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Thank you HSBC and RBS

I am delighted to have received two incredibly kind donations of £1000 from HSBC and RBS respectively. The £2000 will be going towards the set of 32 I pads, 2 charging trolleys and new reading intervention scheme which will benefit every child in the school. The total project will cost in the region of £20,000. We have raised in excess of £5,000 through school events such as the Santa run, Friends events since September and through donations from external donors. We believe it will dramatically enhance the breadth of teaching within computing lessons as well as being a tool to support learning across the curriculum. The reading scheme will also help us tackle gaps for children not quite reaching the expected age related standard ... yet! A huge thank you too to one of our Governors Claire Edmunds for nominating us for the HSBC donation by donating her time which they have match funded and to Mr and Mrs Doughty who have nominated us for funding based on our reading project from RBS. If you work for a company who ever considers community funding for projects and would be prepared to help us apply for funding, then please speak with me.



Mrs Osborne

Safer Internet Day 2018

Safer Internet Day is coming up soon! This year's theme is 'Create, Connect and Share: A better internet starts with you.' The focus will be on how to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. At CCJ, we will be having a special assembly and e-safety afternoon for the children on Wednesday 21st February. Don't forget to ask your child about what they have learned about staying safe on the internet!



If you would like more information about how to keep your child safe online, www.net-aware.org.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/ both contain lots of useful information for parents and carers.

Concorde Trip

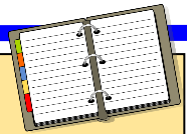
A reminder that Year 6 have their trip to Concorde on Wednesday 7th February. All children will need to wear school uniform for the visit and will need to bring a packed lunch. (If your child is receiving free school meals, we can provide a packed lunch if you let us know.)

Please note that Bikeability will be on Thursday 8th February instead.

Child Absence

If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure that you call the school office by 8:45am. It is a legal requirement that for each day your child is unwell, the school must receive a daily phone call. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Diary Dates



February

Tuesday 6th - Safer Internet Day
 Wednesday 7th - Year 6 @ Concorde
 Wednesday 7th - Blue Peter Badges
 Wednesday 7th - ~~4GE Class Assembly~~ **Cancelled**
 Thursday 8th - Reading Emporium
 Thursday 8th - Friends Cake Sale
 Thursday 8th - Friends Valentines Disco
 Thursday 8th - Y5/6 Cadbury Heath Football Match
 Friday 9th - 2:45pm Pupil Premium Coffee Afternoon
 Friday 9th - Cross Country Event
 Friday 9th - End of Term 3
 Monday 19th - Start of Term 4
 Tuesday 20th - 3:30pm PGL Parents Meeting
 Friday 23rd - Friend Quiz Night

March

Thursday 1st - World Book Day
Thursday 1st - PGL Final Balance Due
 Wednesday 7th - Friend Film Night
 Thursday 8th - Parents Evening 1
 Tuesday 13th - Parents Evening 2
 Monday 19th - Friday 23rd Y6 PGL
 Friday 23rd - End of Term 4 / Sports Relief

April

Monday 9th - Inset Day
 Tuesday 10th - Start of Term 5

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

Attendance

What a fabulous week for attendance last week, with 6 classes achieving over 97%! Thank you for your continued support with the attendance of the children.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

A massive well done to 5NK, 5/6VM & 6MH who all achieved an amazing 99.3%!



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Have you tried..... naming 2D and 3D shapes you come across. Can you count sides and angles (2D) and faces, edges and vertices (3D)?

Friends Disco & Cake Sale

We will be holding a Cake Sale to run alongside the Book Emporium after school, so we would be very grateful for donations of cakes (homemade or shop bought!). Don't forget your pennies so you can enjoy some cake whilst you admire the children's displays. This is also the evening of the Valentines Family Disco! The disco will be 6pm-8pm in the Hall. Please come and join us for dancing, magic, glow sticks and lots of tuck goodies! (Please note as this is an event aimed at children it will be alcohol free) Letters for tickets came home this week- if you didn't get one please ask at the Office.

