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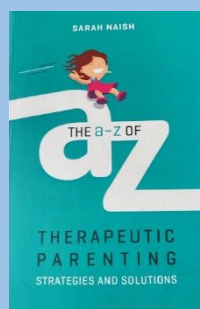
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CCJ NEWS

Time to heal

Over the last week or so, quite a number of parents have spoken to me about behaviours that they have started to see more in their children now the novelty of being back at school has started to wear off. Some are very tired, some are more tearful, some are staying up late and some are being rude at home. These behaviours are generally a result of months of being at home coming to an end, coupled with a worry about what is happening in the world around us and for some, the surprise of getting back to 6 hours of schooling. I am finding the same with my own children and want to reassure you that many are needing that time to heal, to reconnect and to readjust to this new 'normal'. The biggest support to children is to have the time to talk and be heard if they have worries so they can feel reassured and safe. We have a long road ahead until this is over, but as a school community we will continue to prioritise children being and feeling safe, valued and included working in partnership with you as parents. Stay strong!

There are many useful tools and guides out there to help with behaviour and different ways of dealing with it. This is one book that some parents find useful in challenging times.



Mrs Osborne

We know how
much God loves us,
and we have put
our trust in his love.

God is love,

and all who
live in love
live in God,
and God
lives in them.

-1 John 4:16

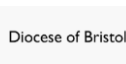
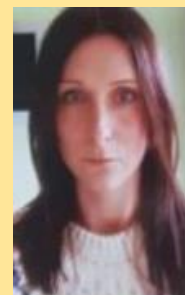


WELCOME TO CCJ

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Williams to our CCJ school team to support children with their learning in Lower Band. Please do say hello if you see them around school.

Mrs Williams

Hello, my name is Mrs Williams and I have joined the lower band team. Some of you may know me from Christ Church Infant School. I have two children in years 4 and 8. We bought a cockapoo puppy this summer holidays and she is a great addition to our family. I really enjoy reading books, hiking with my family. Snowdonia is our favourite hiking place.





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CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday 1st October is Census Day. The more meals on that day means that we will receive more funding from the LA to support learning. Therefore, to encourage as many children as possible to take school dinners on that day the menu has changed to the following:



Hotdogs / Quorn Dogs
Potato Wedges
Sweetcorn
Chocolate Cup Cakes



YEAR 6 HOODIES

To order please click [HERE](#)
(add the initials required to the notes section at check out)

The closing date to order these is **30th September** with no exceptions.

Please note that these are optional and not compulsory school uniform.



Lunchtimes

Please only pack foods that your child can open within their lunch box as lunch staff cannot be touching food.

We would be grateful for any donations of spare games/puzzles etc for use at wet play! Thank you!

CCJ Dates for Your Diary....

SEPTEMBER

Wed 30th – Deadline for Y6 Hoodies



OCTOBER

Thurs 1st – Year 3 Road Safety
Week Commencing Mon 12th – Travelling Book Fair
Tues 20th – Flu Vaccines (please return consent)
Tues 20th – Parents Evening 1 (not in person)
Thurs 22nd – Parents Evening 2 (not in person)
Thurs 22nd – Interest Group Day
Friday 23rd – INSET DAY / End of Term 1

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd – Start of Term 2

SWEETS

To minimise spreading germs please **DO NOT** send sweets in with your children for their birthdays. Thank you.

HARVEST CELEBRATION SERVICE

Our harvest celebration service will be a bit different this year, with input from children and from the clergy team at Christ Church drawn together for a service streamed to classes on Monday 12th October. As part of our celebrations there is an opportunity to give to the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP) in one of two ways. Financial gifts can be paid direct into the 'PCC of Christ Church Downend' bank account Sort code 30-98-06, Account No. 07307109 (please mention CAP in the reference line); non perishable goods such as tins and packets can be left in the CAP crate outside the Christ Church Parish Hall on North Street during the week commencing 5th October. All donations will help to support families in need in the local area at this challenging time.



This week we say goodbye to Miss Hawkins, one of our SMSAs. We would like to thank her for her time at CCJ and wish her the best for the future!

If you are interested in becoming part of our SMSA team, please see the details on the last page of the newsletter.

For Covid FAQs [click here](#)



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

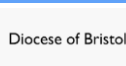
This could be a sign of coronavirus

[Book a test](#)

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial 111 or see your GP





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My Twist on a Tale Writing Competition

This competition is to encourage young people to let their imagination run wild as they write a story based on a new theme for 2020: **Everyday Heroes**

Following an extraordinary year of disruption, we want to provide children with a positive outlet to highlight the extraordinary stories that have emerged through the year. Children and young people aged 4-19, from across the UK have the opportunity to write their own tales of people who have made a difference to them.

Find out more at www.go.pearson.com/mytwistonatale

Closing date 17:00 on **Friday 27th November 2020**



HOUSEKEEPING

Please ensure that Data collections sheets are handed back in ASAP with any updated information.

Please **DO NOT** return photo cards, these are for you to order at home.

Please return flu vaccination forms ASAP – please return even if you **DO NOT** wish your child to have the vaccine.

Vacancies at CCJ....



School Meals Supervisory Assistant

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 or local contacts who may be interested.

Road Safety Team – Please help!

Post Details: Role: School Crossing Patrol – Christchurch Junior, Downend.

Site Location: Pendennis Road, Shrubbery Road

Times: 8.30am – 9.05am 3.10pm – 3.35pm Hourly rate: £9ph

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.

