



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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Choir Steal the Show!

I felt so enormously proud on Sunday as Miss Friend, Mrs Elliott and I sat in the prestigious Colston Hall watching our choir excel within the South Gloucestershire Gala concert. They sung a range of challenging songs in multi parts, some with actions and also enjoyed watching a range of other ensembles from across the authority perform. A massive thank you to Miss Harrison and Mrs Dobinson for all the work they did with them to learn the songs and be there on the day. It was also brilliant to see several ex-CCJ pupils performing in the older ensembles. *Mrs Osborne*



INSET Day Changes

Clarification of changes to **2018-2019** inset days.
(**NO** changes at all to the remaining inset days of the 2017-18 academic year.)

Inset Days for 2018-2019

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

(5th and 6th September the Infants are closed BUT WE ARE OPEN)

Monday 5th November 2018

Friday 15th February 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

DIY SOS Day 2 – Saturday May 5th 2018

The fantastic youth team from Christ Church will be donating their time to help paint classrooms and some outdoor elements of the school. Are there any willing families who could consider joining us for a couple of hours on Saturday 5th May to have even more impact and do more rooms? If so, please see Mrs Osborne or Mrs Cleave. Thank you!

Letterboxes

We are now delighted to have two letter boxes outside of the front door. All reply slips, permission forms etc for CCJ can now be posted in the top box, labelled **CCJ**.

Anything for the Friends of CCJ can be posted in the bottom box labelled **CCJ Friends**.

Please note that these boxes will not be checked after 4pm, so for safety reasons, please do not post anything (especially money) after this time.



Diary Dates

March

Friday 16th – Friends Easter Egg Hunt

Monday 19th - Friday 23rd Y6 PGL

Monday 19th - Y3 Cricket Taster Session

Tuesday 20th – Sponsored assault course

Wednesday 21st - 3DK assembly 2.45pm

Friday 23rd - Sports Relief and dress down

Friday 23rd - End of Term 4

April

Monday 9th - Inset Day

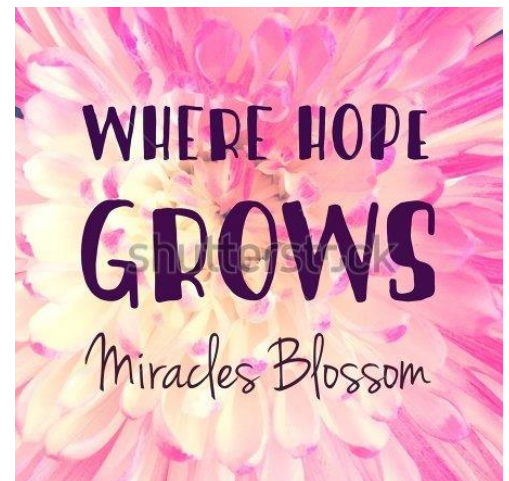
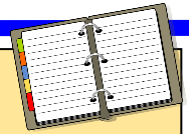
Tuesday 10th - Start of Term 5

Wednesday 18th - Bikeability

May

Monday 7th - Bank Holiday

Friday 25th – End of term 5



Attendance

WOW! What a brilliant week of attendance! Thank you for your support.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

A massive well done to 5/6VM and 6LW who achieved an amazing 100%!

Sports Relief

Next week is Sports Relief and our daily mile will be replaced with a "Daly Activity" such as Hula-hooping, skipping and dancing. In addition, on Friday at 3.00 all the children will run a mile around the field/playground (weather permitting). Parents are welcome to watch. Friday is also a dress down day, children can wear any kind of sports outfit and with £1 suggested contributions going to Sport relief. Find out more at www.sportrelief.com



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House Cup

The house with the most house points this week is Team Griffin! Who are also still at the top of the leader board. Well done!



Lower Band Poetry Competition

It has been lovely to see so many children excited about performing the poems that they have been learning as part of this term's home-learning project. Each class in the Lower Band will be holding their very own poetry recital next week - ask your child's class teacher to find out which day it is happening in your class. We look forward to being wowed by everyone's favourite poems!

Friends of Christ Church Juniors Diary Dates

April

Friday 20th - Bingo

Saturday 28th - Table Top Sale

May

Wednesday 9th Film Night

June

Friday 15th - Cake Sale

Friday 22nd - Barn Dance (Family)

July

Thursday 5th - Circus

Sponsored Assault Course

On Tuesday next week, Ruthie Carstairs and John Cahill are setting up an assault course on the field which they have given every child a sponsorship form for to raise money towards the £4000 they aim to raise between the two schools for our outdoor environments. We currently have plans to raise £3000 to lay artificial grass in the learning pod to replace the stones and also £15000 to put in a running track around our field to enable the daily mile and other sporting activities to occur on the field in the wet months. We are also excited to be welcoming the Y2 children to our school on Wednesday afternoon to complete their assault course. While all sponsorship is welcomed and appreciated, every child will be included and involved in the course whether or not they are being sponsored. Please ensure every child has PE kit and appropriate shoes to wear.

Library Reminders and Fines

Julie Sinfield, our dedicated librarian does a meticulous job of keeping track of all our library books to try and prevent the thousands of pounds of loss we would otherwise face when books get mislaid. We have found that the best way to reunite ourselves with the vast majority of books is by sending reminders and ultimately fine letters in the same way standard libraries do. There are of course fallibilities in this system and I would encourage anyone who believes they have incorrectly be issued with a reminder to come and speak with Miss Sinfield on a Tuesday or Wednesday or to email for her attention. Thank you.



Holiday Clubs

Information is attached regarding Majestic Gymnastic Club and Downend Cricket Club. Premier Sports are running Easter Holiday half term clubs. Please click on the link below for more information. <https://www.premier-education.com/>

Spare CDs for lunchtimes

Plea for help: Do you have any spare AGE APPROPRIATE cds for our playground CD player?



Change to Lunch Menu – Thursday 22nd March

Spaghetti Bolognese / Pizza Pasta
Decorated Cupcakes

Please note: Jacket potatoes, baguettes and salad bar will also be available



Messy Church

Its Messy Church next week on Wednesday 21 March at Christ Church Parish Hall. Doors open at 4.30pm, but if you cannot make the start we are very happy for you to come when you can. This is Church but with noise, wriggling and mess for certain. We have crafts, time to chill, games, toys, a noisy together time in the youth hub for our story and finish off with a hot meal for everyone. Join our facebook event so we know you are coming for catering numbers, or text Helen Buick on 07817077141.