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Newsletter 27

5th April 2019

COMING UP IN THIS WEEKS CCJ NEWS.....

INTEREST DAY!

HAPPY EASTER!

Easter at Christ Church!

FOOTBALL!

OUR CCJ PUPILS NEED YOU!

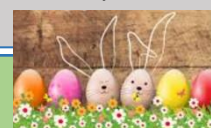


What a fantastic term! Smoothie bike, cooking, bike ability, skipping workshops, Y5 Big Sing, KNEX event, science assembly, World book day, Fairtrade, Salvation Army, Lego Mindstorms, Cross country, drumming and football! We know the children have benefitted from all these opportunities but it is certainly time for a well-earned break. If you want to give us feedback on our curriculum then please do email or pop in, so we can continue to strive to do our best!

Happy Easter to all our families!

NOISE DAY – 4th May

On the morning of Saturday 4th May we are inviting families to come and join Christ Church at CCJ for our next 'Noise' day. We will be tackling the pond area, painting other parts of the school, looking to cultivate our gardens and anything else we can think of! SO if you are available that morning, please do come and get involved! We would be very grateful for any time you can spare.



EASTER at CHRIST CHURCH

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Easter service at Christ Church on Tuesday. As always, the singing was brilliant, the poems and prayers thoughtful and reflective and the flying eggs ... memorable! It was a great analogy of the surprise the women felt when they found the tomb empty as Jesus had risen. Thank you to our year 5 who wrote the prayers and poems as well as created the Easter art.

Keynsham Town Ladies FC

Wagtail class thoroughly enjoyed supporting Miss Rendall last weekend at Keynsham Town Ladies FC. They showed their competitive nature in a tournament beforehand, were brilliant mascots for the game and then cheered extra loudly throughout the match! Well done!



Year 5 Big Sing

We've been learning songs for the big sing which is this Wednesday. Harman will be joining us with the few songs we've learnt to perform to the parents which include: Bing This is my refuge and a special song about the story of Hope and Grace. Every week a Singing Teacher called Holly comes in and sings with us. Year 5. The big sing is something lots of schools are involved in. But it's just Christ Church and Harman are singing this Wednesday, it will take place in the school hall and we are all very excited to perform to the parents and show off the songs we've been learning. The singing sessions we've had have been fun and most of year 5 will agree they have been very enjoyable.

BOYS FOOTBALL

We just want to congratulate and acknowledge the level that the CCJ boys got to with the football this term. They all worked incredibly hard and were county champions, representing Gloucestershire in the finals. Well done boys! We are extremely proud of you!

They also did brilliantly at the league finals in Keynsham on Thursday with a final score of 0 – 1 to become runners up in the South Glos schools league.





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Year 6 Easter Revision

This week, we sent home revision packs for reading, maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

We believe it is very important that our year sixes have a lovely holiday and plenty of time to relax, play and recharge their batteries after a long term! We also recognise that the holidays are 18 days long and that there are only a few short weeks after Easter until the SATS tests.

To help every child to prepare for this, we would like all year 6 children to complete roughly 10 minutes a day in each of the three subjects (a total of 30 minutes per day for ten days). This means there is still plenty of time for relaxation, but this revision will help your child to remember key concepts they might otherwise forget as well as being good preparation for the homework they will receive at secondary school next year.

We have provided answer booklets for maths and SPAG - please encourage your child to mark their work after completing it and please do send the workbooks back after Easter so the year 6 team can help your child with any questions they got stuck on. Please encourage your children to only complete one day's worth of questions in any one day - revision is always most effective in short bursts and we really do want children to have a lovely holiday too!

Mr Desmond



MOBILE PHONES

Due to safeguarding concerns, we operate a strict **NO PHONE USE** rule on the school site for our pupils, including after school hours. Please support us in upholding this.

June 13th – Interest Day

We are trialling converting our interest group slot of 40 minutes for four weeks a term into a whole interest day in term 6. We think this will allow more professionals and parents to support in a single event and enable the children to have a more enriching, productive experience. If you may be able to help on June 13th to support (or run!) a group, then please let us know!

ARE YOU..... Good with children?
DO YOU.... Meet our values?
If so....

OUR CCJ PUPILS NEED YOU.....

We have various vacancies at CCJ ranging from Teachers, HLTAs, SMSAs and Reading Assistants! Please visit: <https://www.eteach.com/jobs/> Also please feel free to pass this on to friends who may be interested.



CAKE SALE – 26TH APRIL

Some of our lovely pupils from Y4 & Y5 have taken it upon themselves to organise a cake sale to raise money for Dogtrust. The sale will be on the first Friday back, 26th April. They would be very grateful for any cake donations. The sale will be held in the Hall at Breaktime, where cakes will be priced at £1 and less. All donations will go towards Dogtrust. Please support them.





