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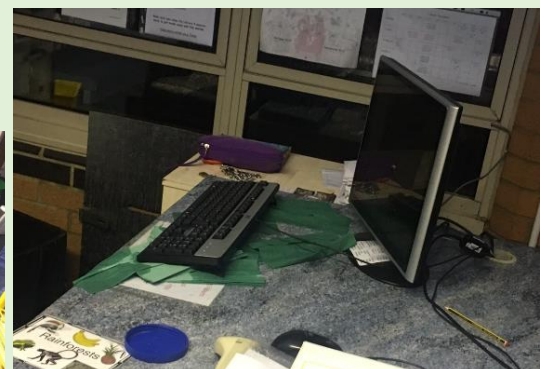
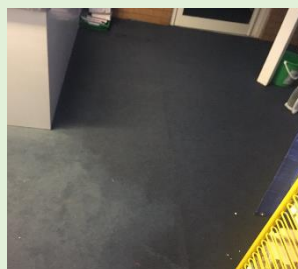
This has been an incredibly sad, stressed and yet uplifting week and I think we are all emotionally (and physically) drained after the catastrophic failure of the roofing structure of our conservatory (library). The children and staff were incredible for the calm and sensible way they reacted which ensured everyone stayed safe. We have then had a whirlwind of visitors, media, fund raising and reaction to save our beloved books culminating in the incredibly generous offer from the council to fund the work on repairing the roof which is still leaking every time it rains.

I have been humbled to witness the response from the community from lending dehumidifiers, to MES making our electrics safe with no charge; from children trying to give me their pocket money to staff working tirelessly to keep the school 'normal' and open. We have a long journey ahead which I predict will take most of 2019 to complete but I have faith that with the council's help and yours we will be able to restore our library hub for our children. In the medium term, we will be reopening a slimmed down version of our library on Tuesday next week just next to the IT suite.

If you are able to share the Friends' Go FundMe giving link <https://www.gofundme.com/help-us-to-replace-the-CCJ-school-library> I would be very grateful as we need to be able to buy new furniture, computer, carpet and books when we finally have a safe building again. I'd also like to invite you to join me, staff, Governors and other families as we do a 4 hour sponsored walk on **Saturday 19th January** from Bristol Central Library to our own library dressed as book characters (optional!).

A heartfelt thank you to every one of you who has offered help, fundraising ideas, practical support or donations. The children are so incredibly lucky to have such a strong, loving and proactive community around them caring so much about the power of reading. Thank you.

Mrs Osborne





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Christmas Bazaar Thursday 6th December (3:30-5:30) - Please hand any donations to 5KW by the 5th December. We would also welcome cakes to sell at the event. If you are able to help, please label any baked goods with any allergens (no nuts) and hand them to the school office on the morning of the 6th December.

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 12th December (11:30-1:30) - All children will be eating a delicious Christmas dinner with their teacher and class. A letter will be sent out soon for children to request a lunch on this day.

Christmas Nativity Thursday 13th December (1:30pm and 6pm) - We are pleased to announce that our Christmas Nativity will take place at the newly refurbished Christ Church. Due to the limited space, we will only be able to host 150 adults at each of the two performances – this will be on a first come, first seated basis and is limited to a maximum of 2 seats per family.

Christmas Concert On Monday 17th December - the choir will be performing their annual Christmas Concert to parents, carers, family and friends. Join us from 4:30pm in the hall (after our usual practice) for refreshments before the concert at 5:00pm.

Upper Band Class Parties Wednesday 19th December (1:20-3:20)

Lower Band Class Parties Thursday 20th December (1:20-3:20)

Children should wear their normal school uniform on these days and bring some party food to share with their own class.

X-Mas Factor Wednesday 19th December (9am to 12pm) - Our annual talent contest! Sadly, due to a lack of room, we are unable to invite parents but make sure you ask your child about the top acts!

Secret Santa Friday 21st December (PM) - One tradition at CCJ is the children's Secret Santa. There is a £3 spending limit. Please ensure all gifts are wrapped and labelled and brought into school no later than Tuesday 18th December so no child is left out.



