



# CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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## End of Year

What a tremendous year – I cannot believe how fast it has gone and how soon we have to say goodbye both to our fantastic year 6 children but also to some of our excellent staff team. Thank you to every parent who has taken the time to feedback formally or informally about the events, the care from the staff, the breadth of activities and clubs and the wider provision we have offered this year. The comments are really appreciated and I am so glad that your children are so happy at CCJ. I'd like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to the entire staff team, who are a pleasure to work with and an incredibly talented team. I would also like to wish you all a lovely summer with your families – we look forward to seeing most of you on Monday 4th september.

*Pippa Osborne*

## Goodbye to our Chair of Governors

After 10 years as a Governor and three years as Chair of Governors, Mr Andrew Pound will be saying goodbye to the school and stepping down from the Governing Body. Although it is not a role you normally see very publically, the role of Chair of Governors is a tremendously important one to ensure the smooth and legal running of the school and to uphold the Christian distinctiveness of the school. On behalf of the school, I would like to thank Mr Pound for all he has done and all the support he has offered the school – stay in touch with us!

## Goodbye to staff

As well as saying goodbye to the Year 6, we need to also say goodbye, thank you and good luck to five members of staff who are leaving us today.

**Mrs Vikki Wood** has supported a child in Y6 this year within the Y6 team. She is moving to another school to support a child 1:1 – we wish her all the best.

**Miss Holly Norrington** has covered Miss Connor's maternity leave this year and given 5HN a fantastic year as well as run our girls' football team. As she moves to teach in a new school, we wish her all the best for the future.

**Miss Lucy Norman** has been with us three days a week since Mrs Wright retired and has taught across the school but especially in 3SG and 3/4LP. She is starting a new role with a charity, educating in schools and we will miss her

**Miss Helen Smith** has been teaching in Y3 for two years and has been a massive part of our team for the last two years. She is now embarking on a new challenge, teaching in the Infant school so we hope it goes brilliantly!

**Miss Lucy Pickering** has been teaching in CCJ for 10 years and is also our maths leaders and lower band leader. She has had an incredible impact on every child within the school and will be deeply missed as she now moves on to an assistant head position in Portishead. Again we are so grateful to her for all she has given to CCJ and wish her all the best for the next chapter of her teaching career.



## Diary Dates- September

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Staff Inset day – school is closed to pupils.

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>** – First day of the year

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** - Friends meeting 5pm at CCJ

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Welcome to Y3 3.30pm (meeting for parents)

## House Cup – Year total

The overall winners this year were

- 1<sup>st</sup> place: 3594 points = Griffin**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place: 3551 points = Phoenix**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place: 3436 points = Hippocamp**
- 4<sup>th</sup> place: 3434 points = Pegasus**

Thank you to our super Y6 house captains!

## Attendance

We did it! All ten classes achieved at least 92% attendance for the first time! Thank you for your continued support- let's keep it up in September!



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

Well done to **5/6VM** who achieved the highest attendance last week at 100%.



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## Cleve RFC U11s



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### Start of Day

From September, we will be asking all children to start entering the classrooms from the first bell at 8.45am. They will have morning work in class from this time and registers will be taken at 8.55am.

Break time is altering slightly from 10.40-11am to a new time of 10.20am-10.40am. The playground gates will continue to be opened at 8.30am, so please do not allow children to arrive before this. This is for children's safety. The playground is only supervised from 8.45am each day from the first bell.

## Memory Verse

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

### Gate closure from September

Thank you for the positive feedback about our decision to close the gates at the start and end of day – we agree it is in the interests of the safety of every child that they are closed. Blue badge holders will still have access to site.

### Dinner Money Reminder

We still have quite a lot of money owed from school dinners, which we will be chasing in September. Please support us with this as any debts come out of the curriculum budget and limits what we can spend on pupils.

### Inset Days 2017-18

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018  
Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### Bromley Heath Viaduct

There will be a September meeting to discuss how the works may affect CCJ and anything we can do to help. As part of their offer to us, we have signed up to the Walk to School scheme from September (details to follow) and we are currently working with them to find funding for a bike rack to encourage more people to walk, cycle or scoot to school. Please be aware that any child coming to school alone must complete the signed permission slip when we send it home in September.

### School Uniform

Our school has looked so smart this year and thank you all for supporting the change. A reminder that the full uniform ordering details as well as details of what uniform is required to be worn are on the school website. Please remember when buying school shoes that ALL shoes must be plain black and that all hair ties/bands must be plain white, grey, black or blue. Thank you.

### Class Names

We have decided as a staff to rename the classes next year, so each class will be a bird – we will be trying to be better at using them in 2017/18!

3SG – Mrs Groves – Starling class  
3DK – Mrs Knott – Swallow class  
3/4AD – Mr Desmond – Woodpecker class  
4GE – Mrs Elliott – Robin class  
4RH – Miss Harris – Wagtail class  
  
5NK – Mr Kennedy – Puffin class  
5HR – Mr Round – Jay class  
5/6VM – Mrs Milne – Kingfisher class  
6LW – Miss Westcott – Falcon class  
6MH – Miss Harrison – Kestrel class

### Cashless Payments

We are delighted to announce that following years of requests, we are planning to move to an online parent payment system from September. This is hosted by the same company that hosts our text, email and parent's evening system.

We will be sending out the full details in September and may roll it out gradually, but it will be a fantastic way to securely pay for school dinners, trips, residential camps, music lessons and much more which we believe will make life far more simple for our parents. For any parents who wish to continue paying via cheque or cash, this will still be available, but we hope you are excited about this move.



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