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Newsletter 7

18th October 2019

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THIS WEEK AT CCJ..... Recycling support!

Book Donations! BARTON CAMP! CCJ Wish List! Kitchen Comp winner
Ready, Steady, Bake! Meet the office staff!

SCHOOL IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTY – CAN YOU HELP?

This year, CCJ is one of 24 schools IN South Gloucestershire declared as 'in financial difficulty' and this means we can no longer absorb the costs of trips, camps, interest days, visitors etc. without extra help or cancelling them.

This term's Interest Day is on Thursday next week and we have a mental health workshop, music, school newspaper, drama, t-shirt painting, archery, art, first aid and more. It will cost almost £1000 to run and therefore we are having the day as dress down day and asking that everyone **brings a £1 donation** to try and cover some of the costs. If you have any time to spare on Thursday, we would also love more hands to help – come and spend the day with your child doing something totally different to usual.

RUBBISH COSTING £1400 A YEAR!!!

Our refuse collection costs are increasing to over +£1000 extra per year!

We will be introducing more initiatives in school to reduce waste, help save the environment and reduce costs and would appreciate your assistance in this in a number of ways...

- Lunch box waste should be taken home to be recycled, please remind your child to help us with this
- Do you know of a good recycling scheme that CCJ can sign up to, would your company sponsor us?
- Do you have spare time and would like to help us run a recycling club at lunchtimes?



CCJ wish list ... Can you help?

- Books – do you have any **Diary of a Wimpy Kid** books that you can donate to school? Particularly Movie Diary, Movie Diary the next chapter & Do it yourself book. They are very popular with our pupils and we would love to add more to our Library stock.
- If you are replacing your **kitchen cupboards** at home, would you consider donating your old one to school to update/replace our original staff kitchen?
- Don't forget to use our **clothes recycling bank** in the car park and please send in **Aldi stickers**
- Do you work for a company or have a contact of large organisations that **donate used furniture**, chairs and desks etc.? If so, please see Mrs Cleave or send us an email!

Year 6 Hoodies

The Year 6 Hoodies will be available after Half Term. We will let you know as soon as we receive them.

PGL – please continue to make payments

Kingfisher Class Assembly 23rd October

Don't forget 6RH are having their class assembly **Wednesday 23rd Oct at 2:45pm**. The children have been working really hard and are looking forward to showing off their work! It would be lovely to see the parent and carers there.

READY, STEADY, BAKE!

Our School Council will be holding a cake sale at break time on Wednesday 23rd October. Please help to support them by bringing in cakes to sell and money to buy the goodies!! Feel free to WOW us with spooky designs if you wish. Money raised will go towards new Football goalposts.





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MEET THE STAFF!

CCJ Reception Team

Miss Laura Dixon

Hi! I am Miss Dixon and I am one of the Clerical Assistants that works on Reception on a Mon, Tues and every other Weds. I have been a part of the office team for over 6 years and thoroughly enjoy the variety of my role! I also work closely with our music teachers and club organisers to make sure children can enjoy the amazing range of music lessons and activities that our school has to offer.

Outside of work I am kept busy as a mum to my 3 lovely children and with running and boxing on my evenings/weekends. As a lover of both music and dance I also enjoy attending festivals, live bands and visiting the Hippodrome to watch a show.



Mrs Rebecca Merrifield

Hello my name is Mrs Merrifield and I work on the School Reception desk and as a Lunchtime Supervisor. I have worked at CCJ for nearly sixteen years and really enjoy the range of jobs that I do from first aid to photocopying.

When I'm not in school I love being with my family and my two lovely Golden Retrievers. I enjoy listening to music from the Beatles to Beethoven, drawing, gardening, going out for coffee, reading and anything to do with space, planets and Dr Who! When possible I like to spend time by the coast with my family. I am also fascinated by bees and hope to learn more about them and possibly become a bee keeper.



