



# CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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## Harvest Service at Christ Church – Tuesday 26th September

Every year we celebrate Harvest as a school by visiting Christ Church and taking gifts of dried foods, pasta, tins, shampoo etc to donate to the Food Bank. We are always overwhelmed by the generosity of our families and the Food bank are always so delighted to receive the gifts which enable them to support vulnerable families at a time of need or crisis.

Our Harvest service will be held at Christ Church at **1.30pm** and as always, families are welcome to attend and the doors will be open for you to sit in the balcony from 1pm. Year 5 will be leading many elements of the service again.



## Christ Church move to CCJ

The Harvest service will be the last visit this year to Christ Church as they undergo a major refurb project and plans are well under way for them to move to our premises from mid-November to enable the congregation to continue weekly worship. After so many years of links with our namesake Church, and so many visits with our children, we feel it is fantastic that we can now give something back to the Church family. Please watch this space for more information soon.

## No More Pounds – 10/10/17

Due to the changes in the pound coins, we will no longer be accepting pound coins as payment from October 10<sup>th</sup> 2017. Thank you for supporting us with this.



## Y3/4 Golden Eagle Cake sale

Adam, Karin, Lilly, Vivian and Issy from Y3/4 want to raise money with a cake sale on Monday at break for Golden Eagle preservation as they are endangered. Thank you to them for showing love to others and don't forget your pennies on Monday!

## Rainbows

Last week we sent home forms to all of Upper Band about Rainbows. Sadly, bereavement, loss and family break up affect many children during the course of their time in primary school and as a school we know how crucial our support can be for them and their family during these times as well as for the rest of their time with us. If you missed this letter or would like us to consider your child for this group please contact Miss Friend.

## DIY SOS Day – Saturday 14th October

Thank you so much to the parents who have already volunteered their skills on the morning of Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October to help with blocked drains and gutters, leaking roof, sticking doors, broken cupboards and peeling paint etc. We also really would love to reclaim our pond area which is totally overgrown, so please don't feel you need a trade to be able to help. Gardening, painting and general uplift of the site could be done with any willing volunteers, so please see us if you can help as ...

**... many hands make light work!**

## Diary Dates-

### September

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Harvest service at Christ Church. All are welcome!

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Yr 4 Barton Camp

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>** – Yr 4 return from Barton Camp

### October

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Interventions Showcase

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Parent Council

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** – 6MH Class service

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening 1

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening 2

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Dress Down Day / End of Term

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – INSET

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** – Term 2 begins

## Film Night Success

Thank you so much to all who helped at the CCJ Friends event and attended our film night yesterday. The CCJ Friends made enough money to buy a new sound system for the playground! We are delighted and know the children will be too!

## 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 **4GE** 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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## Thank you to Lloyds!

One of our fabulous parents, Mrs Barnes, has organised for 14 AMAZING volunteers from Lloyds Bank to visit us and help with many areas of our school site as part of their 'Make a Difference' scheme. Throughout the day the volunteers have been painting, gardening, sanding and digging to help make our site even more inviting, tidy and enjoyable for our community. Thank you so much to Lloyds and Mrs Barnes for all of your help!

## School Dinner Money

### Price Increase

Just a reminder that the cost of a school dinner increased from the from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017. The price is now £2.10 per day.

## 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!

## Website/ Twitter/Newsletter

### Permissions

We love to celebrate learning through the newsletter, website and Twitter feed (@CCJDownend) In Y4-6 we are assuming the same permissions apply but if you want to change your permission please see the office.

## Online Parent Payment

Thank you for all the positive feedback – we are so glad this has been a help to so many of our families. Please remember to see the school office if you need any help as trips can now also be paid in this way.



## Interventions Showcase Afternoon

On Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October our fabulous Teaching Assistant team are going to be showcasing the interventions we offer here at CCJ to give your child extra support. We welcome all families to the hall from 1:30 – 2:45 so come and take a look! It is a fantastic opportunity for you to see what resources we use, how the interventions are structured and a chance for you to meet the TA team and SENCO to ask any questions you may have. We will be showcasing Talkabout, Nessy, Cogmed, Rapid Writing, ReadWriteInc and many more. We look forward to seeing you!



## 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 [fmcmcmillan@hotmail.com](mailto:fmcmcmillan@hotmail.com)

## Dogs

Please be aware that Dogs are not allowed on the school site, due to allergies and phobias.

The only exceptions to this rule are guide dogs or dogs that are required for medical conditions.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – school is OPEN as usual**

## Service this week – International Peace Day

As Thursday was International Peace day, Mrs Elliott led a service to explore this and how it links to love. Every class then followed this up in class and made a peace promise by tying a ribbon to the tree in our playground.



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