



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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Newsletter 11:
24th November 2017

PlayPod Play and Stay

Thank you so much to all of our families who attended our Stay and Play on Tuesday. We loved having so many people express their wonder at the impact the Play Pod is having and how excited their children are as they come home. One parent emailed:

"It was fabulous to see the Scrap Store Play Pod in action at the end of school on Tuesday. My son had spoken very enthusiastically about it, so I had a good idea of the equipment it contained. I was pleased too that no one batted an eyelid at my son dressing up in a skirt, cape and bonnet!"

We owe a very big thank you to our house captains who presented to the parents as an introduction to the event – great job, we are very proud of your brilliant public speaking! We are also really grateful to the Friends of CCJ who raised £3000 of the cost last year and then £100 from the tuck shop at the event! Thank you.



Diary Dates

November

Tuesday 28th - Parent Council Meeting
9am

December

Wednesday 6th - Christmas Lunch

(There will be no tuck at break time)

Wednesday 6th Year 3 & 4 Flu nurse

Thursday 7th 3.30-5.30pm Y5/6 Christmas Bazaar

Thursday 7th - No football training due to Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday 12th - Christmas Wind band 3.20 pm

Wednesday 13th UB Disco/Party pm

Friday 15th LB Disco/Party pm

Friday 15th Xmas Factor am

Monday 18th Dress Down + End of Term

Christmas Lunch Wednesday 6th December

The menu for the Christmas Lunch will be available from next week and the cost will be £2.10



Emails and Meetings with Head teacher

Please can we politely remind parents/carers that class teachers should be the first point of contact for matters relating to your child. If the matter is urgent or relates to a safeguarding issue, please ask the office team to book you an appointment with Mrs Osborne or Miss Friend.

General emails should also be sent to christchurchjuniors@gmail.org.uk

Lockdown Practise – Monday 4th December 11.30am

Last term we reported in the newsletter that our Governing body had ratified our Lock Down policy and procedure. We have spent a long time talking to and training staff in this procedure and will be practising with the whole school on Monday 4th December. The lockdown involves all of the children entering the nearest classroom, sitting in the book corner and having a class story or quiet game while the senior leaders ensure that the site is safe e.g. from loose dogs or foxes from the forest. The children will be run through the procedure in advance but may have questions at home. This will eventually become routinely tested like fire drills are already.

Premier Sports Christmas Holiday Club @ CCJ


Premier sports will be running Christmas drop & shop days at Christ Church Juniors, to book a whole day or half day of fun for your child please visit premiersport.org or call 07476032239.
Tues 19th Dec - Gymnastics am / Dodgeball & Hockey pm
Weds 20th Dec - Nerf Combat am / Football pm
Thurs 21st Dec - Gymnastics am / Fencing & Tag Rugby pm
Fri 22nd Dec - Nerf Combat am / Football pm

Parent Reading Workshops

Thank you to all of the parents who attended our reading workshop on Wednesday. Please check the website next week for all of the information which will be published under the curriculum tab. If you would have any questions or would like more information about reading please see Mrs Milne, our English Leader.

6LW Falcon Class service – 2.50pm Dec 6th

All parents and carers of Falcon class are welcome to attend.




Be part of Region of Readers

"You need it, you just don't know you need it!"
— Shared Reading group member

Our Shared Reading group is a place to relax, make new friends and share stories with others every week. You can just drop in, sit down and enjoy listening to a great story or poem — there's no pressure to talk or read.

Staple Hill Library, Broad Street, Staple Hill, BS16 5LS
Tuesdays, 10:30am — 12pm

For more information contact: Samantha Weaver
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Year 6 Bazaar

Advance notice that this year's Upper Band Bazaar will be held on Thursday 7th December from 3.30-5.30pm. The children's amazing pieces of work will be on sale in the Hall and Upper Band. This event is always great fun for everyone – especially our Year 5 and 6 children who are so proud of their role in the event. Please look out for a letter coming soon!

Worship Leaders at CCJ



Have you tried...

· talking about time, e.g. how long is it until lunch time? The journey takes 2½ hours, when will we arrive? We need to be there at 2.00 pm, when do we need to leave home?

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 childrens' craft room, face painting and 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>

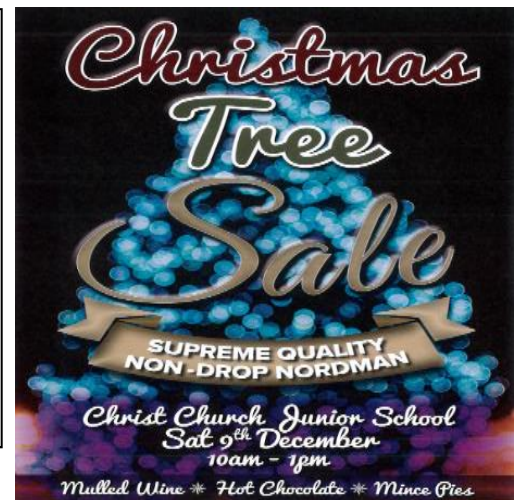
Also the Friends tuck sale raised **£91.48**, so thank you all very much!

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.](#)



CCJ Job Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a Lunchbreak Supervisor and a Teaching Assistant. Please see eteach website for details. Application forms can be collected from the school office.

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 3SG, 3DK and 6LW who all achieved 99.3%!

Christingle Services 2017

Bring the whole family to our Christingle Services on Sunday 3 December 10.30am or 4pm at Christ Church Junior School. Puppets Lucy & Bert will be there and the whole service is a great time of celebration with our children and families in mind. Each class has a Christingle collection pot shaped like a candle. If anyone wants to make a donation to [The Children's Society](#), you can send in a coin to your class candle pot. Looking forward to seeing you all at the Christingle Services at CCJ.



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.