



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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Newsletter 2:

15th Sept 2017

Reading @CCJ

All year groups from 3-5 have been given a new yellow reading record that they should use at home and school each day. Please try and listen to your children read at least three times per week and sign the record each time.

Once a week, your child's reading record will be looked at by the class teacher. In the classroom children will be heard read by their class teacher each week in guided reading using a text suitable to their ability. This time with your child is invaluable not only to help with their early reading skills but to discuss books and how writers use a variety of techniques. In year 6 and in Kingfisher Class we are trialling an online system called *Reading Rewards* to track children's progress. On November 22nd we will offer parent workshops in order for you to support your child's reading at whatever stage they are. If you have any reading queries please see our English Leader, Mrs Milne.

Meet the Teacher

You are invited to come into school and meet our teachers in their classrooms on Monday 18th September between 3.20 and 3.45.

Due to choir starting on Monday, Miss Harrison will be available on Tuesday, should you wish to see her. We look forward to seeing you then.

Scouting or walking to school alone

We will be sending home the travelling home alone permission form. It is vital that these are completed and returned if you ever expect your child to walk home alone. This will enable us to be sure that your child is safe to walk home and will be met at home by a responsible person. Please do return these even if you have done so previously.

DIY SOS CCJ

Many areas of our school site need a little pick me up and every penny spent on repairs is money not able to go on educational resources. We have blocked drains and gutters, a leaking roof, sticking doors, broken cupboards, peeling paint and mouldy curtains amongst other things. Therefore we are putting out a plea of help to our parent community if you, a family member or friend may have a skill they could lend us for a Saturday morning in October (TBC) to help with a part of our site. There will be refreshments, tea and a film for kids and we will be very grateful for any offers of assistance! Please see the office or Mrs Osborne if you could help. Thank you so much!

News from Christ Church

Messy Church is back for September on Wednesday 20 Sept at 4.30pm at Christ Church Parish Hall. A great fun time for the whole family, with craft, games, faith and a hot meal for everyone. Find out more on the "events" list on the [Christ Church Downend facebook page](#).

And Team India are having a feedback evening this Friday 15 Sept at 7.30pm. Come and hear about how the money from the CCJ non uniform day was spent on a parachute for the Haven Home orphanage. See all the details on our Church website here: <http://christchurchdownend.com/team-india-feedback-evening/>



Helen Buick Children's Leader, Christ Church Downend

<http://christchurchdownend.com/>



Diary Dates-

September

Monday 18th – Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 19th – Meet the Teacher 6MH

Thursday 21st – Individual/Sibling Photos

Wednesday 27th – Barton Camp

October

Wednesday 4th – Parent Council

Wednesday 11th – 6MH Class service

Thursday 12th – Parents Evening 1

Tuesday 17th – Parents Evening 2

Friday 20th – Dress Down Day / End of Term

Monday 30th – INSET

Tuesday 31st – Term 2 begins

House Cup

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

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 this week.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

Well done to **4RH** who achieved the highest attendance this week at 99.6%.

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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You may remember that our dress down day at the end of the last year was raising money for a parachute for Team India to take with them to Haven Home. As you can see from the photo below the Team India have now returned from their trip and the parachute was a very well received gift. Thank you to all of those who contributed and well done to Team India for all of their hard work.



Volunteer at the Office!

The office is the heart of our school and the team do a tremendous job of dealing with everything from medical needs to money to letters. To support the team, we would be very grateful to hear from anyone that may be able to volunteer a couple of hours a week to help with the many tasks needed in a school. Please see the office if you are interested!

Office Opening Hours

The school office is open and staffed from 8.30am to 4pm. Any calls or messages outside this time can be left on our answer phone 01454 866516 or sent to the school email:

christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk.



School Council

Over the past two weeks our children have been thinking about the impact they can make by being a school councillor. Children who wanted to be considered have prepared and delivered speeches to the class and elections have been held. I am delighted to announce that the elected councillors are:

3SG – Brooke and Eben **3DK** – Evie and Stanley **4GE** – Joe and Isla **4RH** – Ben and Bethan **3/4AD** – Bodhi and Esme **5/6VM** – Xanthe and Xander **5HR** – Annabel and Riley **5NK** – Alice and Oliver P **6LW** – Bay and Sophia **6MH** – Oliver S and Esme

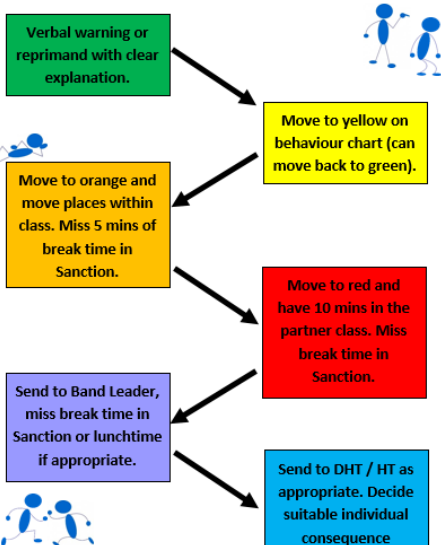
The school councillors will have their first meeting next week. We will be thinking about how we can improve our already wonderful school and ways in which we can fundraise for a new school project.

Service Talk - Trinity

This week in service we explored the idea of Trinity (Tri-Unity) – God being 3 in 1. It's a very hard Christian concept to understand and children have raised brilliant questions. Please continue the conversations at home!

CCJ Behaviour Steps

In lessons, service, around the school or at break times.



N.B Serious offences, including all racism and violence will be sent straight to Band Leader or DHT/HT

Behaviour Policy

Our behaviour steps have changed slightly this year through the removal of Friday 'Catch Up'. Instead, sanction will now be a part of the in class behaviour system as well as for instances occurring during assembly, break times and around the school.

We will of course be continuing to celebrate the wonderful behaviour and effort our children display most of the time through house points, celebration assembly and class based rewards.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have now got a parent Governor vacancy on our board of Governors. The Governors are vital to support and challenge the school to ensure the best for every child at CCJ. Training will be given as well as a full induction so no specific skills are required but we find mind parents' skills do help within Governors.

The commitment is two meetings (mostly evenings) each of the six terms. If you would like to be considered for this role or to find out more, please email our Clerk Frances McMillan at fmcmmillan@hotmail.com

Many of you will not be aware that our boiler was over 20 years old and was breaking down regularly but would cost £90,000 to replace. So it is with great delight that I can let you know that after two years of campaigning the Local Authority, they agreed to support the school with this cost and have fully funded a complete replacement of our heating and kitchen water heater. The work started in July and is due to be complete by the end of September, so on behalf of CCJ, I would like to say a huge thank you to the local authority as it is going to make the winter months far more cosy for our community!

New boiler and water heater!!