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Newsletter 8

24th October 2019

Term 1 Value: Love

THIS WEEK AT CCJ...

Kingfisher Assembly!

Fundraising thanks!

Whole school interest day!

CCJ Inset Day Friday 25th October!

School Meals reminder!

Meet the staff Swallow Class!

Interest Group Day Term 1

This is what brings joy to us as teachers – spending the day sharing interests and passions with children who want to explore something new. It has been a brilliant day and it was so clear how much children enjoyed it. Thanks for your donations towards costs, it has so far raised £190.25 but if you would like to donate then you can still make a contribution via Parent Pay. Thank you too to the parent helpers who supported the day and as ever to my wonderful team who pulled out all the stops once again to make it wonderful! I wish all our families (and staff) a restful, enjoyable half term break.

Mrs Osborne

William Court Friendship Club

This year's first visit to William Court went really well with 13 children from Y3-6 giving up their time to make friends with the residents. We are so proud of them demonstrating our values of love and generosity.

We had such a lovely visit with your amazing CCJ pupils. It's great to know that the Junior SOUP legacy is continuing with a new group of pupils. You children behaved impeccably, were polite, calm and very friendly, just what we wanted.

Our next visit is planned Thu 7 Nov.

School Meals - Reminder

A reminder again that **historic debts** for meals will remain on your child's account until paid – please speak with the school office urgently to agree a repayment plan. As we have previously communicated, please speak with the school office immediately if you do not agree with an amount on your child's account.

Sadly, whilst debts remain outstanding we cannot book places for residential trips/camps

We are still experiencing some issues where children are requesting a hot school meal but have not been booked in advance. To avoid any disappointment to children at lunch service we ask that parents remember to pre-book all hot school meals via parent pay. Anyone without a meal booking will be served with a jacket potato only and parents will receive a text. Meals can be booked up to 3 weeks in advance and up to 8am if booking on the day.

Should you have any problems whilst trying to book meals, please notify the school office

Are you eligible for free school meals?

<https://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals/>

Y6 PGL – please continue to make regular instalment payments.

(unless you have informed us in writing that you wish to pay in full).

Sadly, we cannot continue to make payments to PGL on your behalf. This may result in your child not being able to attend PGL in March 2020 and any money already paid will be to PGL/CCJ who have incurred costs.

READY, STEADY, BAKE!

The school council would like to say a huge **thank you** to everyone who donated cakes to school for our sale.

Some cakes were very spooky and we sold out within 15 mins!

Thank you for buying the cakes,
we raised £113.60

which will go towards school goal posts.



**INSET DAY
FRIDAY 25TH OCT**





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MEET THE STAFF!

Swallows Class

Mrs Knott – Teacher

I'm Mrs Knott and I have just started my twenty-fourth year as a teacher at CCJ! That doesn't seem quite possible but it must mean that CCJ is a happy place to come to work to every day! In all that time, I have taught across Years 3-6 and have seen many changes in education as new initiatives and strategies have been introduced. The school building has changed too. When I started working here, all the classrooms were open plan, (no doors!) and all the classes were mixed age. Needless to say, I value my classroom door very much! I am History and Geography lead at school and I really enjoy teaching these subjects as well as English.



Outside of school, I live in Portishead, which involves a bit of a drive to school each day! I have two daughters, one of whom is eighteen and who has just started studying at Nottingham University. It does feel strange not having her around at home! In my spare time, I go to a lot of concerts, enjoy going to the theatre and spending time with my friends. Holidays in Cornwall are also a family favourite, so roll on half term!



Mrs Katja - Denning - TA

I'm Mrs Denning and I am in my 4th year as a Teaching Assistant at CCJ (currently in year 3). Before that I was teaching in lots of other schools in South Glos. I love being a TA as it is always varied – sometimes working with individual children or in groups or just helping in class. I live in Bradley Stoke with my husband, daughter and twin boys plus Clover our house rabbit.

We love going to France on holiday, we enjoy cycling and swimming or just spending time at home chilling. I love singing, and once a month I get to sing in a worship band at my church in Stoke Gifford which is a great way to share my faith.

School Crossing Patrol

Please note that Mrs Marshall is sadly leaving us as our school crossing patrol at the end of this term and we currently do not have a replacement. Therefore we will have no lolly pop lady at the start of Term 2. Please ensure your children cross the road safely. **Good Luck Mrs Marshall and thank you for keeping us all safe at pick up and drop off**

School Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Role: School Crossing Patrol – Christchurch Downend

Pay: £9ph **Hours:** 8:25am-9am and 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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Kingfisher Class Assembly

This week Kingfisher Class held their class assembly. They described what they have learnt about disasters and even demonstrated a volcano erupting using cola and mentos! It was lovely to see so many parents/carers attend and how enthusiastic the children were about their work. Well done Kingfishers!



Premier Sports

With half term approaching we wanted to remind you about Premier – Bristol half term camps. There is 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!

Please see our website via the link below for the Term 2 School Clubs timetable and how to book a place!

<https://christchurchdownend.sites.schooljotter2.com/parents/clubs>

Fundraising @ CCJ

Book Fair

Thank you for your support of the Travelling Book Fair – thanks to total sales of over £500 we have £243.31 to spend on library resources.

Sponsored Fun Run Thurs 15th Nov @ 2pm

Proceeds will be split between the new CCJ Library fund and St Peter's Hospice.

Entry fee of £1 plus sponsorship. All who complete the course will receive a medal. Each child will be sent home with a sponsor form in week one of term 2.

Please return with any cash collected within 7 days of the event.
(please wear CCJ PE Kit).

Thanks to our Reading Assistant Mrs Doughty for organising this event.

CCJ DATES...!

OCTOBER

Thurs 24th – End of Term 1

Fri 25th – INSET DAY



November

Mon 4th – Start Term 2

Thurs 7th – William Court

Friendship Club

Thurs 14th – Whole school Fun

FRIENDS OF CCJ DATES

Friday 8th Nov

QUIZ NIGHT

Sold Out!

Monday 9th Dec

Upper Band

Christmas Bazaar

Friends Raffle

December

*Weds 4th – Christmas Dinner
(date Change)

Mon 9th – UB Christmas Bazaar

Wed 11th – LB Nativity Play 1:30pm

Thurs 12th – LB Nativity Play 1:30pm

Fri 13th – Interest Group Day

Mon 16th – Xmas Factor

Tues 17th – Christmas Parties

Wed 18th – Christmas Parties

Fri 20th – End of Term 2

January

Mon 6th – Inset Day

Tues 7th – Start of
Term 3

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 really strong end to term 1 – we look forward to seeing you all at the start of term 2 on Monday 4th November.





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Bake Sale!



Interest Group Day!



Perspective Art



School
Newspaper



Baking
Gingerbread



Endangered
Animals



Wellbeing



T-Shirt Painting