Our Christmas Bazaar is next Thursday (6th December) from 3:30 – 5:30pm. After the great success of previous years, it will follow a similar format. There will be a range of stalls selling Christmas crafts and tasty treats, hot food, a tombola and even a photo booth! Year 6s will be organising and running their own games stalls and the Friends of CCJ will also be announcing the winner of their raffle prize at the event. The children in Upper Band have put fantastic effort into producing quality gifts for you to buy as Christmas presents, which will range from less than a pound to a maximum of £5.00.

Now we need your help to make the day a real success! At this busy time of year, we know that you have already been asked for donations towards other events but we would really appreciate donations of the following:

Stall	What we would like	When and Where
Books, children's board games and DVDs	Good quality donations (DVDs must be rated U or PG)	Please send to 5KW by Wednesday 5 th December
Cakes and homemade bakes	Please label with any allergens (dairy, wheat etc) – please no nuts!	On morning of Thursday 6 th December to the school office
Bottles tombola	Donations of shampoos, soaps, hand creams, non-alcoholic or alcoholic drinks	Please send to 5KW by Wednesday 5 th December

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you there - please spread the word and invite friends and family! Even though year 5 and 6 children have organised the event, we are looking forward to welcoming children and families from the whole school.



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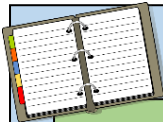
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DON'T FORGET YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS FOR THE FRIENDS OF CCJ GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We have awesome prizes up for grabs, don't miss out on your chance of a
£100 cash prize.

Please return £1 per raffle tickets and stubs to the CCJ Friends post box or school by **Monday 3rd December.**



Diary Dates

December

Thurs 6th – Y3 Road Safety
 Thurs 6th – Christmas Bazaar
 Fri 7th – Y5 Road Safety (Outside)
 Wed 12th – Christmas Dinner!
 Thurs 13th – Christmas Service 1:30pm
 Thurs 13th – Christmas Service 6pm
 Wed 19th – Xmas Factor!
 Wed 19th – UB Christmas Party
 Thurs 20th – LB Christmas Party
 Fri 21st – Dress Down Day
 Friday 21st – End of Term 2

January

Mon 7th – Start of Term 3

BEING HUMBLE MEANS RECOGNIZING
THAT WE ARE NOT ON EARTH
TO SEE HOW IMPORTANT WE CAN BECOME,
BUT TO SEE HOW MUCH DIFFERENCE
WE CAN MAKE IN THE LIVES OF OTHERS.

— GORDON B. HINCHLEY

Cross Country

All children took part in a cross country race on Wednesday, to score points for their houses. The results of the competition will be announced in next week's celebration assembly.

ATTENDANCE

Week Ending 30th Nov

CLASS	%ATTENDANCE
Woodpecker	99%
Wagtail	99%
Puffin	98%
Jay	98%
Swallow	98%
Starling	97%
Falcon	97%
Kingfisher	96%
Robin	94%
Kestrel	93%
WHOLE SCHOOL	97%

Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

PP Coffee Morning

On Friday 7th November Miss Friend will be holding the termly PP Coffee Morning, this time joined by Mrs Groves who will be speaking about her role as SENCo and some of the interventions and therapies we run at school. Some of our families will have received a direct invite to this event, but all parents who wish to join us are welcome to. Coffee and cake will be served in the hall from 9am.- hope to see you there!

House Cup!

Well done to.....

HIPPOCAMP

who were this week's House Cup winners!

CONGRATULATIONS!



Spelling Strategies

Strategy of the week: see a word within a word

Encourage your child to spot smaller, more familiar words within longer words. This will help them to remember how to spell the trickier, longer word.

For example, believe is a tricky spelling with the ie or ei pattern. Can you see the word in believe that means to not tell the truth? The word within believe is lie, so use this in a sentence to remember it: "Never believe a lie."

Young has the tricky 'ou' pattern. Can you see a word in young? There's 'you' in young. Make a sentence to remember it - "You are so young".

Secret Santa 2018!



Today each class teacher has pulled names out of a hat and given each child one person to buy a small gift for. The gift should cost no more than £3 (please try and stick to this as your limit!) and should be returned to school by Tuesday December 18th to ensure that every child has something to open. Please wrap and clearly label who your gift is for- but not who it is from... shhhhh it's a secret!