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Brand new bike shelter, bike loops and scooter rack

A massive thank you to South Glos. local authority and the Walk to School initiative as we now have got a brand new bike shelter, five rainbow bike loops and two extra scooter racks. These are for everyone's use and we hope they will encourage even more children to walk, cycle or scoot to school.



Harvest Service

Thank you so much to our Year 5 children and staff, who led our Harvest Service at Christ Church this week. The art, poems, choir and prayers were beautifully delivered alongside Rev. Petersons talk on Ruth and Boaz. Thank you also to all of the parent community who joined us and for everyone's generosity – we know that both charities will be delighted with the amount of food donated.



Diary Dates-

September



Friday 29th – Yr 4 return from Barton Camp

October

Tuesday 3rd - Interventions Showcase

Wednesday 4th - Parent Council

Wednesday 11th - 6MH Class service

Thursday 12th – Parents Evening 1

Tuesday 17th - Parents Evening 2

Wednesday 18th – 5/6VM Class Service

Friday 20th – Dress Down Day / End of Term

Monday 30th – INSET

Tuesday 31st – Term 2 begins

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

Lock Down Procedure

Our staff and governors are always considering the safety and security of our children and so on Tuesday our governors agreed to implement a lock down procedure so that the school can prepare for an eventuality where we need to keep children indoors. We will be holding an assembly on the procedure before we have a practice in school, similar to the very familiar fire drills we have each term. We will explain to the children why it is important and reassure them about their safety. We will publish the lock down procedure poster on our website in the next few weeks and would be happy to answer any questions that parents have about the procedure.

DIY SOS Day – Saturday 14th October

Thank you so much to the parents who have already volunteered their skills on the morning of Saturday 14th 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!

If you can offer any time please email nicki.cleave@gmail.org.uk.

Money Bank Competition

When the Lloyds team visited us on Friday, they set up a challenge with a LB and an UB winner. Children have been asked to create a poster that has their favourite cartoon characters on it to promote saving. The poster can be either A4 or A3 and needs to be brought into school by Friday 13th October. Mrs Barnes will then take the entries to their head office where the 1000+ employees will judge the winners! Good luck!

CCJ Friends' Film Night

The film night raised exactly £204.65 profit last week, so thank you so much to all who came and to those who volunteered to organise and run it. We will be purchasing an outdoor sound system as soon as possible!

Let all
THAT
YOU DO
be done in
LOVE.
1 Corinthians 16:14



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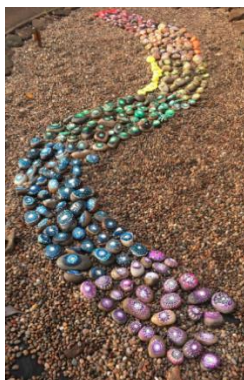
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Pebbles!

All of the children in our school have been given the opportunity to paint a pebble and reflect on our school values. These have now been placed at the front of the school under the artistic direction of Miss Conner. We are delighted with the quality of the children's work and how beautiful they look for all of our visitors.



Bikeability

Each child will have the opportunity to complete Bikeability during year 6. The sessions are for 10 students at a time and your child will be given prior notice of which term they will attend.

Golden Eagle Fundraiser

Adam, Karin, Lilly, Vivian and Issy from Y3/4 raised 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 – we are sure that the charity will be delighted with the £40 raised.



Karen Davis-Dance Mash up & Drama (Term 2)

Drama - Mondays- 3:20-4:20 (6th Nov-11th Dec)

Dance - Tuesdays- 8:00-8:40 (7th Nov-12th Dec)

Dance - Thursdays- 8:00-8:40 (9th Nov-14th Dec)

Dance -Fridays- 8:00-8:40 (10th Nov-15th Dec)

Booking forms can be collected from the school office.

House Cup

This Team Griffin house won the house cup! Each class also awarded a child the weekly certificate for our value of the term – **Love** – well done to them all!

Year 6 PGL

The dates for PGL are 19th-23rd March 2018 and letters will come out early next week with full details. Deposit payment of £40 will be due Friday 14th October.

School Census

Please note a menu change to the school dinners. Fish fingers will be served on Thursday 5th October and Spaghetti Bolognese on Friday 6th Oct.

Swimming Lessons

Swimming for Y3 will start in Term 2, class by class, notification will come out next week.

Harvest Family Service on Sunday 1st October

This Sunday it's our 10.30am All Age Harvest celebration at Christ Church. We will be welcoming all our Uniformed groups to this special service, and our puppets Lucy & Bert will be making a special appearance too. We would also like to invite all our School families to come along as we celebrate together. As always there is the opportunity to give food items, and any gifts of food items will be shared between our local CAP office, who make food parcels for those in need <https://capuk.org/>, and a city centre project caring for those suffering from mental health issues and /or recovering from addiction at St Priory <http://www.stjamespriory.org.uk/support-services/>

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.