



# CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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## Barton Camp!

Thank you so much to all of our wonderful staff, parents and children who made this year's Barton Camp such a success. The children loved their adventure to the beautiful Mendips and all of the activities that they enjoyed on the way and during their stay. Lost property was displayed in the gazebo in lower band today and can be collected on Monday from Lower Band.



## Parents Evenings – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> and Tues 17<sup>th</sup> October

All of our parents should have received the online invitation to book a parents evening slot yesterday. If you did not receive this message via text or email please contact the school office and they will update your contact information. If you need support in booking your slot online please don't hesitate to contact us as we can book it for you if needed.

## Diary Dates-

### October



**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening 1  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>** – DIY SOS @ CCJ  
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>** – Strider visits CCJ  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Parents Evening 2  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** – 5/6VM Service  
**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** – Junior Disco 6-8pm  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** – Pupil Premium Coffee Morning 9-10am  
**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

### November

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Swimming starts  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Nurse Visit  
**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Play Pod Stay & Play

Well done to Anelia, Jessie and Nitsa for baking cakes and raising £9.09 for the McMillian Cancer coffee morning. What a great example of love for others!

## CCJ Parent Questionnaire and SIAMS Inspection

As a church school, a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodists Schools (SIAMS) is conducted every 5 years. Our last inspection was October 2012 and we have recently been informed that we will be inspected again on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. To allow us to express the opinions of our community, we would like you to spare a few minutes and complete the questionnaire sent home as a paper copy and via text. Thank you to those parents who have already returned the form or completed it online. Please ensure all responses are in by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

## Reading and Spelling at CCJ

In both bands each class receives spelling homework each week, usually this will be based around a spelling rule plus additional words linked to the statutory spelling list. In your child's home learning book you should find a sheet of information about how the spellings are used and tested in school, you can also find this on the school website in the [band pages](#). Learning the spellings regularly at home really helps to embed them in your child's writing and this is essential to their progress in English.

Please continue to ensure that you read regularly with your child at home. You should have a reading record coming home each day to record this in. The reading record is checked by teachers at school each week. All children will be heard read by the class teacher at least once during the week in guided reading sessions. Please note that Year 6 pupils do not have reading records as they are trialling an online reading journal completed at school each week. They should however come home with a reading book and bookmark to record their reading on.

**DOWNEND**  
**ROUND TABLE FIREWORKS**  
BRISTOL'S BIGGEST CHARITY FIREWORK DISPLAY  
**FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2017**  
KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELDS, DOWNEND, BRISTOL  
GATES OPEN AT 5:30PM  
**TICKETS ON SALE HERE**  
ADMISSION: ADULT £7, CHILD £5  
EARN £1 FOR YOUR PTA/POS FOR EVERY TICKET BOUGHT!  
BONFIRE, ENTERTAINMENT & A RANGE OF REFRESHMENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!  
**THE INVISIBLE CIRCUS!** **LIVE MUSIC!**  
MAIN EVENT CHARITIES: BRACE, GWB, Acorn  
Children's Display 6:30pm | Main Display 8:00pm

## CCJ FRIENDS

CCJ Friends are selling tickets to the Downend round table fireworks with all tickets sold generating £1 for the school. Tickets on sale daily in the playground. Don't forget to buy your Disco and Quiz tickets too!





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## Pupil Premium Coffee Morning – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October

We would love to invite all of our families in receipt of pupil premium to a coffee morning on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 9-10am. We would like the opportunity to talk through support we can provide, share your children's learning and great examples of their work with you and get some feedback from you all. We will of course provide tea, coffee and cake and look forward to having a chat with all who can make this time. If you cannot make this time but would like to talk about your children or any additional support you need, please speak to Miss Friend or Mrs Osborne.



## Permission for walking home alone

Last week we sent home permission forms for children who walk, cycle or scoot to school and leave school without an adult. It is really important that these permission forms are completed if you expect your child to do any of these at any time. Please return to the school office as soon as possible, so we can be sure everyone is safe.

## Class Worship Leaders 2017-18

Thank you to those who have volunteered to be this year's worship leaders. Swallows: Soreiya & Martha, Startling: Elizabeth & Oliver, Woodpeckers: Ted & Amelia, Robins: Kihanna & Elizabeth, Wagtails: Ava & Matthew, Jays: Jacob & Yasmin, Puffins: Keira & Reece, Falcons: Tom & Chanel, Kingfishers: Hannah & Thomas, Kestrels: Kayleigh & Archie.

## Church Pews

As you know Christ Church are renovating their building over the next few months. As a result they are selling their pews for a donation of £75. If anyone would like a pew please sign up using the sheet in the church entrance.

## Recycling Trucks

### DIY SOS DAY - 14th October 8.30-13.00

If you can offer any help on the day please email [nicki.cleave@gmail.org.uk](mailto:nicki.cleave@gmail.org.uk)

## PlayPod Coming Soon – Half term!

We are delighted to announce that we are now able to begin our hugely anticipated PlayPod project! Thanks to all of our fundraising, £5000 from Tesco, Friends fundraising and dress down days etc, we have raised most of the money needed and are delighted – thank you! The final dress down day will be on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October and the PlayPod will arrive during half term. The project incorporates a huge amount of staff training and input and so the PlayPod won't be available for use immediately but we are delighted to welcome all of our parents and children to a **Play and Stay** on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November from 3.00-4.00pm to find out what it's all about!



## Year 6 PGL

We kindly request that all deposits for PGL are paid by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. Please see the office if this is hard as we may be able to help.

## Godly Play Advent Story



Come along and enjoy an evening making and telling the Advent Story. Reflect on how Godly Play can help nurture your own spirituality as well as those listening to and experiencing the story being explored.

Godly play is not just for children. It's an effective and creative way to communicate God's Word to people of all ages and for a variety of purposes including Baptism and Confirmation preparation, in residential homes and schools as well as Church. Come and join in with what promises to be an inspirational and fun evening as the story of Advent is brought to life! The materials needed for the story will be supplied by Becky for those attending to buy and a small charge will be made to cover the hire of the hall. Tea and coffee will be provided.

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

7.30 – 9.30pm

St Peter's Church Chippenham

For more information please contact

[Becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk](mailto:Becky.fisher@deanery.org.uk)

## 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 **5/6VM** who achieved the highest attendance this week at 99%. 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.