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Newsletter 1:

8th Sept 2017

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to a new year at CCJ and a huge welcome to all our new families that have joined us – welcome to our community. We have an incredibly exciting year ahead with many projects such as the new Playpod, new cycle and scooter shelters, a brand new curriculum, parent involvement opportunities and much more! I also want to say a very big welcome or welcome back to Miss Rachel Harris (Y4), Mr Alex desmond (Y3/4 Band Leader) and Mr Harry Round (Y5). We are delighted with the success of our first week and hope you have been hearing about the great activities being started at school. To find out more about the classes please have a look at the school website www.christchurchjuniors.co.uk

Individual/Sibling photos

Please make sure that children are ready for their individual photos on the 21st September – hair brushed and clean shirts! Photos will be on sale shortly after this date.

CCJ Camps – Year 4 and 6

Only a few more weeks until Barton Camp! Year 4 parents should receive medical forms and additional information this week. If you have any questions please ask in the office. PGL is in the diary and year 6 parents will receive information in the coming weeks!

Diary Dates-

September

Thurs 14th - Friends meeting 5pm at CCJ

Tuesday 12th - Welcome to Y3 3.30pm (meeting for parents)

Tuesday 12th - 5pm Friends Meeting

Monday 18th – Meet the Teacher

Thursday 21st - Individual/Sibling Photos

Wednesday 27th - Barton Camp

October

Wednesday 4th - Parent Council

Wednesday 11th - 6MH Class service

House Cup

The house with the most house points this week was **Team Griffin** with 102 points. Only 20 points between all 4 houses so lots of room for change next week!

Friends Meeting

A new, rejuvenated CCJ Friends is being set up with the first meeting being held at CCJ on Tuesday 12th September at 5pm. Everyone is invited to join us for a cup of tea to share some fresh ideas and discuss the aims and direction of the group. If you have any questions or would like to help but can't make this date please see Mrs Osborne and we can contact you with any further events or opportunities. Thanks.

House Captains

Miss Friend received nearly 40 applications for house captain positions this week! Thank you so much to all of those children who made such a great effort with their letters – we had glitter, PowerPoints, pictures and stickers as well as brilliantly thought out, carefully considered ideas. After much deliberation, the chosen house captains for this year are:

Phoenix: Cara Orr and Jack Godwin

Pegasus: Ethan Sheering and Melody Lomas

Hippocamp: Bethany Way and Freddie Warren Moore

Griffin: Connie Cleave and Joe Tutton



Welcome to Y3 meeting

Mr Desmond and the year 3 team will be holding a parents meeting on Tuesday 12th September after school at 3.30pm in the hall. All of our year 3 parents are welcome to come and hear about what to expect this year as well as ask any questions you have. We look forward to seeing you there.

Attendance

Good attendance is really important to us at CCJ. Please make sure your child is in school every day so that they get all of the wonderful CCJ experiences. Below are the fantastic attendance figures for the first week of term.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

Well done to **3SG and 3DK** who achieved the highest attendance this week at 100%.

There are very few instances of term time absence that we will authorise at school, however if for any reason your child needs to be away from school then please call the school office on 01454 816516.



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In service this week ...

We explored rules through the Ten Commandments (Exodus) and looking at our newly launched schools rules. We created a class contract in each class and explored how our term's value of LOVE can be shown both through how we care for each other as well as how we care for the school environment. The school also heard about the interest groups for the term and during the first celebration service certificates were awarded for pupils demonstrating love.

Thank you from Mrs Helm

Mrs Helm really appreciated all of your kind words, cards and gifts at the end of last term and has asked us to express her thanks. We all wish Mrs Helm the very best in her new schools.

Chair of Governors

We are delighted to share with you that Paul Peterson has stepped up to the role of Chair of Governors for the start of this year after the departure of Mr Andy Pound in July.

Inset Days 2017-18

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

Class Names

All of our classes have been given new names for the new school year, the chosen theme is British Birds

3SG-**Starling**
3DK- **Swallow**
3/4LP- **Woodpecker**
4GE- **Robin**
4RH- **Wagtail**
5NK- **Puffin**
5HR- **Jay**
5/6VM- **Kingfisher**
6MH- **Kestrel**
6LW-**Falcon**



Goodbye Mrs Mitchell

We are delighted for Mrs Mitchell, who after many years working with us at CCJ has been offered a full time role in Sea Mills. We are sad to lose her from our team and thank her for her hard work and dedication. We wish her all the best in her new role.

£1 Coins

Please note that the office will not be accepting any old £1 coins from October 10th. You should be able to deposit old £1 coins in your local bank or post office.

Church Pews for Sale

The Church are renovating their entire building and this will include removing the pews. They will be selling the pews when they are removed, so please watch this space for more information if you are interested.

Online Parent Payment System

We are delighted that we have finally got our online parent payment system up and running – you should have all received details to log on and set up an account. This will be used for dinner money, trips and camps and make it clearer, faster and more secure. See the office if you need any further details or help.



Gate closure

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.

After School Clubs



Mon 11th Sept – Mon 16th Oct **Tai Kwando**
8.00am – 8.40am
Mon 11th Sept – Mon 11th Dec, **Future Stars**
3.20pm – 4.20pm
Mon 11th Sept Mon 16th Oct, **Drama Club**
3.20pm -4.20pm
Mon 18th Sept – Mon 11th Dec – **Choir** 3.20pm – 4.20pm
Tues 12th Sept- Tues 17th Oct, **Dance Mash Up**
8.00am – 8.40 am
Wed 13th Sept – Wed 18th Oct, **Majestic Gym**
8.15am-8.45am
Wed 13th Sept – Wed 18th Oct, **Art Club**
3.20pm -4.20pm
Thurs 14th Sept – Thurs 19th oct, **Dance Mash Up**
8.00am – 8.40am
Fri 15th Sept – Fri 20th Oct, **Dance Mash Up**
8.00am – 8.40 am

Nut Free School

Please remember that some of our children have severe allergies to nuts. We do not allow any nuts or products containing nuts at school. This includes products such as nutella. Thank you for your support in keeping all of our children safe.