Any help for an hour on the night to run the tuck stall would be gratefully received as this means the committee will get to spend some time with their children too! If you would like to offer a hand please make a note of it on the slip or message me (Sophie Flecken) on Facebook or grab one of us in the playground

Many thanks, Friends of CCJ



Parent Governor Vacancy

We have now got a Parent 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 many parents' 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 fmcmmillan@hotmail.com

Lower Band Volunteer Readers

Lower Band are looking for volunteers to listen to the children read. By doing this, it not only frees up the Teachers and TAs time but also by reading with different people this improves the children's confidence. If there are any parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles that have some free time and would like to do this, please contact Mr Desmond or the school office.

Magnetic Putty/Slime

Please note that any type of magnetic putty/slime is not permitted in school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Premier Sports Half Term Clubs

Information is attached regarding Premier Sports half term clubs. Please click on the link below to book a place for your child. <https://www.premier-education.com/>

Parent Reminder

The start of the day is a very busy time in which it is very important to get the children and staff in class and settled ready for the school day. Therefore, parents need to be off site by 9am to ensure that this can happen. Should you need to speak to the school office after this time, please make contact via telephone or email. Thank you for your cooperation.

Active Reading Open Doors

It was lovely to see so many parents and carers attending Reading Time with their children this morning, and staying for the Reading Workshop. We hope that you felt that you benefited from it. Please check the website under the 'curriculum tab' then 'English @ CCJ' for the resources.

If you would have any questions or would like more information about reading please see Mrs Milne, our English Leader.





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House Cup

The house with the most house points this week is Team Pheonix. Team Griffin are still at the top of the leader board, for overall points this year. Well done!



Nut Free School

Please remember that some of our children have severe allergies to nuts. We do not allow any nuts or products containing nuts at school. This includes products such as Nutella. Thank you for your support in keeping all of our children safe.

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. This Wednesday 7th February, Y3-5 will have a day off curriculum to do an art activity, poem, letter or story with their class with the chance to complete their application. (Year 6 will do this on a separate day due to their Concord trip). A letter went out last week and we ask that you **please return the slip at the bottom with your child's details, to enable this to go ahead.** All children will be included in the activity during the day but ONLY children with permission will be able to send off their entry.

Inter-house Cross Country – Friday 9th Feb (NON UNIFORM)

On Friday 9th February we will be holding an inter-house Cross Country event. This will consist of 8 races in total (boys and girls races for each year group). There will be 100 house points awarded to the winning house, 75 for second, 50 for third and 25 for fourth! Please can your child wear a t-shirt which is the colour of their house. The course will be on the school field, therefore a change of shoes will be required - for most children their regular outdoor PE shoes will be fine. Sports kit can be worn ALL DAY on this day.

The CCJ Book Emporium

Less than one week until the CCJ Book Emporium! It has been lovely hearing about the children's book projects and how they are going to display them. Lots of talk about different authors, characters and ways they are going to involve the parents and other children with quizzes, recipes and games. Please come in and enjoy from 2.30pm onwards. They will be on display in all the classrooms, corridors and hall. There will also be a cake sale run by the friends that day.

Strider - Walk to School

We are delighted that so many children are still routinely walking to and from school most days. Children should be receiving their January badges in the next couple of days. Thanks to the Infant school who sent us a couple of pictures from the launch day of the Co-op 'Park and Stride' site.



Super Marathon Runner!

Nik Whiteside, is running the gruelling Marathon des Sables in April for 6 days through 150 miles of the Sahara desert. He has already raised an amazing £1500 toward the hopeful £4000 target 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>

Maths@CCJ on the Website

The website has now been updated to include Step By Step guides for formal written method of calculation. Check it out to help with future maths home learning tasks.

www.christchurchjuniors.co.uk/curriculum/maths-ccj