



# CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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## SIAMS Inspection – Outstanding!!

I am absolutely delighted to let you know that we have been judged to be outstanding overall and four each of the sections of our recent SIAMs (Church school inspection). The report has now been released and will be shared on the newsletter email and through our website. Thank you to every one of you that sent feedback, spoke with him or helped in one of many, many ways. I feel so honoured to have such a supportive parent body, talented and caring staff and of course inspirational children. It feels a lovely way to end term 1. Please remember that there is an Inset on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October and school restarts on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>. I wish all of you and your families a relaxing and enjoyable half term. *Pippa Osborne*

## CCJ Friends' Disco

180 people attended last night raising a whopping **£536.87** profit taking the total of fundraising for term 1 to **£800**. Huge thanks to every person who has helped!

## Dress Down Day

Today raised the final £189 towards the play-pod £16,000 as the remaining £4000 will come from the school budget. The Circus raised £3K, Tesco £5K, The Friends £3K and you have raised over £1000. Thanks for all your support over the year!

## Diary Dates - October

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** – INSET

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



## November

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Yr 3/4 Swimming starts

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup>** – Year 4 visit, We The Curious

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Nurse Visit

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>** – Year 6 Bikeability

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – Yr3 visit, We The Curious

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup>** – Yr 5 visit, We The Curious

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Children in Need

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** – Play Pod Stay & Play

## December

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Lunch

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** Year 3 & 4 Flu

Immunisation

## E-Safety Reporting

At CCJ we love using technology to enhance learning and to broaden pupil's horizons! We also understand the importance of e-safety for our pupils, family and community. We have strict filtering systems and policies in place to protect our pupils online as far as possible. Despite this, we understand that using digital devices and the web is never 100% safe. To help support you with keeping your child safe online, we have recently updated our e-safety page on the school website. As well as our e-safety policy, you will find helpful links to online resources and tips about how to help protect your child when they use the internet.

We have also introduced a new reporting form so that pupils or parents can report any e-safety concerns, whether they happen in school or at home. All contact forms will be kept confidential and will be responded to as soon as possible. You can choose to respond anonymously too and we can act upon information given in a broader sense to children in e-safety lessons as appropriate. If you have any e-safety concerns please see Miss Friend or Mr Desmond.



## Lower Band Doors from Term 2

As the weather starts to get colder and following parent feedback, we are making some changes to the way children in Lower Band come into the building at the start of the day. From Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October, children will no longer need to line up every morning. From 8:45 onwards, children in 3SG, 3DK and 34AD will be able to enter the building through the Lower Band cloakroom door as soon as they arrive. Mr Desmond will be there at the door, which will be open until 8:55. Children in 4GE and 4RH should enter the building through the door at the end of their corridor. Any children arriving after the bell at 8:55 will need to report to reception. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next term - have a great half-term break!

## Facebook

As a community, we should all frown upon the use of social networking sites by parents to criticise and make unsubstantiated comments about the school or any members of staff. We are hugely disappointed to recently have received screen shots evidencing **unkind, unpleasant and unhelpful** comments and are disappointed to have to consider taking **legal advice**. Our staff work incredibly hard and our school tries its very best for your children. We are not perfect and we make mistakes but please show us some respect and talk to us face to face when we haven't met your expectations. The vast majority of people who use social networking do show respect in their communication with others and this is something that we must model to our children. Thank you to all the parents who have brought these comments to our attention.



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## That Monday Thing

That Monday Thing is back starting 6th November. It was set up and run by Emma King and I have supported for the last year. Emma is no longer able to run this amazing Bible club and so I am very happy to continue her brilliant work but would like the support of another parent to join us every Monday lunch time from 12.30-1pm to enable as many students as want to attend. Please get in touch through the school office if you are interested. Many thanks, Louise Branch



Have you tried...

having a clear analogue clock or watch. Tell the time with o'clock, half-past, quarter past and quarter to. Many children will still need practice with reading clock times, particularly minutes past and minutes to the hour.

## Bibles

Special thanks to **Bibles for Children** who have recently sent us 300 brand new bibles. 150 of The Children's Bible for lower band and 150 of The Rainbow Good News Bible for our upper band pupils. These are already being enjoyed by our pupils in their classroom RE sessions.

## School Photos

The photo slips are going home today – please see us if you do not receive yours or have any questions!

## 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](mailto:christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk).

## Polite Reminder- Scooters and Bikes

Can we please remind all families that riding on scooters and bikes in the school grounds is not allowed due to the number of people using the space. We have had two nasty collisions this week where parents have allowed children to ride them in the playground after school. Families are very welcome to use our grounds to meet and play until 4.15pm daily just as with the Infants but this needs to not be on bikes or scooters. Thank you for helping us keep every child safe.

## Swimming Y3

All year 3 children and certain children from other years will have the opportunity to swim from Term 2 onwards. Parents will be notified the term before their child is swimming. We have asked for a £10 voluntary donation to contribute towards the cost of swimming which comes from the whole school budget. Thank you to the many parents who are supporting us in this decision.

## Half Term @CCJ

We have a busy week planned next week as we prepare for the church to move into our school. During half term the church have kindly arranged for a new screen, new projector, new sound board and extended electrics for our hall! In addition to this we will finally have hot water reinstated in our toilets, an expanded ICT service and very excitingly the arrival of the Play Pod!

## INSET DAY – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October!



## Attendance

We are delighted to be sending out **175 positive attendance letters** to the children with 98%+ attendance at the end of term 1. Thank you for continuing to support us in this.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97%+

Well done to 3/4AD who achieved the highest attendance this week - 98.7%.

## Reminder – Friends Film Night

You will receive a letter about the next film night to be held on 2nd November 3.20pm-5pm. The Friends will be showing Diary of a Wimpy Kid, The Long Haul. All are welcome!