes to the school to benefit all of our children.

The Friends



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Year 6 Reminders

Y7 Secondary School Applications for 2019

The deadline for secondary school applications online is 31/10/18 for South Glos. Should you have queries you can phone the admissions line 01454 868008, please bear in mind that phone lines are very busy at this time of year, so please do not leave your application too late.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/>

Y6 Leavers Hoodies

The deadline for buying hoodies is Sun 7th October. The link will close after this date will no longer be available.

Year 6 pupils will be able to wear the hoodies as uniform from term 2, so please make sure you order before Sunday.

Remember to add initials to the comments box at time of paying.

Don't forget to return your permission slip for your child's name to be on the Hoodie.

http://www.initiallyours.co.uk/schools/chistchurch_cofe_vc_juniors/leaver_hoodies.htm

PGL Payments

Please remember to continue to make regular payments to the outstanding balance for PGL 2019. If you are having problems making payment please speak with Mrs Cleave or Mrs Osborne. Mrs Cleave will be contacting parents next week if less than 3 payments have been made, to confirm if your child still wants their place.

Parents Evening

Bookings are now live! Please go online and book your parents evening slot by following the link sent to you in the text. Any problems, please contact the school office.



Please see the attached letter for important information about Doodlemaths.

House Cup

Congratulations!

Team Hippocamps

who won this weeks house cup!



Boys Football

The year 6 boys played their first match of the year away at St Augustine's school on Thursday. The children represented the school brilliantly and won the game 6-1 to progress to the next round of the cup. Mr Kennedy will send out letters when the next fixture date is known.



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

Smarties Challenge

Everyone now has a smarties tube and thank you to all of you already finding jobs for the children to do in return for 20p to fill up the tubes!

We will be asking for the tubes to come back in on **Friday 24th October.**



Schools Money

This year we are trying to reduce cash and cheques held on school site and would like to move away from taking cash/cheque payments. We would like to encourage all school dinner money and trip payments to be made via Schools Money system. Please note that should we receive a payment by cheque, these will only be banked monthly. *All payments made via cheque this term to date, have been banked today.*

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 Schools Money. Any problems with this system, please contact the school office.

Year 6 World War Two Day

Friday 19th October

We are planning a day of activities to immerse the children in life as a child during WW2. As part of this, we would love the children to dress up in 1940s style clothes. This can be as simple as school shorts/trousers, a shirt and woolly jumper/tank top for boys and school skirt, blouse and cardigan for girls.

Other ideas could include flat caps or berets, traditional cotton dresses, shawls and plaited hair. You might like to work together to put together a 1940s packed lunch with food that would have been available during the war! Please keep sending in any shoe boxes and strong small cardboard boxes (e.g. from pet food sachets or laundry tablets) for the activities we will be running.



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Thank you and Farewell to Christ Church

For the past 12 months we have held the Sunday morning service for Christ Church Downend in our school hall during a time of renovation at the church site. Sunday 30th September was their last service with us as the renovations are now completed. We have enjoyed working with the church to ensure that the local community still had a weekly service and are grateful for the connections and links we have made with so many people in the local area.

We are so thankful and grateful for all the help and provision we have received as a school during this time. The Church have kindly donated to us a sound system and projector which they had installed last year for use during their time with us, our school will benefit from this for many years to come. A huge thanks again to the youth group and helpers who came in the summer and helped tidy and clean our school site including painting the school gates and railings. Thanks too to Helen Buick who has been helping run weekly bible clubs, soup runs and tended to our veggie patch at the back of the school by the pond area and planted some plants in our reception tubs.

The church has a whole weekend of events and services should you wish to attend please take a look at the following link <http://christchurchdownend.com> – don't forget to join us for the Harvest service on Tuesday too



Feathers is back at CCJ!

“Above all, love each other deeply,
because love covers over a
multitude of sins.

— 1 Peter 4:8 —



Year 5 at the M Shed!

