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13th September 2019

THIS WEEK AT CCJ.....

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FOREST SCHOOL TIMETABLE!

Secondary Information!

Meet Kingfisher Class Staff!

Friends of CCJ

OUR NEW STAGE!!

This week has seen a fabulous new addition to the CCJ playground! Our new dance stage has been built and we are absolutely delighted with it! We can not wait for great the opportunities for play for the children! A huge thank you to all who took part in the Smartie challenge and the CCJ Friends! Without these donations, we could not have purchased the stage!! Thank you!



Lunch Time Club

Do you have any Jigsaws, quick games or crafts and activities that can be used on our lunch time club? Only in good condition with instructions and all the pieces please (also does anyone have a jigsaw roll/storage that the jigsaw can be tidied away safely they would like to donate please)

Forest School Timetable

Each class will have Forest School every week for 2 terms. Please ensure that your child has their forest school clothes in school during their term.

| Term 1 | Term 2 | Term 3 |
|--------|--------|--------|
| 4LD | 6LL | 5KW |
| 3/4 FD | 6ET | 5/6 AD |
| | 3DK | 4KR |
| | 5SG | |
| Term 4 | Term 5 | Term 6 |
| 4KR | 6LL | 5KW |
| 4LD | 6ET | 5/6AD |
| 3NK | 3NK | 3/4FD |
| | 3DK | 5SG |



ALDI'S KIT FOR SCHOOLS!

Do you shop at Aldi??.... If you do, you could help CCJ be in with a chance of winning a sports kit and £20,000!!

Aldi's Kit for Schools promotion is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick-start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Aldi's Kit for Schools poster will also receive an exclusive school sports kit!



What do you do?? For every £30 spent in store, you receive a sticker to help fill up our school's poster for a chance to win!! Please hand stickers in to the front office.

Medical Requirements

If your child requires a medical care plan, please ensure that you have completed a care plan and brought in up to date medication for school use particularly inhalers and or epi pens.



Uniform Reminder

Thank you for dressing all the children so smartly for the start of term. Please remember that shoes must be all black and socks should be plain blue, black, grey or white. Please also avoid hair accessories in bright colours, these should also be blue, black or white. CCJ pale blue PE t-shirts and black shorts must be worn to do PE. Thank you for your continued support with this.





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MEET THE STAFF!

KINGFISHER CLASS

Mr Alex Desmond –Teacher/ Upper Band Leader

Hello! I'm Mr Desmond and I've been lucky enough to work at CCJ for a couple of years now - I started off as Lower Band Leader so most of the children in the Upper Band know me quite well already. It's been a great start to the year and I'd like to say a big thank you to all the Upper Band children, staff and parents for such a successful first fortnight back.

As well as teaching 5/6AD, I also lead English across the school. I love reading and I'm very excited about the plans we have for our new library later this year. Outside school, I enjoy travelling to new countries, trying all sorts of new food (although my own cooking skills are a bit hit and miss) and spending time in my garden. This year, I have planted lots of fruit and veg and at the moment I have approximately a billion courgettes... slight exaggeration but if anyone needs any, I'd be happy to share! When I was younger, I studied history so I love teaching this subject and am especially excited about our Ancient Greece topic this year. I also spent time living in Austria and Germany before I became a teacher so enjoy teaching French at school and am always happy to practise my (rusty) German! I am often around at the end of the day on the main playground so please do come and say hello if we haven't met already.



Mrs Kathryn Thatcher – HLTA

Hello, I am Mrs Thatcher. I am a HLTA in Kingfisher Class alongside Mr Desmond and Miss Roseblade. I also cover PPA in other classes. You may have seen me in the mornings welcoming children to school in the Upper Band. When I am not at school I enjoy reading, music concerts and going to the theatre. It has been a great start to the new school year and I am looking forward to all the exciting things we have planned for the year fives and sixes!



Miss Catherine Roseblade – TA

Hello, I'm Miss Roseblade! I am really pleased to be working in Kingfisher Class this year! I support the children in Upper Band. When I am not at school, I love walking, playing tennis and hockey! (not at the same time!!) I am excited to be off to the Jurassic coast this weekend for a coastal walking break. I can't wait to see what the new school year brings!



CCJ VACANCIES!

SMSA Monday to Friday 12.00 noon to 1.15pm

(6.25 hours per week, 1¼ hours per day or less days for the right candidate)

The role is to supervise pupils in designated areas of the school (including playground or other external spaces) during the lunchtime break and to ensure their safety, encourage play and promote positive behaviour through appropriate application of the school's policies and procedures. For more information and an application form please visit: <http://www.christchurchjuniors.co.uk/about-us/vacancies-at-christ-church-junior> or alternatively contact the School Office on 01454 866516. Please feel free to pass this on to friends who may be interested.

Closing date 26th September.

School Crossing Patrol Monday to Friday 8:25am – 9am & 3:10pm – 3:40pm

Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611.





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Secondary Open Evenings Y7 Sept 2020

Bristol Metropolitan Academy – 16th September
Kings Oak Academy – 18th September
Downend School - 19th September
St Mary Redcliffe School – 19th September 2019
Bristol Cathedral Choir School – 21st September (Saturday)
Mangotsfield School - 23rd September
Bristol Brunel Academy – 26th September
Winterbourne Academy - 3rd October
John Cabot Academy – open evening 10th September – open mornings on 16th/20th/24th/26th

**Dates as per the schools websites – please refer to individual school websites for full details on opening times and daytime tours*

Deadline for applications is 31st October 2019

For South Glos residents please refer to the email sent w/c 3/9/19 for Bristol residents, even if you are applying for a South Glos school, please apply via Bristol City Council

Bristol Residents

<https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/secondary-apply>

Individual/Sibling Photos



Individual school photos will take place on **Thursday 19th September**. (Sibling photos will start at 8:30am) Please make sure that children are ready with their hair brushed and clean shirts! Photos will be on sale shortly after this date.

