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## THIS WEEK AT CCJ.....

## Friends of CCJ!

### Children in Need!

### Cake Sale!

### Meet Falcon Class!

### CCJ Friendship Club!

## LIBRARY UPDATE Week 3 - it rained and then it snowed!!

Building work is continuing this week despite the weather and the brilliant builders from H Mealing are up on the roof in all weathers. Wooden batons are on and works are happening at a fast pace. You may have heard that due to the heavy rain yesterday, some rooms were slightly damp inside as well as outside, but it won't be long until the library is watertight! Mr Desmond and Miss Hutchins have ordered lots of new books and furniture ready for when we can get back in. Mrs Coyne and Mrs Doughty are busy adding many of the books you kindly donated to the library booking system and on top of that the 100 book challenge is almost ready to launch ...



## Friendship at any age!

Friendship is flourishing between the residents at William Court & pupils at Christ Church Junior School thanks to the continuing visits from the CCJ Friendship Club. The group meet once a month for an hour of chatting, with a break for tea & biscuits. It's a beautiful sight to see both the children's and residents' faces light up when they meet up each month. The club started a year ago as part of Junior Soup and although some of the original pupils have now moved up to Secondary School, new younger pupils have filled the gaps!

At our November chat we sang happy birthday to two members, one pupil was 9 the other was resident Sally who was 95! Here they are pictured with Helen Buick, Friendship Club co-ordinator. Helen says, "It is such a privilege to see these friendships blossoming, the children are keeping a photo diary of their visits, take notes on their chats too & we are always welcomed by House Manager Barbara Baker."



Pictured pupils from Christ Church Juniors, Helen Buick from Christ Church & residents at William Court, including Sally who was 95 the day before our visit!

## Flu Vaccination

On Monday the flu vaccinations were given to the children. If you handed in the reply form but your child did not receive the flu spray please contact the NHS Immunisation Team on 01275 373104

## Hot School Dinners

Please continue to book hot meals online before 8am on the day the meal is required. **Please remember to save you booking. With effect from this week if your child has not pre booked a meal we will be calling home asking for you to bring in a packed lunch for that day.**

**A reminder that all debts need to be paid via Parent Pay**





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## MEET THE STAFF!

### FALCON CLASS

#### Miss Thackeray – Teacher

Hi! I'm Miss Thackeray, Falcon Class Teacher and Art and DT lead, which I love to teach. I'm very slowly filling our class with beautiful flowers, plants and succulents alongside our reading rainforest, although I think I might need some bigger pots! I am very passionate about 'Refuse, Reuse and Recycle' and would love to help develop CCJ into an Eco School – We have already started to recycle all of our soft plastics alongside our normal recycling and food waste.



In my spare time, I'll normally either be slowly hiking up a mountain, swimming in a lake or floating around at the bottom of the ocean with a couple of sharks.

#### Mrs Kate Holmes-Volk – 121 Teaching Assistant

I have been working at CCJ for almost two years. I have worked in schools for seven years and have a special interest in children with additional educational needs. I have two children of my own 17 and 14, a husband (who is great at cooking) and two dogs (who I love more than chocolate).

My claim to fame is that my great, great, grandfather invented the Volk's Electric Railway in Brighton. My brother is a recording artist and musician and my sister works in the 'Heatherley's School of fine art' in Chelsea.

I enjoy painting with watercolours and my latest love is indoor rowing. I am part of the Bristol Ariel Rowing Club and next week I am taking part in my first competition, the Welsh Indoor Rowing Championships, I am very nervous but I'm sure it will be great fun!!



#### Mrs Charlotte Byrom – Teaching Assistant

Hi! I'm Mrs Byrom. I am a Teaching Assistant in Falcon Class, working together with Miss Thackeray. I'm really pleased to be working in Year 6 again this year! There's lots to look forward to! I have worked at CCJ for 8 years! I enjoy supporting the children's' learning, watching them thrive, achieve and being proud of what they do.

When I am not at school, I love to bake! Most of the staff enjoy my baking too! I also enjoy music concerts and going to Pilates. Spending time with my family and friends is also a big part of my life. I can't wait for the festive fun this term!



