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**Newsletter 16:
6th January 2017**

Happy New Year!

Happy New Year and welcome back after what we hope was a joyful and restful break. Our pupils returned on Wednesday excited about their holidays and their presents as well as with tales of family gatherings and New Year's resolutions. Like them, we are looking forward into the New Year and have many exciting events happening this term. In this week's service, Mrs Osborne spoke about new years resolutions and encouraged every child to consider what they could change to improve their health, relationships or learning. Please talk with your child about what they thought about!



Meeting your Teacher

A member of staff is on the playground every morning should you need a query answering or a message passed on. Our teachers are also available for quick messages before the bell. However, please bear in mind that they start working with the pupils from 8.45 and so longer discussions or conversations need to be arranged in advance and cannot take place at this time. Should you wish to book a meeting please see the member of staff on duty in the playground, speak to the teacher directly or call the school office. Thank you for your understanding.

Welcome Miss Norman

We are delighted to welcome Miss Lucy Norman to our team at CCJ. Miss Norman officially started on Wednesday and will be teaching across the school following the retirement of Mrs Wright in December.

Hot Chocolate Friday – 20th January

The next Hot Chocolate Friday will take place on Friday 20th January. Thank you for your support with the last one - nearly half of the school paid 50p for a yummy hot chocolate and marshmallows. The school council are delighted to have their first instalment contributed to some new bike racks!



This term we will be starting to send the Newsletter electronically, so please ensure that we have an up to date email address to send you all our latest news!



Value of the Term - Humility

Each term we have a school value that feeds into our assemblies, learning in the classroom and our house points and awards. You may remember that last term's value was love, and next week we will start to think about the value of humility. You can see each of the six values on our beautiful new butterfly display in the entrance hall.



Dinner Money Arrears

Please can we request that any outstanding dinner money be sent in to school as soon as possible. Please remember that our policy states that unpaid debts more than two weeks means we may have to stop providing meals. If you need to speak with someone about a debt, then please make an appointment.

Diary Dates

January

Mon 9th – Martial arts club starts
Wed 11th – Cycling proficiency starts
Wed 11th – Y4 swimming starts
Thurs 12th – 3SG cake sale 3.20pm
Thurs 26th – 5/6VM cake sale

February

Wed 1st – 3/4LP class service 9am
Thurs 2nd – Parent Council 9am
Thurs 2nd – Y6 Lifeskills trip (letter to follow)



Dates correct at time of publication – dates will be updated every week on the newsletter.



House Cup



This week Team Hippocamp won the house cup!

Each class also awarded a child a certificate for a positive start to the term!

Charity Donations

During Advent, Mexico class brought in gifts to give to both the charity Shelter, who distribute to the homeless, and Survive, which offers support to families experiencing domestic violence. Both charities were very grateful. Survive needs toys and games all year so if anyone has unwanted presents, Mrs Elliott (Year 4) or Mrs Davies are happy to pass them on.



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Christmas Bazaar

Before the Christmas break we announced an estimated total raised from the bazaar but now have the official figure. Thank you to all of the staff, parents and pupils who worked so hard and helped us raise an enormous £1874.55 to support our school and its future projects.

Car Parking

We have had **another** report of a near miss in the school car park involving one of our pupils. All drivers **MUST** be extra careful and vigilant when driving on the premises. Under **NO CIRCUMSTANCES** can the pavements be parked on and all pedestrian walking zones must be kept clear. Only disabled badge holders may park their car on site. Please follow these rules to help protect your children.

Tesco Tokens

Thank you to all of the parents who have been using their tokens to vote for us. Voting has taken place in a few local stores but has now closed and we are waiting to hear which position we came in. We will let you all know how much money will be donated to our outdoor play area when the counting is finalised. Your support is much appreciated!

Attendance focus

We are renewing our focus on attendance as we know the value of every child being in school for as many sessions as possible. Each week we will award the new attendance trophy to the class with the greatest combined attendance for the previous week. This week it was won by

3SG - 98.2%
for 11th – 16th December



one small
positive
thought
in the morning can
change
your
whole day.

Reminder!

Pupils are not supervised on the playground until 8.45. Please do not allow unaccompanied pupils on site before this time. Any children who walk to school alone need to also remember this and will be asked to sit by the office until this time if they arrive early.

Reception Class September 2017

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 are due to start school in September 2017. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2017**. Please note applications received late may not get their preferred school even if they have a sibling already in attendance. Applications should be made to the local authority where the child lives; regardless of the location of the school they are requesting. For more information or for South Gloucestershire residents to apply online parents can go to www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions. If parents' need help with the application process, please telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008.



Saturday 14th January 10.30am – 12.30pm

At Christchurch Infant School

- Kids games
- Toy tombola
- Face painting
- Cake sale
- Coffee & tea



All proceeds will be going to UNICEF (registered charity 1072612)

Join us for a cup of tea and a slice of cake to raise money for the most vulnerable of the Syrian Crisis

Raffle with prizes including, vouchers from Phoenix Gym, Slimming World, Growls and Meows, SewSchön, Jane Leigh Hairdressing and a Neal's Yard manicure

Cake donations would be much appreciated!

Please contact Julia for more information or to get involved

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