



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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**Newsletter 17:
13th January 2017**

Head for the Day

At the end of term 2, Evie and Connie in Year 5 won first place in the Xmas Factor talent show with the prize being a day of being the Head teacher! Mrs Osborne was virtually redundant as they come in to her office, set up their desk (complete with pictures) and set about ordering drums, suggesting school improvements, creating posters about values, giving out Head teacher stickers and working on a child friendly version of the anti-bullying policy!

Well done to the two of them and look out on Twitter (@CCJDownend) for more!



Meet the Staff: HTLA/Parent Link Worker

Mrs Thatcher and Mrs Payne are our Higher Level Teaching Assistants and Key Parent Link Workers. They have a vital role in coordinating the Teaching Assistant Team and covering Class Teacher's planning and preparation time. You can find them on the playground each morning meeting and greeting to help the school day start positively.

If they can help you in any way, whether it's a simple query regarding a school club, or a more complex issue, please get in touch. They can be contacted via the school office, leaving an answerphone message or sending an email to ccjparentsupport@sgmail.org.uk

This term they are holding drop in sessions on Friday afternoons from 2.30 pm in the school library. Please feel free to pop in and they will endeavour to help.



Snow & Ice



Please be very careful when driving or walking to and from school. The side roads around the school are currently very icy and slippery (especially the junction of Pleasant Road / Pendennis Road) so please take extra care in the current wintry conditions. Thank you for the extra time and care people took this morning.

Christ Church Infant School

Please could you check to see if you have any surplus or unwanted boy's school trousers aged 6-7 or 7-8, and if so please could you donate them to the Infant School as they require larger spare trousers in case anyone needs to borrow some.

Diary Dates



January

Thurs 19th – Fizz Pop Science service
Friday 20th – Hot Chocolate Friday
Thurs 26th – 5/6VM cake sale
Mon 30th – LB Zoo trip group 1
Tues 31st – LB zoo trip group 2

February

Wed 1st – 3/4LP class service 9am
Thurs 2nd – Parent Council 9am
Thurs 2nd – Y6 Lifeskills trip
Fri 3rd – LB zoo trip group 3
(letters to follow regarding the UB and LB trips. Parent helpers would be brilliant!)



House Cup



This week Team Phoenix won the house cup!

A child from each class was also awarded a certificate for their effort in maths.

Talk Point

This week Emma King spoke to the school about the values we 'clothe' ourselves in each day e.g. kindness and patience. Which one is hardest to keep 'wearing' each day?

**The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss**



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Census Day- Thursday 19th January Lunch Menu

Due to census day next Thursday, the lunchtime menu will be changed so that Friday's menu will be served on Thursday and Thursday's menu will be served on Friday. (Menu as per Week 2, Week ending 20/01/17). This helps secure funding for the school.

Messy Church this Wednesday in Christ Church Parish Hall, 4:30 - 6:30pm.

Please join us for messy fun, worship time and have your dinner cooked for you. All Ages welcome. Bible Clubs will be starting the first week back after half term, I will contact directly to let you know that your child has a place, thank you for your understanding.



Free School Meals

Parents and carers can now apply for free school meals online via the Citizen Portal, using the link below. Your eligibility will be checked online, and the portal will let you know whether your child is eligible for free school meals. If your child is eligible you will receive a confirmation message, and the school will be notified directly.

If you are not eligible you will be presented with a message stating this. Please note, if you have already completed a primary or secondary school place application for the 2017/18 academic year via the portal, you do not need to re-register when applying for free school meals.

Please use the login details that you have already set up.

https://oneb2b.southglos.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/

Polite Reminder

Please can parents/carer's ensure that children have coats/ waterproof jackets in school to wear during break and lunchtime as the current weather is very changeable. These need to be named clearly so that when they are found, they can be returned to their owners.



Week of 24/7 Prayer at Christ Church Downend

From Sunday the 15th - Sunday the 22nd of January Christ Church will be open for Prayer. Please feel free to come on in anytime to sit in the quiet and use the prayer spaces to help you pray. If there is anything that you would like us to pray for in particular, then please email, call or text me in strictest confidence and I will be happy to pray for those things for you. We pray you feel the presence of Gods peace and love over you next week and always.

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<http://christchurchdownend.com/seek-247-prayer-adventure/>