Be completely humble and gentle; be patient,  
bearing with one another in love.  
Ephesians 4:2



### School Crossing Patrol!

As you are aware we are currently without a School Crossing Patrol. Unfortunately this is out of the hands of CCJ as this position is filled by South Glos. Country Council. We regularly call for updates and as of yet we have no further information to share with you. If you are interested in the role, or know of someone who is please contact Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611







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Brrrrrrrrrrrrr.....

As the cold weather is now upon us please can you ensure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat in school at all times.

Thank you!



## Children in Need

What a wonderful day it was a CCJ today! All the children were looking very comfy in their PJs for Children in Need. Well done to School Council for this fun idea! The children managed to raise a brilliant £251.72 which will be donated to Children in Need.

## NICU CAKE SALE

Well done to Josh in year 5 for organising and running the cake sale held at breaktime today. He managed to raise a brilliant £159.30 which will be donated to NICU. NICU is a charity close to his family's heart as they looked after his baby brother when he was born early this year. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the cake sale and bought the yummy cakes!



## Height and Weight Checks for Children in Y6

Every year the school nurse visits CCJ as part of a national programme to measure our Y6 pupils. This year this will take place on

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November**

Any child where an opt OUT form has not been received will take part and be measured.

## End of Day Collection

Please inform your child's teacher at the start of each day of any changes to the normal collection of your child. We cannot always guarantee that emails and phone calls are received and messages passed on.

Please remember that if your child has grapes in their lunch box, that they are cut up. Also, CCJ is a **NUT FREE** school! Thank you!



**Brilliant! ATTENDANCE To date**

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Kingfisher	98.00%
Puffin	97.90%
Jay	98%
Woodpecker	97.60%
Wagtail	97.10%
Kestrel	97%
Swallow	96.70%
Starling	96.40%
Robin	96.20%
Falcon	95.50%
<b>WHOLE SCHOOL</b>	<b>97%</b>

**Below 92%**

**92-96%**

**97=%**

A great week for attendance – well done everyone!

## CCJ DATES...!

### November

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Height and Weight**  
**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> Climate Change Workshop**

### December

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> School Christmas Lunch**  
**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – UB Christmas Bazaar**  
**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> – LB Nativity Play 1:30pm**  
**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> – LB Nativity Play 1:30pm**  
**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> – Interest Group Day**  
**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> – Xmas Factor**  
**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Parties**  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Parties**  
**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – School Fun Run (am)**  
**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2**

### FRIENDS OF CCJ DATES

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
**Upper Band**  
**Christmas Bazaar**  
**Friends Raffle**

### January

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Inset Day**  
**Tues 7<sup>th</sup> – School**  
**Starts back**





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## CCJ FRIENDS

### QUIZ NIGHT WOW!!

Last Friday was the Friends of CCJ Quiz Night! Over 100 tickets were sold for the event. It was a fantastic night and a lot of fun was had by all. It was a real community feel with parents and carers, grandparents, governors and some of our CCI colleagues! A huge thanks to all our volunteers and quiz masters - you're CCJ Stars and a special thanks goes to Ruthie Carstairs who organised this event with her team of helpers. A fantastic evening.

### Our New Logo

A big thanks to Jon Webb for creating the new Friends logo (amongst other things) for the Friends. Jon is one of our wonderful, generous parents and owner of local graphic design agency Sherbet Ink, in Downend. So if you're looking for any form of graphic design, from brochures and traditional print, to website interface design or branding then get in touch with Jon at [www.sherbetink.co.uk](http://www.sherbetink.co.uk)

### Christmas Raffle Tickets

Every child will be sent home with a book of 10 raffle tickets to sell for £1 per ticket. Last year, less than half of the books were sold. If everyone sells their book then this will raise around £3000 for the school and our children. Please ask your family, friends, work colleagues and/or neighbours (not children) if they would like to buy a ticket or if you would like more tickets please ask at reception. Please return the stubs and money to school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Get in touch if you can donate a prize, and we will add you to our tree!

### FIND OUT ABOUT THE FRIENDS .....

If you want to find out more about the Friends of CCJ, what fundraising events are happening and how you might be able to help, you can now find out more on the new Friends webpages here: [About the Friends](#) & [Friends Events](#)

