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Newsletter 2

1st March 2019

CCJ NEWS THIS WEEK

Y6 Parents PGL & SATs MEETING Reminder!

PGL Final Payments!

BOOK WEEK!

New Playground Markings!

Some tickets left for Friends' Dance event tonight!



Fair Trade Visitor

We are delighted to welcome our Fairtrade visitor Junieth, who has come from Nicaragua for the day at our school. She has been explaining about her life as a Fairtrade chocolate grower and how the co-operative she is part of works. It is always such a brilliant life experience for children to welcome visitors from different backgrounds and I hope you find the time to discuss the visit with your children at home. Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Osborne



PLAYGROUND MARKINGS

We are so excited that the week beginning 11th March we will transform our playground with £4000 of markings and games paid for by the money raised from Nik Whiteside (parent of CCJ) and funding from the LA. More pictures and details to follow!

POSTCARDS

It's amazing to see the postcards coming in thick and fast describing your favourite books ahead of book week! Keep them coming! Please bring them in by Wednesday 6th March.



YEAR 5 UNIT DX TRIP

The second group of year five (5KW and second half of 5AD) visited Unit DX which hosts a range of laboratories. The children got to make several varieties of slime, watch the effect of liquid nitrogen on a lettuce leaf and manipulate polymers with heat. This was then followed by a brilliant time at the Engine Shed exploring video tech, housing and the innovative work they are doing in the building!

ADDITIONAL LEAVERS HOODIES

The Deadline for orders is **3rd March**. Please follow the link below to place an order. A minimum order is required by them for it to be processed.

http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/christchurch_cofe_vc_juniors/leaver_hoodies.htm

Y6 PGL & SATS MEETING REMINDER

On **Monday 4th March at 5pm** we are holding a meeting for Y6 parents about SATS and PGL Camp. All year 6 parents are invited to the school to learn more about this year's SATS tests. We will explain the structure and content of the tests and share some revision tips. In addition, we will be distributing the revision guides which have been ordered via school.

During the meeting, we will also be discussing PGL, which this year is the week straight after SATS! Please try to attend as we will be giving important information, including kit lists and medication forms. We look forward to seeing you there.

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WELL DONE!

We have raised

£768.40

at our Book Fair.

This gives us

£401.04

to spend on FREE BOOKS for our school!

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and helped at our Book Fair!



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CAR PARK

A reminder that for the safety of our children, cars should not be coming into the car park at drop off and collection times, unless you have a blue badge. Unfortunately, we have very limited parking in the car park. Please can we ask that you park on the road, but to also be considerate of local residents. Thank you for your cooperation.

A SOUPER FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Pupils from CCJ have been making friends with residents at William Court on Overhill Road for the past 6 months as part of the Junior SOUP initiative from Downend SOUP. They set up a monthly Friendship Club with William Court, which has seen them meeting up for "Speed Chatting", bingo, balloon bopping, and pass the parcel, along with plenty of tea and biscuits and at Christmas even a glass of sherry & some carols! Come and hear about their project and how it has benefitted the school pupils and the residents at William Court at the next Downend SOUP evening, Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 6.30pm at Christ Church Downend. Tickets are available from the Christ Church Parish Office, 57 North Street 9.30-12 or online from www.downendsoup.com



PGL FINAL PAYMENTS

A reminder that the final payments for the Y6 PGL trip are due shortly:

£41 by 28th February

£49 by 22nd March

Please ensure payments are made by Schools Money by the deadline dates. People with large amounts outstanding will be contacted during the first week of Term 4 to discuss if their place needs to be cancelled. If you are having difficulty making this payment by the deadline, please contact Mrs Osborne via the school office.



Christ Church Junior
@CCJDownend

Brilliant to welcome everyone back to school on a beautiful sunny spring day. Looking forward to all the excitement of term 4!



World Book Day – March 7th

Please dress as your favourite book character – no donations

Follow us at @CCJDownend

Lower Band – Let's Eat!

Please be aware that as part of our science, DT and RE this term the Lower Band will be doing lots of cooking and eating! Over the course of the term we will be making and eating: pancakes, ice-cream, chocolate, a salad, a stir-fry and sandwiches. Please ensure that your child's class teacher is aware of any **allergies and intolerances** or if you would like to discuss any ingredients or concerns. There is more information in the lower band newsletter. Additionally, if you would be able to help with any of the cooking activities our teachers would love to hear from you.

Food Reminder!

A reminder that nuts and food contain nuts should not be brought into school due to some of our pupils having severe nut allergies. Also, if you send grapes in with your child, please can you ensure that they are cut length wise to avoid choking. Thank you for your cooperation.

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you expect
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NEXT WEEK IS WORLD BOOK WEEK

We have lots of exciting events planned to celebrate reading! On Thursday 7th March, it's **World Book Day**! To celebrate the day, children and staff will be dressing up as their favourite character from a book. To make this a really special day, please speak to your child about their ideas and encourage them to make sure it is a book character rather than one from a film! We look forward to seeing all the amazing costumes. Every child will also receive a World Book Day £1 Token.



Author visit - Children's author Amy Wilson will be kicking off our World Book Week with a special assembly on Monday 4th March! Amy is a graduate of the Bath Spa MA in Creative Writing. She is the author of the critically acclaimed novels 'A Girl Called Owl' – nominated for the CILIP Carnegie medal – and 'A Far Away Magic'. At break time, children will have an opportunity to buy any of her three books including 'Snowglobe', which she will be discussing in assembly, and have them signed – the books cost £6.99 and she will be selling them on a first come, first served basis

Jackanory - On Tuesday, every child in school will get a chance to share their favourite book with a buddy from another class. Our Jackanory story time will be taking place in the afternoon. Ask your child to have a think about which book they would like to read with their World Book Week Buddy and be ready to explain why it's so great!

Postcard Assembly – We will be holding a special assembly on Wednesday to share lots of the fantastic postcards we received from children during half-term. Some of the teachers will also be sharing their favourite children's book so by the end of the day everyone will have lots of ideas for new books to try!

Design A Book Token Competition - On Friday, children in every class will have the opportunity to design the front of a book voucher. Children will bring their design home as we need parents to complete the back of the form to give permission for your child's entry to be entered into a national competition. In the national competition, the top design will be made into a real-life National Book Tokens gift card, to be distributed across bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas!

CCJ FRIENDS SAVE THE DATES!

Looking forward to seeing you tonight at 'A Night at the Musicals!' Some tickets will be on sale on the door – so come and meet people, have fun and dance with prosecco!

On Monday we will be emailing the full details of the Easter Bake off, Cake Sale, Easter Egg Hunt and Lower Band Family Disco.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

MARCH

Mon 4th – Author Assembly
Mon 4th - Y6 Parents Meeting (Camp/SATS)
Thurs 7th – World Book Day
Fri 15th - Red Nose Day
21st – 4GE Class Service

APRIL

Tues 2nd – Easter Service
Christ Church Downend 1pm
Fri 5th – Dress Down
Fri 5th – End of Term 4
Tue 23rd – INSET DAY
Wed 24th – Start of Term 5
Fri 27th – Y4 Ukulele

ATTENDANCE Terms 4, Week 1



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

Red = Below 92%
Amber = 92-96%
Green = 97+%

Good job



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