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FRIENDS OF CCJ EASTER BAKE OFF

WOW! Just WOW! What incredible entries we had for today's cake competition! It was extremely difficult to choose winners out of all the amazing entries! A huge thank you to everyone who took part! We look forward to seeing you after school where you can enjoy these delicious creations at the Cake Sale alongside the Easter Egg Hunt! Big congratulations to our winners!

Best Easter Themed Cake

Winner: Bethan 5/6AD



Best Easter Themed Bake containing a vegetable or fruit!

Winner: Daisy 4GE



Best Easter Themed Biscuit

Winner: Megan 3/4SG



Best Easter Themed Cupcake/Nest

Winner: Ebony 4KR



Whole School Skipping Workshop

This week the whole school was treated to skipping workshops by Dan the Skipping Man! He came into CCJ for a day and a half and spent time with each class teaching them basic skipping skills along with some fun tricks! The child and staff thoroughly enjoyed them!



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Followed by 'Healthy Me' salad as the last of our DT cooking.



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Easter Events at Christ Church

[Easter Afternoon Tea & crafts](#), Tuesday 9 April 2-4pm @ Christ Church Downend,

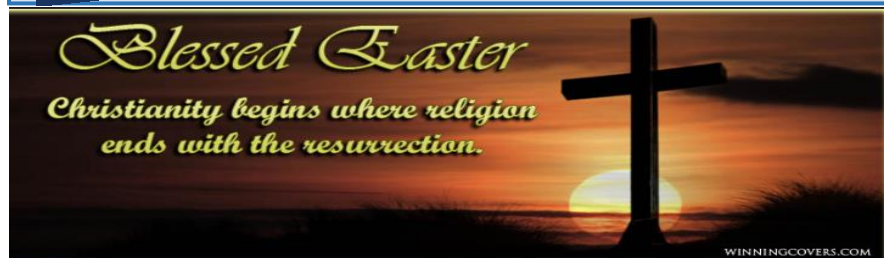
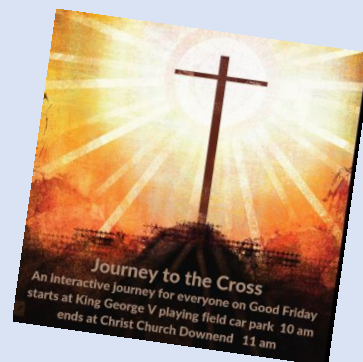
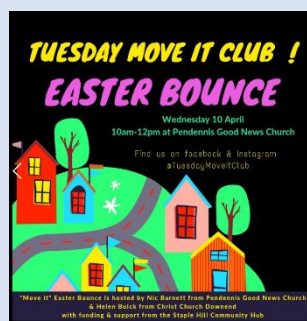
[Move It Club, Easter Bounce](#), Wednesday 10 April 10am-12 @ Pendennis Good News Church

[Good Friday Journey to the Cross](#), 10am start at King George V car park, Westerleigh Rd. end at Christ Church at 11am with refreshments. (This is a walking Easter Journey retelling the events of Good Friday for all ages).

[Easter Day celebration](#) with Children's activities, Holy Communion (hopefully outside if it's dry & sunny) & an egg hunt at the end of the service.

We would love to welcome any Christ Church School families to our Easter events and to discover Easter Joy for themselves.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter, Helen Buick, Children's Leader at Christ Church Downend.



REMEMBER!!

Mon 22nd April is Bank Holiday

Tues 23rd April is INSET
School starts back –
Wednesday 24th April

GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

We want to say a big thank you to Mrs Lovell for all of the work she has done in our school over the past few years and we wish her well with her next challenge working 1:1 with a child in a new school.

IMPORTANT CCJ DATES...!

APRIL

Fri 5th – End of Term 4
Tue 23rd – INSET DAY
Wed 24th – Start of Term 5
Fri 26th – Y4 Ukulele

MAY

Thurs 2nd – Class Photos
Wed 8th AM – LB Sports Day
Wed 8th PM – UB Sports Day
Mon 13th – Thurs 16th Y6 SATS
Mon 20th – 24th Y6 PGL
Fri 24th May – End of Term 5

DRESS DOWN DAY

Thank you for all the donations for today's dress down day. A total of £140.56 was raised which will be donated to the Salvation Army.

ATTENDANCE Term 4



CLASS	%ATTENDANCE
Starling	98%
Woodpecker	97%
Puffin	97%
Wagtail	97%
Robin	97%
Jay	97%
Swallow	97%
Falcon	96%
Kestrel	96%
Kingfisher	95%
WHOLE SCHOOL	97%

Good attendance is extremely important to us at CCJ. This term we sent out 136 letters to parents/carers of children who have achieved **OVER 98%** to date! An amazing 44 Pupils managed to achieve **100%** to date!! Well done!



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