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## Welcome Back to Term 2!

It is fantastic to see the children so refreshed from their break. The staff Inset day on Monday was a brilliant opportunity for us to further develop our expertise within maths and reading provision as well as to spend the afternoon sharing ideas and best practice within forest schools which every class does. We are so excited about all the learning and opportunities available this term from the space planetarium to forest schools, cross country to Christmas and much more besides! Please can I encourage you to take the time to scan the weekly newsletter as we do so much of our key communication through it. We have added the 'in this week's newsletter' banner at the top to help draw your attention to the most important elements. Remember they can also be found on our website. Have a fantastic term!

*Mrs Osborne*

**Happy Diwali to all of our families who celebrate it!**



## Smarties Challenge

Well done to everyone who took part in the Smarties Challenge. An amazing total of **£722.60!!** This will go towards the outside stage area! Well done!

## Children in Need & Anti-Bullying

Next week is both Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need! Some classes will be discussing these topics through PSHE lessons and some may be using class service time to reflect and think carefully about what we can do to make a positive difference. There may also be a surprise coming to CCJ, but you'll have to wait until next week to find out what it is! There will be a dress down day with spots on **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**.

## Half Term Works

With the school being empty over half term, it was the perfect opportunity to get some work done around the school! We were able to get the last 3 classrooms repainted and the Trim Trail was also fixed.

Additionally, we invested **£12,000** to fit every classroom with a brand new projector and sound bar which is making a massive difference already. Thank you so much to our Governors who agreed to this spend.

## Remembrance Day Competition Winners

The CCJ winner for the Remembrance Day Competition was.... Elizabeth from Year 4 who designed and made a beautiful poppy out of leaves, crate paper and fabric. She will join the CCI winner, Penny from Year 1 at the Paige Park Remembrance Parade on Sunday morning where they will both lay a poppy wreath on behalf of CCJ & CCI. Congratulations to both winners!



## **Spelling Strategies**

**Strategy of the Week: Mnemonics**

**Race against the clock**

Motivate your child by introducing an element of challenge to practising spellings. Using the stopwatch on your phone, time your child as you read out the spelling words and they write them. Make a note of how many they get correct and their time and then on the following day, challenge them to smash their personal best!



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## Operation Christmas Child



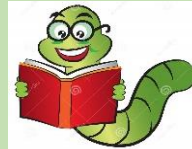
As we approach the season of giving, we have decided to support Operation Christmas Child this year. We are asking children to fill a Christmas paper covered shoe box with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy or deflated football with pump. Please label your box with details of if your gift is for a boy or a girl and which age category (2-4, 5-9 or 10-14) your box is for. These will then be sent to Operation Christmas Child who will distribute them to deprived children in over 100 different countries. You may choose to personalise your shoebox by including a handwritten note. You may also like to pray for the child that receive your gift.

If children have items that do not fill an entire box, please bring them in and we can combine the gifts into another box. Due to the Christmas gifts being sent worldwide, we are asking boxes to be brought to Miss Rendall's classroom (Wagtail) by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**. Let's continue to share our Christmas spirit worldwide! If you would like to find out more about Operation Christmas Child please click on the following link

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/the-journey-of-a-shoebox/>

## Bookworm Wednesday!

It was lovely to see so many families attend our first 'Book Worm Wednesday' this week. Just a reminder that the school library will be open from 8:30am until 8:45am before school every Wednesday for parents, carers and children to browse our extensive selection of books, sit and read together on our sofa, speak to our librarian about great books to borrow or even just pop in to shelter from the cold and dark November weather!



**We look forward to welcoming more families next Wednesday morning.**

## Coats



As the weather is now getting colder and wetter, please can you ensure that your child has a warm coat with them at school. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Forest School

The classes who will be doing Forest School this Term are: **5BM, 6RH, 5/6AD, 4GE**



## Christmas Service Auditions!

Lower Band have already started planning and preparing for the Christmas service to be held on Thursday 13th December at 1.30pm and 6pm and auditions for speaking and singing parts will be held next week. Year 4 take on the main parts in the service and will be given the opportunity to read a part of the script (Monday lunchtime) or sing a short song (Thursday lunchtime) so please help them prepare at home if they wish to have a go! We can't wait for the children to show you how talented they all are!

