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11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

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## CCJ NEWS .....

### Deputy Headteacher News



I am now in a position to share with you the very exciting but sad (for us) news that my incredible Deputy, Susan Friend, has been appointed as Head teacher in another school. While I know she is more than ready and will do an excellent job, we are obviously very sad that we will be saying goodbye to her as she leaves at the end of term 1. Throughout her time here, she has had an immense impact on teaching and learning, support for families, staff training, Governors, teaching classes and so, so much more that comes under the very big job description of a Deputy. We will say goodbye fully at the end of term but it is important that we share the news now so we can ensure a smooth handover for the families she works most closely with.

Yesterday, we created an intense and grueling day of interviews for four very strong candidates shortlisted from 28 applications. I am delighted to tell you that the strongest candidate was Alex Desmond, our current Y5/6 phase leader and so he will be starting this role, whilst still teaching Kingfishers, from November 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr Desmond is an excellent teacher but he is also an inspirational leader and within his role as phase leader, he has already made changes to reading, English, behaviour and culture that benefits every child. I have no doubt he will confidently work with me, as Miss Friend has done so brilliantly for the last four years to continue to make CCJ a vibrant, inclusive and safe community for all children in our care.

Pippa

Osborne

Dear Families of CCJ,

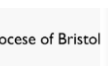
I am writing to thank you all for the fabulous 4 years I have had as part of the CCJ community and to tell you that this term will be my last at Christ Church. My time here has been fantastic and that is largely down to our wonderful children, parents and community and I couldn't be more grateful for the experiences, memories and occasional challenges that we have had together. Christ Church is a truly wonderful place to be and the staff team work so hard to make it special- both for each other and for all of our children.

My last day with the children will be Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October and after the half term break I will be starting a new job, as Headteacher, at a school in the midlands. I am very much looking forward to the challenges that headship and a new school bring but am also so keen to get back to living closer to my mum and my sister and being a more permanent 'Auntie Suey' to my young niece and nephew. Until then, I will be working with Mrs Osborne, the governors and the staff to help our new deputy head – the wonderful Mr Desmond - settle into this role. I am absolutely delighted that Mr Desmond has accepted this role as I know that he will make the most of this brilliant opportunity and work tirelessly for our children and staff. I will make sure I say goodbye towards the end of the term- I am so grateful to our families and children – you have all been a wonderful support.

Susan Friend

### VISITORS TO THE OFFICE

A reminder that parents are not able to enter the reception area due to COVID. Please communicate with the office via email and telephone. Any forms that need to be returned can be posted in the box by the front door. If there is a reason that you have been asked to come into the school, a facemask MUST be worn at all times.





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## SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

The application process for secondary school places will open next week with the closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> October. An email with further details has been sent on behalf of South Glos this week. Please contact the school office if you have not received this. If you do not have a South Glos postcode and fall under Bristol City Council, please contact their admission team directly. Secondary schools do not inform us of their open days/evenings; therefore please refer to their websites for more details.

## CLUBS AND MUSIC

A reminder that clubs and music are not running this term. This will be reviewed at the end of Term 1 in line with the government guidelines.

## INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS

Individual school photos will take place on **Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September**. (Unfortunately, sibling photos are unable to happen this year due to the Covid restrictions.) Please make sure that children are ready with their hair brushed and clean shirts! Photos will be on sale shortly after.



## MEDICAL

If your child has a medical condition or needs prescribed medication whilst in school please contact the school office for a care plan **ASAP**. Thank you



## CHANGE TO MENU

There will be a change to the menu on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September. It will now be lamb pasty instead of beef pie.

## PUPIL ABSENCE

Please report all sickness or absence to the school phone 01454 866516 or email [christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk) (NOT to Mrs Osborne) This needs to be done for **EVERY** day that they are ill. Thank you

For Covid FQAs [click here](#)

## Library Books

We seem to be missing quite a few books from our library! Please could you have a look around at home to see if you have any and return them to school! Many thanks!



## CCJ Dates for Your Diary....

### SEPTEMBER

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup> - Individual photos (no siblings)

### OCTOBER

Week Commencing Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Travelling Book Fair  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccines (please return consent)  
Tues 20<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening 1 (not in person)  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> – Parents Evening 2 (not in person)  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> – Interest Group Day  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> – INSET DAY / End of Term 1

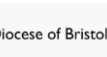
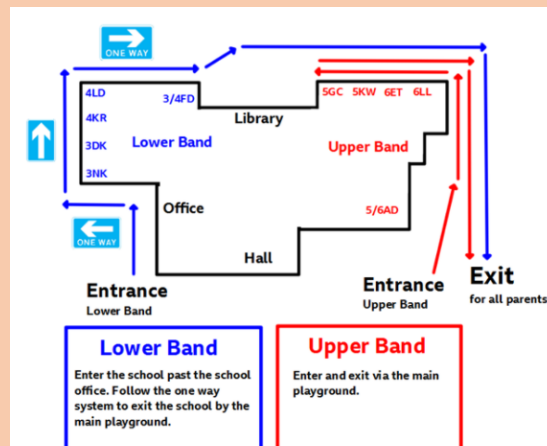
### NOVEMBER

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> – Start of Term 2

## DROP OFF AND COLLECTION SAFETY

From next week we will be introducing bells at the start and finish of school to indicate the separate times for each group (8:45am & 8.55am and 3.10pm & 3.20pm)

Thank you to Robins and Wagtails for lining up at gates until 8.55am and 3.20pm. Also, thank you to you all for continuing with the one-way system. This seems to be working a lot better and helping to keep everyone safe.





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A massive thank you to Y6 who applied for the role of house captain, there were so many strong applications. This year's CCJ House Captains are...



Isla Thompson

Harrison Orr



Molly Watson

Naomi Dodson



Nancy Cook

Soreiya Van-Meir Cowan



Olivia Pike

Dylan Stanley