



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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The Playpod is open!

We are thrilled to share that our first few lunchtimes with the new Playpod have gone brilliantly. It is magical to see our children having so much fun during their lunchtimes as well as using so many other skills as they construct, communicate, share and use their imaginations.



All of our parents and children are welcome to join us at the PlayPod Stay and Play **next Tuesday 21st from 3.20-4.20** where you can watch, join in and learn about why the Playpod is so fantastic from our brilliant house captains! There will be a tuck shop run by the Friends of CCJ at the event too.

Diary Dates - October

November

Tuesday 21st – Play Pod Stay & Play

Wednesday 22nd – Reading Workshops for parents from 5-6pm

December

Wednesday 6th– Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 6th Year 3 & 4 Flu nurse

Thursday 7th 3-5pm Y5/6 Christmas Bazaar

Wednesday 13th UB Disco/Party pm

Friday 15th LB Disco/Party pm

Friday 15th Xmas Factor am

Monday 18th Dress Down + End of Term



Thank you Friends of Christ Church

Thank you to the Friends of Christ Church Infants and Juniors who have supported us (last year's fund raising) in buying new class cameras.

Our teachers are delighted and class cameras mean that both our staff and children can take more photos to use in class and share with you at home.



Worship at Christ Church

The Church held their first Sunday worship at CCJ last weekend and it was wonderful to see our building be used by so many of our Church community. Worship will continue to be held in our school hall and we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our families to come and join them on Sunday at 10.30am.



'We the Curious' Trips

Year 3 and 4 had a fantastic trip to *We The Curious* (@Bristol) last week. We explored all the amazing hands-on exhibits – the parachutes and giant hamster wheel were especially popular! The children also took part in the 'Electricity Unearthed' workshop, where they got the chance to explore how circuits work and even made their very own circuit to take home. Thank you to all the children, staff and volunteers for making it such an enjoyable day.

Parent Reading Workshops

We would like to invite all parents to a reading workshop next **Wednesday 22nd November from 3.30-4.30**. During the hour we will be sharing information and ideas on choosing quality texts, inference skills and reading strategies. Each section will be led by our staff and will support parents with reading at home – something we know is essential for children's reading progress. All parents and carers are welcome to meet us in the hall at 3.30. If you have any questions please see Mrs Milne, our English Leader.

Tag Rugby

Some of our wonderful Year 6 pupils represented the school at a Tag Rugby event last Friday afternoon. They did a fantastic job and played brilliantly after just a few hours of coaching – well done team!

Thank you to Mr Kennedy and Mrs Denning for organising and supporting on the day.



**The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
– Dr. Seuss**



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Friends Quiz Night

We were delighted to host the Friends of CCJ quiz night last week and what a tremendous success it was! The turnout was amazing with 18 teams so the hall was full of laughter, food, drink and a slightly competitive edge (that was just the staff!). The event raised a whopping £721.08 and we are thrilled- thank you so much to everyone who came and all of the Friends for their hard work and effort.



Boys Football

Well done to the football team of 12 year 6 boys went to a football tournament last week. The boys played brilliantly and had lots of fun. Here are the results from the 4 matches.

CCJ 0-0 Kings Forest CCJ 2-1 St Stevens A team
CCJ 0-0 Staple Hill CCJ 0-2 St Stevens B team

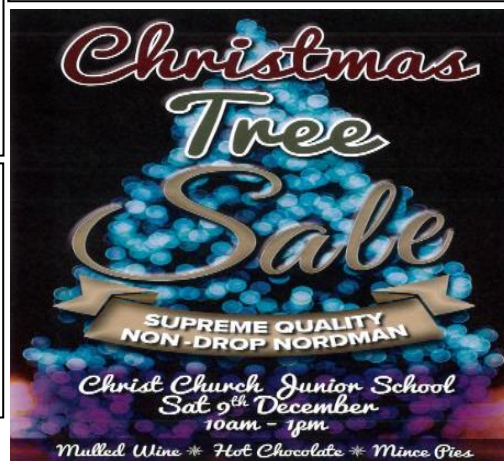


Have you tried...

weighing, measuring, capacity and timing when cooking. How about doubling a recipe that serves 2 people to make enough for 4? Or converting a recipe for 4 people to one for 6 people?

Children in Need

We raised a huge £358.22 today. Thank you so much!



Friends of CCI/CCJ Christmas Fair

A chance to do some Christmas shopping and buy some quality handcrafted and bespoke goods, cards and jewellery. The fair is suitable for all the family and there will be a children's' craft room, face painting as well as festive refreshments.

Please bring your family and friends along. If you can spare an hour or so and help out on Friday (24th) or Saturday (25th) November please sign up here

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094fabab2ba7f94-christmas2>

School Website

It is brilliant to see so many of you are now regularly visiting our website to find out even more about what is happening at school and in your child's class.

Please keep looking as our teachers are updating their class pages regularly with pictures, information, home learning and celebrations.

[Click here to select your child's class and find out more.](#)

Attendance

What brilliant attendance this week with nine 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 6LW, 5NK, 5/6VM and 3SG who all achieved 99.3%!

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 2nd 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.

Clothing Bank

We now have our clothing bank installed in our car park by the kitchen entrance. If you have any old clothing, shoes or soft toys please drop it off at the bank. Thank you.