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In this week's newsletter.....

Friends of CCJ News!

Pudsey!



**Explorer Dome!**

**Spelling Strategy of the Week!**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November we held our annual service of remembrance at school and had two minutes to remember those who fought and died in the war. As Upper Band have been learning about the World Wars, children from each class shared poems and writing that they had created. We also saw all the poppy art from the recent competition and heard a beautiful song sung a capella (with no backing) by Yasmin. The school joined in with the poem 'In Flanders Fields' and sung Shalom. The children made us so proud with the calm and respectful way they engaged with the service and I would encourage you to talk to them about any questions they have. I'd also like to mention Elizabeth who laid the wreath at the Page Park Remembrance service on Sunday (see picture) and represented us brilliantly in front of hundreds of people - well done! *Mrs Osborne*

## Our Fencing is Now Complete!!



It has been a long time coming, two years in the planning but we now finally have our security fencing! We would like to say a huge thank you to South Gloucestershire County Council for the grant that made this possible. Thank you for helping us to keep our children safe!

We understand that this is a new concept for entering the school, so please bear with us while everyone gets used to the new system. When you buzz the intercom this goes through to the front reception desk who will speak to you and allow you entry. It is vitally important that when entering or leaving through the gate, you DO NOT allow entry to anyone else. Every visitor to the school must be allowed access through the intercom. Please be patient if you are not answered instantly this may be that staff are dealing with another parent/carer.

*Please remember that the school building is closed from 3:30pm any child or adult entering the school after this time MUST use the front reception.*



## Children in Need

It was wonderful to see the children looking very spotty today in order to raise money for Children in Need. Everyone looked amazing and spirits were high! Thank you for all the donations and we will update you with the total made next week.



## Explorer Dome: To Infinity and Beyond!

Children in the Upper Band had an incredible day on Wednesday! Every class in years 5 and 6 visited the planetarium in our very own school hall. We visited the sun and had a close-up look at the surface of this fiery giant! Later, we explored the solar system, getting up close to our neighbours such as Venus, Mars and Jupiter. We then travelled billions of miles to look at some of the rest of the universe. Finally, we had a look at the night sky and learned all about the constellations and the history behind their names. A huge thank you goes to the Friends of CCJ, who funded the visit and brought our topic to life!

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November I am going to be doing an organised **18 mile run along the banks of the River Severn** on a disused railway line in the dark! I do occasionally do running challenges but never ask to be sponsored, but as this event is so close to **Children in Need** and a bit different I was thinking I might be able to raise some extra money for the cause. If you would like to sponsor me, please give any donations to the front school office. Thank you for your support. Alivia (Izzy's Mum)



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## Spelling Strategies

Strategy of the Week: *Spotlight on Vowels: A, E, I, O, U!*

To help your child remember how to spell the word, and also to help them learn which letters are vowels and which are consonants, try writing spellings with two different coloured pens. Use one colour for vowels and one for consonants to help make the sounds in the word really visual.

### Bookworm Wednesday!

It is lovely to see so many families attending our 'Book Worm Wednesday' Remember 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!

## House Cup!

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

Hippocamp!  
Well Done!



### Harvest thank you from St James

Dear Mrs Osborne, Staff  
Children & Parents,  
Thank-you so very much for  
your wonderful Harvest  
Feast!  
Our residents were really  
thrilled when they received  
all your lovely food.  
Thank-you for being such  
good friends to our Church!  
Very best wishes,  
Susan & all at  
St. James Priory

### Boys Football

Yesterday Blackhorse Primary School visited us for a football league match. All the CCJ boys played brilliantly and contested well to come from behind to a final score of 3-3. Well done to all who took part.

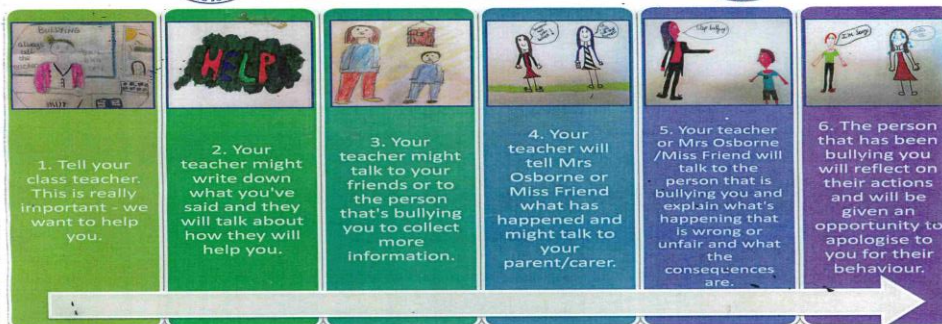
### Operation Christmas Child

Wow! What a fabulous collection we have gained towards this wonderful cause. Thank you to all who donated items and full boxes! There is no doubt that your generosity will make someone's Christmas very special! Thank you! For more information about the cause click on the link.

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



### Bullying - What happens at CCJ?



### That Monday Thing!

That Monday thing had fun this week with making wings to fly! We learnt that any unkind words & lies we might say make chains which can harm us. But all the kind words we say can set others free to fly. When we speak the truth and listen to the truth we can know freedom. James 3:6 "The tongue is a flame of fire." And John 8:32 "the truth will set you free." If anyone wants to join our Monday Bible Club, we would love to see you. We meet in Mrs Elliott's room from 12.30-1pm. Louise Branch & Helen Buick

### Junior Soup

Our Junior Soup team have made their second visit to William Court and are having such a rewarding time. We have enjoyed speed chatting, balloon bopping, photo sharing and pass the parcel.

### Forest School

Volunteers for forest school would be very welcomed! If you are able to help please see your class teacher







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## News from the Friends

Firework Ticket Sales raised £51.

Quiz night raised a STUPENDOUS £1086.11. We are thrilled, a huge thanks to all those who came along and made it a fabulous evening! - With this money we have agreed to fund the £450 for the amazing planetarium dome for the Upper Band and will offer the same monetary contribution for something equally as awesome for the Lower Band.

This year we will not be running a Christmas Fair..... but we can announce a Christmas Grand Raffle. We have some amazing prizes on offer

1st prize £100 CASH

2nd prize Sunday lunch for 4 at Tracy Park

3rd prize Easy Runner Voucher

.....And many more.

We will be sending books of raffle tickets home in children's book bags. Please look out for them. Tickets are a bargain price of £1 each, we ask that you please buy them and try to sell them to your family and friends. PLEASE do not sell to children but add an adults name to the stub.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at the Upper Band Christmas Bazaar.

Please can all tickets stubs and monies be returned to school by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

We hope that you will support us with this event by buying and selling the tickets. We can't run the event without that. All proceeds as always go to our children.

*Thank you! Friends of CCJ*

## **Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy**

Monday to Friday - 12.00 noon to 1.15 pm

(6.25 hours per week, 1½ 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

## **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**

## **ATTENDANCE**

Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> Nov

CLASS	%ATTENDANCE
Swallow	99%
Robin	99%
Puffin	98%
Falcon	98%
Starling	98%
Woodpecker	98%
Wagtail	97%
Jay	96%
Kingfisher	95%
Kestrel	94%
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>97.5%</b>

Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

## **Diary Dates**

### **November**

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

### **January**

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 3

### **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



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