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End of Term 6

Wow – what an exciting end to. Our Y5/6 at the RWA have been an absolute credit to us, LB sports day was a real success, our Y6 have made us so proud and every child has had a term full of exciting learning!

Many of your will have received a letter about your child's attendance. An incredible 132 children still have 98% attendance or higher. Some are missing out on education though, so please do not book term time holidays – it has such a damaging impact on their learning.

Remember that the first day back is Monday 4th June as our final inset day is not until Friday 29th. I would like to wish every one of our families a superb half term and a relaxing break before we start our busiest term yet and the last term at CCJ for many of our children.

Mrs Osborne

Goodbye & Thank You

This week we say goodbye to our cleaner Sue. Thank you for all of your hard work over the past 14 years and we wish you the very best for the future and we hope you enjoy your retirement!





Attendance

Thank you to parents and carers for all of your support regrading attendance. We had another good week with 6 classes gaining over 97% attendance again! A huge well done to 6MH & 6LW for achieving a fabulous 100%.

Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

<u>Diary Dates</u>

June

Monday 4th - Start of Term 6 Tuesday 5th – Police talk to Y6

Thursday 7th – 9am Parent council term 5

Monday 11th – UB Sports day 1-3pm

Friday 15th – Father's Day ice lolly sale 3.20pm Tuesday 19th - 5pm Instrumental Concert 1

Wednesday 20th - 2.45pm 3/4AD Class Service Thursday 21st - 5pm Instrumental Concert 2

Thursday 21st – MAD Olympiad

Friday 22nd – 9am E-Safety Drop in for Parents

Friday 22nd – Summer celebration

Wednesday 27th – 2.45pm 5NK Class Service

Thursday 28th – Dress down day (tombola donations)

Friday 29th - CSET Year 3/4 Cricket Festival Friday 29th - Inset Day

July

Thursday 5th - Move up Day (classes shared on the day with children and parents)

Thursday 5th – Circus and Summer fair event

Tuesday 10th - Year 6 Production

Wednesday 11th - Year 6 Production

Monday 16th – Reports out to all parents with Y6 SATs results for Y6

Wednesday 18th - Leavers Picnic Evening Friday 20th - End of Year!

September

Monday/Tuesday 3rd/4th - Inset Days Wednesday 5th - Start of Term 1

5J Class Service

A massive well done to 5J for a wonderful class service last week, it really was an 'English Extravaganza'. It was lovely to the children enjoying themselves and was lovely to see so many parents attend — what brilliant writing and such an excellent performance of poetry!



Circus Tickets

The circus is coming back to town on Thursday 5th July for one night only! We can only sell 640 tickets and 260 have already gone. Tickets will be avaliable to Junior families exclusively until June 4th (end of half term) and then if there are any remaining, they will be offered to the Infants and the local community. Tickets (£7) can be purchased through the 'shop' section on Parent Pay. Please ask the office if you can't see it.

This year tickets will be in the form of wristbands, that must be worn at all times while on the preimises. Please note that children are NOT able to attend the circus by themselves, they must be accomained by a paying adult.

We are looking for volunteers to help at this event, if you are able to help in any way please sign up at the following link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b054fada829a3fa7-happys







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Feathers Mcgraw

The children were incredibly excited this week to see the grand unveiling of



our very own Feathers McGraw figure. There is currently a competition running to design how we should paint it. The finished design will be painted on to Feathers before it is then displayed at Cribbs Causeway over the Summer in the Grand Appeal shop. From September we will be able to offer it a permanent home here. Remember June 8th is the deadline for designs – please give them to Mrs Osborne.

Parent Council meeting - 7th June

Our term 5 parent council meeting has had to be postponed to the first week of Term 6. All welcome from 9am on Thursday 7th June. Agenda items to be sent to christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk in advance of the meeting.

FORGIVENESS DOES NOT CHANGE THE PAST BUT IT DOES ENLARGE THE FUTURE.

House Cup

The house with the most house points this week is team Phoenix!

Congratulations!



Friends of Christ Church Juniors Diary Dates

<u>June</u>

Friday 15th - Cake Sale Father's Day Ice Iolly sale
Friday 22nd – Summer Celebration £1.50 (family event)

Thursday 5th – Circus £7 per ticket (family event)

CIRCUS TICKETS NOW ON SALE!!!

Alter Cloth

Are there any creative, talented people in our community who may be able to make a red alter cloth or a white one? We have beautiful green and purple ones but would like to complete the set of litergical colours. Please speak to Mrs Osborne if you or one of your family may be able to help!

