



# CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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## Worship at Christ Church – November 12<sup>th</sup>



A massive thank you to Christ Church who have funded a new projector which is now suspended from the ceiling, two new speakers, a sound board and storage cupboard and new electrics. All of these are already making a brilliantly positive impact to the quality of the assemblies, lessons and films (!) for our children.

The Church are starting worship at CCJ from next Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November and would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families to come and join them on Sunday in our building.

## Tree Planting – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 1pm



Over a year ago, we planted some trees across the school many of which sadly have been eaten by the wildlife. However thanks to the Dyson family, we have been talking with Avon Forestry who are coming on Friday with more trees and better protection so that we can leave a legacy for future generations. Any spare hands to help children dig and plant the new trees this Monday 6<sup>th</sup> from 1pm would be very welcome. Please see Mrs Osborne

## Diary Dates - October

### November

**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

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>** – New YR tours at 9am

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Tag Rugby competition

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Friends Quiz Night 8pm

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

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Playpod OPENS!

**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 nurse

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>** 3-5pm Y5/6 Christmas Bazaar

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>** UB Disco/Party pm

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>** LB Disco/Party pm

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>** Xmas Factor

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>** Dress Down + End of Term



## FCCJ Movie Night

Thank you to all who helped or attended the film night yesterday – it raised a massive £168.02! Well done! If anyone now wants to volunteer to help support the quiz, then please contact Sophie Flecken or the office.

## 'We the Curious' Trips

Dates for the trips are  
Year 4 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Year 3 Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov  
Year 5 Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Please can you ensure that all permission slips are returned to the office by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November. All payments are due by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.**

## Calendar Project Cancelled

We are so sorry to all those of you (and your children) who have expressed your disappointment that the calendar project has been cancelled. Sadly, these events take an enormous amount of work to organise and as we have had several parents sharing on Facebook that they don't approve, we have decided not to proceed as it was just for fun and memories and not for educational benefit. We will of course work with the school council to support another of their ideas instead.

## Friends Quiz Night – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November

We are delighted to host the first (for a while!) CCJ Quiz night on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November from 8pm.

All the teams will have a platter of nibbles included in the ticket price as well as a raffle ticket. There will be rounds on music, geography, general knowledge, current affairs and celebrity pictures, so everyone will be able to join in.

There will also be a bar, raffle and the chance to meet other parents in a relaxed atmosphere. The tickets are on sale in the playground from the CCJ Friends as well as from the school office. Hope to see you there!

**QUIZ**

## Thank you to the Kitchen team and CCI!

A really big thank you to our superb kitchen team who returned to school on Tuesday with no working ovens. They worked superbly as a team, with the help of the Infant school and their kitchen, to cook the full service. It was a fairly incredible achievement and we are really lucky to have the team as well as our fabulous Infants!

## CCJ Clothes Bank

Mr Kennedy has been speaking with the clothes bank team about having one installed on our site. This is happening later this month and we hope that you'll consider putting old clothes etc in it. We will let you know more details when it arrives. Thank you Mr Kennedy!



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## Open Door Policy @ CCJ

We welcome all parents into school to meet with teachers regarding any questions, concerns or queries and understand this is a vital part of the relationship between staff and parents. Any parent wanting to meet with a teacher can do so **before 8.45am and after 3.20.**

Unfortunately we will not be allowing parents into school between these times as they are supervising your children and beginning their lessons. If you need to pass on a message you are welcome to speak to a member of staff in the office, Mrs Osborne or Miss Friend.



Have you tried...

... reading a bus or train timetable.

How long do you have to wait?

How long will the journey be?

Are the gaps between stops the same?



## Swimming Lessons

We would like to thank the Year 3 Parents of those currently swimming who have supported our decision to ask for a small donation towards the cost – it has allowed us to put over £480 back into educational resources.



## Children In Need and Friendship Week 2017

Friendship week (anti-bullying) takes place from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017. We will be exploring the theme through the week in assemblies and in class. On Friday 17<sup>th</sup>, both the Infants and Juniors will be having the theme of 'spots and odd socks' with all donations being given to Children in Need.

## Year 6 PGL – Dec payment

A reminder for Year 6 Parents that 1/12/17 is the deadline for the second payment for PGL but interim payments can be made at any time for any amount. What many of our parents are selecting to do is to put in £10/£20 a week to bring the total down gradually. If you would like any help to see how to do this, then please ask at the office.

Furthermore, to help with the shorter timescale we would like to offer to all parents that we will pay the final balance from the school budget for the Feb deadline on your behalf. This will allow parents an extension on the final payment deadline which will allow another pay cheque to clear. Therefore, the new final deadline will be Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March. Any parents who wish to pay the full balance earlier, so we can replace the money in the school account, can do still so.



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

## Attendance

What brilliant attendance this week with five classes getting 97% or higher! Thank you as always for your continued support – it really does make a difference.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

Well done to 4GE who achieved the highest attendance this week - 99.6%.

## Barton Camp 2018

Barton Camp for current Y3 who will be Y4 in September 2018 has been booked for 10-12<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Details including payment plans will follow in the New Year.