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8th December 2017

Christmas Nativity Service at The Sanctuary Church - Tuesday 12th December

2pm performance

Parents are welcome to attend the service from 1:45pm when the doors will open. We ask that parents use the main entrance on Staple Hill High Street to enter and exit.

All children will be walking with their classes to the church and will be taken back to school by their teacher after the performance. All children should be collected **from school** as usual at 3:20pm. To ensure a safe and organised end to the school day, parents will not be able to collect their children from the church. Thank you for your understanding.



6pm performance

Children should be dropped off at the main entrance on Staple Hill High Street from 5:45pm. If you wish to watch this performance, the main entrance will also be open for parents from 5:45pm.

We envisage that the nativity will finish at around 7pm. Parents who have stayed to watch the performance will be able to collect their children as soon as the nativity has ended and exit through the side doors of the church onto Pendennis Road. Once the audience have exited through the side doors, we will then open the main doors at the front of the church to allow parents who are picking up children to enter the church. We then ask that once you have collected your child from the class teacher that you exit through the side doors onto Pendennis Road. We hope that this 'one way' system will ensure everyone is collected safely and promptly and will avoid large crowds entering and exiting the front of the building.

Upper Band Christmas Bazaar

Wow – what a tremendous fair yesterday! The Upper Band team and all the UB children did a remarkable job of creating, organising and running a superb event. A huge thank you to all the parents and volunteers who helped in the run up to it or at the Bazaar. Also a massive thank you to our wonderful kitchen team who stayed behind to cook all the food. Finally, a thank you to all the families who attended the Bazaar as it was a really lovely atmosphere. We will of course announce a total amount raised and also how the UB are planning to spend the money.



Diary Dates

December

Saturday 9th – **Friends** Christmas tree Sale

Monday 11th – Choir concert 4.30pm

Tuesday 12th – Christmas Wind band 3.20pm

Tuesday 12th – Nativity Service Sanctuary Church
2pm and 6pm (seating limited)

Wednesday 13th – Upper Band party 1.20 -3.20

Thursday 14th – Friends Xmas plates painting

Friday 15th – Xmas Factor am

Friday 15th – Lower Band party 1.20 -3.20

Monday 18th – Santa Run

Monday 18th – Dress Down + End of Term

January

Tuesday 2nd – **INSET day** (school closed to

Wednesday 3rd – Term 3 begins

Wednesday 10th – Yr 6 Bikeability Term 3



Park and Stride Update

During November, 120 children earned their Park and Stride badges which is a great achievement! Our children are clearly taking up the WOW challenge as our walking rate is now at 63% after our initial baseline figure of 41%. In terms of all active travel modes recorded, 92% of children are now actively travelling to school compared to our baseline of 62%. This is fantastic news! In January we will be launching a designated Park and Stride site in the locality so that adults can park a little further away and can stride their children to school! Look out for updates on this in the New Year.





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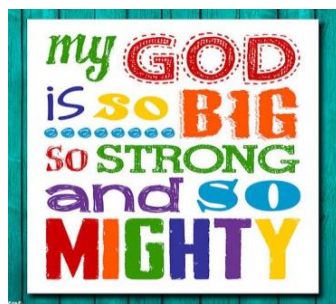
Christ Church Notices

Christ Church is celebrating Christmas all over Downend this year. We have [Carols at the Co-op](#) on Saturday 16 December at 11am and [Traditional Carols](#) at Quakers Road on Sunday 17 December at 4pm. Families will particularly enjoy our [Messy Christmas](#) on Wednesday 20 December, 4.30-6.30pm at the Parish Hall and our [Crib service](#) at Christ Church Juniors at 4pm on Christmas eve. Check our website for all the details www.christchurchdownend.com or check the [Christ Church Downend facebook page](#) (see fliers on page 3)



Have you tried...

· working out prices of sale items, e.g. 20% off. Managing pocket money and saving for things.



Future Stars After School Clubs - Is your child looking for a new, fun & exciting sporting experience? We are providing after school clubs at CCJ on a **Tuesday in terms 3&4**. For further information on dates, activities & bookings - Follow this link (<https://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk/book-after-school-clubs>) find your school & book online today!

Reception September 2018 Closing Date.

Children born between 1 September 2013 and 31 August 2014 are due to start school in September 2018. The closing date for applications is **15 January 2018**. Please note applications received late may not get their preferred school even if they have a sibling already in attendance.

Applications should be made to the local authority where the child lives; regardless of the location of the school they are requesting. For more information or for South Gloucestershire residents to apply online parents can go to www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions. If parents' need help with the application process please telephone the contact centre on 01454 868008.

Introducing our NEW Teachers2Parents App

Available on iOS and Android smartphone devices, the new and easy to use Teachers2parents App is FREE to download. To Download the Teachers2Parents App, simply search for 'Teachers2Parents' in App Store or Playstore now! The App is designed to be very straightforward and simple to use, if however, you have any questions about using the App on your Teachers2Parents system, please contact the office.



Attendance

Well done for all the continued focus on attendance – no red classes this week! Thank you as always for your support, it really does make a difference.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

Well done to 4GE who all achieved 100%!



**Thank you to
Fishponds Trees !!
(by Huntsman pub in
Downend)**

We are so grateful to Fishpond's Trees for donating our beautiful 3m Christmas tree. They are selling lovely Christmas trees grown and imported directly from Poland by the Huntsman Pub in Downend BS166UB.





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Autism South West Parent & Carer Network

The meeting is open to any parent or carer.

Supporting Siblings.....



4.00 - 6.00 p.m. on Friday 12 January 2018

Room F1, South Gloucestershire Council Offices, Broad Lane, Yate BS37 7PN

Meet other parents who have a child with autism

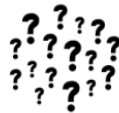
Ask questions about autism.

Find support and advice from autism specialists.

Learn how to support and understand siblings of a child with autism.

Receive a free resource to take away.

Enjoy light refreshments.



For further information contact Claire on claire.phillips@southglos.gov.uk or telephone 01454 868598.

Please email to let me know that you are attending or ring the number above.

Messy Christmas
Wednesday 20 December
4.30pm

Christ Church Parish Hall

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Community News

Joy to the World

Saturday 16 December at 11am
in the Co-op Downend
Carol singing
Everyone very welcome

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Crib Service

4pm

Christmas Eve

@ Christ Church Juniors BS16 5JJ
Everyone welcome

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