Harvest Service is Monday 7th October 1:30pm at Christchurch, Downend.
Parents/carers are welcome to attend!



Barton Camp

A reminder that Barton Camp payments are outstanding, please can you assist us by paying promptly on the old Schools money payment system.

If you are having problems with payment please contact Mrs Osborne immediately.

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Premier Sports book via Visit premier-education.com or call 01953 499 040

Mudpie Explorers Book via <http://www.mud-pies.co.uk/>
KD Drama & Dance - contact Karen on 07799628308 or 27karendavis@gmail.com

Goodbye Miss Conner!!

Miss Conner left us this week to have her second child. We hope all goes well and we will keep you updated when the baby arrives!!



CCJ DATES...!

SEPTEMBER

Mon 16th – Fri 19th
Year 4 Swimming
Thurs 19th - Individual Photos
Wed 25th – Year 6
Life Skills Trip

November

Mon 4th – Start Term 4

OCTOBER

Tue 2nd – Year 3 Cheddar Gorge Trip
Mon 7th – Harvest Service at Christchurch, Downend 1:30pm
Wed 9th – Road Safety Whole School
Mon 14th – Wed 16th – Year 4 Barton Camp
Thurs 17th – Parents Evening 1
Mon 21st – Parents Evening 2
Wed 23rd – 5/6AD Class Service
Thurs 24th – Interest Day
Thurs 24th – End of Term 1
Fri 25th – INSET DAY

Amazing! ATTENDANCE Week 1

| CLASS | ATTENDANCE |
|---------------------|--------------|
| Wagtail | 100% |
| Kestrel | 100% |
| Jay | 99.4% |
| Puffin | 98.3% |
| Kingfisher | 97.8% |
| Robin | 97.3% |
| Swallow | 97.3% |
| Woodpecker | 95.6% |
| Falcon | 95.3% |
| Starling | 93.8% |
| WHOLE SCHOOL | 97.5% |

As always we thank you for your continued support as good attendance means a lot at CCJ.



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FRIENDS OF CCJ

When a school can barely pay the bills it's time to help - Friends of CCJ

Hello all, my name is Kelly Ballard and along with fellow parent Lisa Keegans-Wood, we have taken on responsibility for co-chairing the Friends of CCJ for the year ahead.

At the AGM on 9th September, Mrs Osborne told us that further cuts are due and it's becoming a challenge to find the money for essentials such as decent toilets and bills, let alone educational resources. The teachers and staff at the school work hard to provide the best education possible for our children with the limited resources they have but decisions are having to be made on a regular basis about where money can be saved and sacrifices have to be made. For instance, it may get to the point where school trips or camps which are subsidised by the school have to be stopped, in order to avoid cutting staff. School cuts are well reported in both local and national headlines and whether this comes as a surprise to you or not, thinking about the impact of this on our own children in one of the most important stages of their lives is very sad. Hearing this cemented our decision to do as much as possible to help the school.

Last year, with your support, CCJ Friends raised just under £4,000 through events like the quiz, Christmas raffle, lower band disco, Easter Egg Hunt and Bake Off. A further £2,500 was made from a dance event and in donations for the library that was flooded back in November 2018.

As a result, the Friends were able to fund the upper band explorer dome and subsidise the lower band theatre coach to make it more affordable for parents as well as provide SATS refreshments for the Year 6's. This in addition to the £2500 which will go towards the new library. We discussed at the AGM how the rest of the funds will be used to help your children and we will keep you informed regarding this.

A huge thank you needs to go to Alison Brooks who led the charge as Chair last year and stands down but will continue to help us, and to Beauty Phiri who stands down as Secretary but will focus her efforts on events and working with Mel Samways in her continued role as Treasurer. Jess Favali and Jodie Godfrey are taking on the Secretary role between them.

We are also very lucky to have some parents who have been working tirelessly to support the school for years already - Sophie Flecken, Ruthie Carstairs and Esther Monks. We are also being joined by some new people with great ideas and enthusiasm - welcome to Laura Brindle, Jo Ahmed, Shelley Goad, Karen Cooper and Emma Snell.

Going forwards, Lisa and I plan to meet Mrs Osborne to get a better understanding of where the school need our support. With advice from experienced CCJ Friends and input from the School Council, we are putting a plan into place.

So how can you help? Firstly, make sure you join us on our Facebook page "CCJ Friends Downend" where you can receive our updates. Then at the very least, please share our events and turn up to them when you can and buy a cake (or a beer!). For now, keep an eye out for the date for a cake sale and quiz, which are already in the planning stages. We will also be running a Christmas raffle (prizes required please). As for next year, we are planning events such as disco's, an Easter event, a scarecrow hunt and a summer event. We will be working closely with the CCI Friends in order to co-ordinate events. We'll be looking for adhoc volunteers to help us at events so if you're interested then please get in touch. We're looking for parents from all year groups and especially Year 3's. We'd love to do more to attract grants and corporate funding too so if anyone has any experience in this area then please also get in touch.

We are a very friendly bunch and we will value your contribution in whatever way works for you. There is no commitment needed, just do what you can when you can. The aim is to have fun whilst fundraising for the school and our children. You can contact us via messaging on the Facebook page for more detail.

Thanks for reading :o)