Premier Sports Term 6 After School Clubs

Monday - Summer Games Years 3 to 6 - Mon 4th June to Mon 16th July - 7 weeks = £31.50 Wednesday - Football Years 3 to 6 - Wed 6th June to Wed 18th July - 7 weeks = £31.50 Thursday - Cricket years 3 to 6 - Thur 7th June to Thur 12th July - 6 weeks = £27.00 To book any Premier Sports clubs half term or after school clubs, you can book online at https://www.premier-education.com/

That Monday Thing does Pentecost

This week we read about what happened when the Holy Spirit first came into the World, the mighty wind which came from inside and the flames of fire which landed on each person.

Read all about it in Acts Chapter 2 verses 1-4. "When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were." Feel free to join us on Mondays!



Fencing and Planning Permission

For 18 months, we have been trying to save the money in our budget and seek funds from external sources to carry out £19,000 of improvements and installations to our site's fences. As Head I do not feel our school is as secure as it could be or needs to be in this day and age. We are delighted that we are in the final stages of planning permission to install 2.4m fences along the side of the forest school area, along the side of the field and around by the kitchen and Kingfisher classroom. It will make the site slightly less attractive but it will better ensure the safety of every one of our children and so I believe it is the right thing to do for our school. We have the support of the police, Ian Boulton (our local councillor) and the local authority. Planning permission is live now if you wish to comment and we are aiming for the work to be carried out within the summer holidays ready for the start of the new year in September.

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E-Safety

We are aware that the online game 'Fortnite' is growing in popularity and is being played by some children from CCJ. The recommended age rating for this game is 13+ and any child playing the game could see inappropriately violent content. As with many app-based games, there is also the possibility of children making expensive 'in app' purchases. You may already be aware that anyone playing this game online can contact another player by voice chat or text. Although it is possible to disable the voice chat system, the NSPCC have warned that it is not possible to block text messages on the game which means any child playing the game could be contacted by strangers. The NSPCC recommend that parents closely monitor their child's use of this game. There is lots of helpful information for parents online - please see the NSPCC website (https://www.net-aware.org.uk/news/fortnite-all-youneed-know/) to find out more.

You will also find lots more information about how to help keep your child safe online on our website. Don't forget that parents and pupils can use the link on our website to report any concerns about something that has happened online. We are also holding an esafety drop in session on Friday 22nd June if you would like to come and chat about any concerns or find out more about how to protect your child.

Sports Day!

We had the first of our two sports days on Wednesday and the children excelled in showing their sportsmanship and determination during the carousel of activities for all followed by the finals of the races. Thank you to the many parents who were able to join us in support. Apologies that the rain meant we had to postpone the Y5/6 sports day. This will now be held on **Monday** 11th June from 1-3pm. All are welcome from 1pm.



CCJ Friends Event Update – Summer Calendar – SAVE THE DATES!

Friday June 22nd – CC Juniors Summer Celebration (all welcome) £1.50 per ticket. Come and join us on FRIDAY JUNE 22nd on the field for the CC Juniors Summer Celebration. We'll provide a band and a bar! YOU bring a blanket and a picnic! This is always such a fun event for the whole school community and a chance for our families to get together for a good knees up to end the school year on a high and to bid farewell to our Year 6 families and welcome our Year 2's!

Thursday 5th July – FUN AFTERNOON (free) and CIRCUS (£7 per ticket). All are welcome until 5.30pm, then ticket holders only. We will be providing BBQ food straight after school, a bar, bouncy castle, ice cream van, tombola/raffle stalls, games and lots more! AND it'll be a non-school uniform day so no need to go home to change! YAY! So come to pick up prepared to have some fun! All are welcome to come along to this fun event. (NB die to circus fire regulations, non circus ticket holders must leave the grounds by 5.30pm).

We would like to ask for donations of **bottles** (any type e.g. bubble bath, squash, wine, ketchup) and a **teddies** in good condition. Please drop these to the office from w/b **Monday 2**nd **July**. We also need lots of help so please volunteer – free drink for any volunteers (let the office know)!

Friday July 13th – CC Infants Summer Celebration (all welcome). Details to be confirmed by CCI.

We really want all our families to be able to enjoy these events. Having taken into account parent feedback, we hope that you will find the plans for our summer events inclusive and affordable for all. We'd love to see you there having fun! See you there or be square, THE FRIENDS X Let's pull together and make this a summer not to forget!

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