



# CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

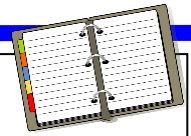
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## Roman Day Extravaganza!

Nearly 150 Romans descended on CCJ this Tuesday! We were blown away by the amazing variety of costumes and all the preparation and effort that the year 3 and 4 children and families had put in. During the morning, our Roman visitor taught us all about how the Romans lived including what they wore, what they ate and how they kept themselves clean and healthy. We designed and created mosaics, played games involving Roman numerals, took part in a quiz and handled artefacts including coins which were nearly 2,000 years old. In the afternoon, the Lower Band was enrolled into the 9th Legion of the Roman army and some lucky volunteers even got to try on some (quite heavy) Roman uniforms! It was a thoroughly fun day and really brought our topic to life. A huge thank you to the Friends of CCJ, who kindly covered the cost of the entire event.



Mr Desmond  
Lower Band  
Leader



## Parent Council

The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9am. If you have any items for the agenda, please can these be emailed to the school office by the end of the weekend.

## Active Reading Open Doors – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-10am

Come and join your child's class during reading time at the start of the day on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. We are opening our classroom doors to all parents and carers for the first 20 minutes of the day to experience the new 'active reading' sessions happening in all classes. At 9.20am there will then be a repeat of our Reading Workshop for parents and carers to find out more about reading at KS2 and how you can best support at home.

## Super Marathon Runner!

One of our parents, Nik Whiteside, is running the gruelling Marathon des Sables in April for 6 days through 150 miles of the Sahara desert. He is aiming to raise an amazing £4000 which he would like to donate equally between the Infant and Junior schools. We are so grateful to him for taking on this challenge. If you would like to sponsor him the Just Giving link can be found below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nikrunsmdsforchristchurchschools>

## Diary Dates

### January

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> - 9am Parent Council Meeting  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> - 2:45pm 4RH Class Assembly  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> - 3.20pm-5pm Friends Film Night

### February

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 9am Active Reading and Reading Workshop for parents  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 @ Concorde  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Blue Peter Badges (See separate letter)  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - ~~4GE Class Assembly~~ **Cancelled**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - Reading Emporium  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - 2:45pm Pupil Premium Coffee Afternoon  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - Cross Country Event  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> - End of Term 3  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 4  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> - 3:30pm PGL Parents Meeting

### March

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - World Book Day  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - PGL Final Balance Due**  
Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening 1  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> - Parents Evening 2  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Y6 PGL  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> - End of Term 4 / Sports Relief

### April

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Inset Day  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> - Start of Term 5

*Dates correct at time of publication – dates will be updated every week on the newsletter*

## Attendance

Thank you for your continued focus on attendance. There are far fewer term time holidays now which really aids learning and allows us to support your child's education.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

Well done to 4GE who achieved an fantastic 99.3%!



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## Film Night

Please don't forget **The Friends of Christ Church Juniors** are holding a film night on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 3:20pm-5pm.

The children can go straight to the school hall at the end of the day where they will be provided with a drink, a bag of popcorn and some fruit. Payment needs to be handed in to the school office in a marked envelope addressed to the Friends by **3:20pm today!**

[Watch this space for more exciting events coming soon!](#)



Have you tried..... shouting out times tables as you go up or down stairs. Remember to mix them up as well as practicing in order.

## Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Good news! The link for Y6 Hoodies is open again until 9/2/18 for orders. Delivery w/c 19.2.18.

[http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/chistchurch\\_cofe\\_vc\\_juniors/leaver\\_hoodies.htm](http://www.initiallyyours.co.uk/schools/chistchurch_cofe_vc_juniors/leaver_hoodies.htm)

## Governor Vacancy

We have now got a Governor vacancy on our board of Governors. The Governors are vital to support and challenge the school to ensure the best for every child at CCJ. Training will be given as well as a full induction so no specific skills are required but we find a variety of skills do help within Governors.

The commitment is two meetings (mostly evenings) each of the six terms. If you would like to be considered for this role or to find out more, please email our Clerk Frances McMillan at [fmccmillan@hotmail.com](mailto:fmccmillan@hotmail.com)

## Year 6 SATs information

Thank you to the many families who joined us for the information evening, the PowerPoint will soon be sent out and available on the website for anyone unable to attend. Thank you for your support.

## Pupil Premium

A reminder that free school meals and free school uniform is available through Pupil Premium funding. If you think your child may be eligible for this please apply through the following link

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

## Blue Peter Badges

We are really excited to be able to help every child in our school get a Blue Peter badge! We have decided to do this because it will give each child such a sense of success and achievement as well as enable every badge holder to have a card that gives them free entry to over 250 destinations across the UK. There will be no cost to this project for any child as we will plan, make and apply for the badges during school time then post them and pay for the postage. We will be having the entire day of Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February to plan, make the applications for this. (Year 6 will do this on a separate day due to their Concord trip)

A paper copy of the letter will go out today and we ask that you please return the slip at the bottom with your child's details, to enable this to go ahead for your child.



## Premier Sports Half Term Holiday Club

Premier Sports will be running half term drop & shop days at Christ Church Juniors. Information is attached to this email.

## Old Pound Coins

Just a reminder that we can no longer accept old style pound coins.