## House Cup!

And the winners of this week's House Cup were.....

**Hippocamp!**  
**Well Done!**



## Correct CCJ Uniform

This is a polite reminder about uniforms.



**Boys:** Grey/black shorts or trousers, white, light blue or navy shirt/polo shirt, navy sweater/sweatshirt (**No hoodies\***), grey, white, black or dark blue socks and plain black shoes (no logo or colour).

**Girls:** Grey/black shorts or trousers (**NOT leggings**), **knee length** skirt, blue/white print dress or grey pinafore dress. white, light blue or navy blouse/polo shirt, navy cardigan/sweater/sweatshirt (**no hoodies\*** or fashion cardigans), plain grey, white, black or dark blue tights/socks and plain black shoes not sandals (no logo or colour). **Hair bands and clips should be blue, black or white only.**

*\*Year 6 Leavers' navy hoodies only*



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## End of Day

Due to safeguarding, please help keep children safe by not letting them return into the school building when they leave at the end of the day. We are trying to lock the doors as otherwise we cannot control who comes inside and keep the children we are responsible for from 3.20-4.20pm safe when many clubs are running. If re-entry is vital then please come to the school office.

## Donations needed!!

Do you have any of the following things laying around unused? We would love to take them off your hands for wet play times?

**Dominoes** **U rated DVDs**  
**Cars** **Road Mat**  
**Age appropriate CDs**



## Almondsbury Football Tournament

On Wednesday morning nine Y6 boys took part in a football competition with 21 other schools. Here is how 2 of the players described their morning:

*In our group we played 4 games and won 3. This made us qualify for the semi-final where we played last year's winners (St Stephen's). We drew 2-2 and went to extra time and penalties. Our keeper saved their last penalty to let us progress to the final. In the final our right winger smashed a goal from distance into the top of the opponents net. We held on to win the final 1-0!*

Well done to the 9 boys who have now qualified to the district finals.

## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Monday to Friday - 12.00 noon to 1.15 pm

(6.25 hours per week, 1¼ hours per day) Part time is an option too.

The role is to supervise pupils in designated areas of the school (including playground or other external spaces) during the lunchtime break and to ensure their safety, welfare and general conduct through appropriate application of the school's policies and procedures.

For more information and an application form please visit:

<http://www.christchurchjuniors.co.uk/about-us/vacancies-at-christ-church-junior>

or alternatively contact the School Office on 01454 866516

## TONIGHT

### CCJ Friends Quiz Night!

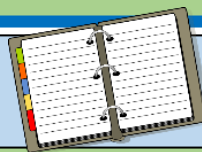
7pm-10pm CCJ

School Hall

£5 per ticket to include nibbles.

Adults only and bar.

## Diary Dates



### November

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> – Friends Quiz Night 7pm

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> – UB Explorer Dome

Thur 15<sup>th</sup> – Flu Y3/Y4/Y5 **only**

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need

**(Spots dress down theme)**

Wed 21<sup>st</sup> – Y6 Road Safety

Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y6 Measurement Scheme

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Whole School

Cross Country

Fri 30<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Road Safety

### December

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Road Safety

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Bazaar

Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Y5 Road Safety (Outside)

Wed 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner!

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Service 1:30pm

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Service 6pm

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – Xmas Factor!

Wed 19<sup>th</sup> – UB Christmas Party

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – LB Christmas Party

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Dress Down Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – End of Term 2

### January

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 3

Please note that **Year 6 Bikeability** will be on a **THURSDAY** in Term 2!

## ATTENDANCE

Week Ending 9<sup>th</sup> Nov

CLASS	%ATTENDANCE
Woodpecker	100%
Puffin	99%
Jay	99%
Wagtail	99%
Falcon	97%
Robin	95%
Starling	95%
Swallow	94%
Kingfisher	94%
Kestrel	94%
WHOLE SCHOOL	96%

Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%