Mrs Tracey Little

Hello I am Mrs Little and I am part of the School Reception team at CCJ. I work Weds, Thurs, Fri and I enjoy meeting and greeting you all with a smile ☺ I have worked at CCJ for 3 years and thrive on the variety that enfolds during each school day!

Outside of school I love spending time with my family, exploring National Trust properties and visiting new places, along with a nice cream tea or a good cup of coffee with cake is a must!



Premier Sports

With half term approaching we wanted to remind you what's happening this October! Premier - Bristol has a whole range of awesome activities and sports to keep your little ones active. To book, visit family.premier-education.com. Don't miss out on our Halloween Spectacular on Thursday 31st October. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us on the details below should you need any more information. We can't wait to see you there!



CONTACT DETAILS

Data collection sheets are coming out during parent's evenings to ensure that all contact numbers and address are correct and accurate. If you move residential address you are required to complete a change of address form which must be signed by the parent/carer for our school records. It is extremely important that our records are up to date for the safety of the children and link in with the information held by the local authority.





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News from the kitchen

There is a change to pudding on 22nd Oct. Pudding will be shortbread biscuits (instead of Ice-cream). Fresh fruit is also still available.

Details of a special Bonfire Menu 5/11/19 to follow, watch this space!

The winner of the school lunch drawing competition was **Thomas from Y4 Robins** who drew a wonderful picture of his favourite meal of pasta. He will receive his prize early in Term 2. Well done Thomas!



SCHOLASTIC

Thank You

A huge thank you to Scholastic for their very generous donation of books towards rebuilding our collections in the library! They are very much appreciated.

Y7 Secondary School Applications 2020

The deadline for secondary school applications online is 31/10/18 for South Glos. If you miss this deadline you will not be allocated a place until the second release of applications which is April 2020.

Should you have queries you can phone the admissions line 01454 868008, please bear in mind that phone lines are very busy at this time of year, so please do not leave your application too late.

<http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-school-admissions/>

Please see attached important information regarding the admissions criteria in respect of residential addresses on applications.

HELP!

We are your local Beaver, Cub and Scout Group based in Staple Hill. We are looking for more adults to join our happy band of Leaders delivering interesting and exciting programmes for our young people aged 6-14. Volunteering can be as little or as much time as you can give. It could be every week, once a month or a role on our committee. We would love to hear from you! We meet on Fridays. Contact Katie on 07982419074 or email katiecox@blueyonder.co.uk.



INSET DAY
FRIDAY 25TH OCT



CCJ DATES...!

OCTOBER

Mon 21st – Parents Evening 2
Wed 23rd – 5/6AD Class Service @2.50pm
Thurs 24th – Interest Day and dress down
Thurs 24th – End of Term 1
Fri 25th – INSET DAY

November

Mon 4th – Start Term 4
Thursday 7th – William Court
Friendship Club
Friday 8th Friends Quiz

Kingfisher Class
Assembly
23rd October

FRIENDS OF CCJ DATES

3:20pm-4:30pm
Friday 8th Nov
QUIZ NIGHT
SOLD OUT

7:30pm
Monday 9th Dec
Upper Band
Christmas Bazaar
Friends Raffle

Brilliant! ATTENDANCE Weeks 1-7

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Kingfisher	98.40%
Puffin	98.20%
Woodpecker	98.20%
Swallow	98.10%
Jay	98%
Wagtail	97.30%
Kestrel	97%
Starling	96.10%
Falcon	95.90%
Robin	95.80%
WHOLE SCHOOL	97.3%

Below 92%

92-96%

97=%

A great week for attendance – well done everyone!





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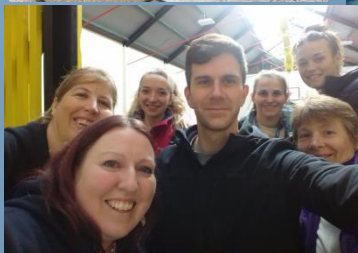
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Y4 BARTON CAMP PHOTOS.....



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