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CCJ NEWS



Goodbye and Good Luck Miss Friend

I can't believe we are already at the end of term and that the time has come to say goodbye to Susan Friend as she leaves to begin her Headship. When I started as Head at CCJ 4.5 years ago, I appointed Miss Friend, so we started our roles together and she has been alongside me every step of the way since. There is very little that occurs in a primary school that a Deputy and Head are not involved with in some way and that is absolutely true of Miss Friend. There is not a single trip, visit, experience, interest group day, medication need, inspection, family link or training that she has not had some part in making happen. Her boundless knowledge, experience and passion are humbling to see and it is incredible how much she has grown as a leader to the point where she is now going to be leading a school and changing the lives of many more children. During the last four years she has worked especially closely with certain families who have been facing different types of challenges. Susan gives generously of her time and spends hours every week calling families, reassuring parents and supporting staff, all the while keeping children at the centre of all she does. On a personal note she has not just been my Deputy but also has become a close friend too. There have been many challenges over the last four years and days where I have struggled to do what is needed of me and yet her support, wise words and smile have given me strength. The school has changed so much in the last few years and I cannot thank her enough for her part in this. Looking forward, I am so excited about beginning this new chapter for CCJ with Mr Desmond as Deputy and I know he too will work with me to take CCJ from strength to strength. So all that remains for us to say to Miss Friend is thank you, goodbye and best of luck!

New Band Leader

With Miss Friend's promotion and Mr Desmond becoming my new Deputy, we needed to recruit a new Upper Band phase leader to complete our senior leadership team. I am really excited to share with you that Miss Thackeray (Falcon class teacher) will be taking on this role permanently from November. Miss Thackeray is a talented and experienced teacher and has already had a great deal of impact since she starting working at CCJ a year ago. In her previous school she was phase leader too, so she is brilliantly positioned to take the same role here. She will be next point of contact after teachers for Y5&6 and can be reached at emma.thackeray1@sgmail.org.uk.



New Hall Lighting

We are delighted to share that our hall lighting has been replaced with new LED lights with the help of the local authority – it looks incredible in there now and enhances the space so much.



Black History and Celebration

During this month every class has explored an element of Black history and had the chance to discuss what is happening in the world around us. This week, in collective worship we learnt about three inspirational black people who have inspired staff - Haile Gebrselassie, Roy Hackett and Maya Angelou. I have asked children to consider researching another influential or inspirational black person over half term to share in assembly as well as suggestions for books we can buy!

Little Princess Trust

Miss Thackeray will be cutting off her beautiful hair and giving it to the Little Princess Trust along with the donations raised.

If you would like to find out more and sponsor her please [CLICK HERE](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/missthackeray/) or go to www.justgiving.com/fundraising/missthackeray/





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TELL ME A STORY for Black History Month - 26 October to 1

We would like to share this exciting half term event with you.

Families can tune in to the SHCAAR Facebook page each evening during half term to listen to a children's story suitable for the whole family. We have some amazing Bristol folk lined up to read including: Marvin Rees Bristol City Mayor; a surprise player from Bristol City Football Club, Joseph Elliott actor and children's author known for his role on CBBCs Shwashbucklers, and many more local celebrities.

There is a particular connection CCJ, as we have ex-student (Joseph Elliott) and retired teacher (Gill Elliott) reading stories for us. Our aim is that they can be enjoyed by the whole family.

Link to the event: tinyurl.com/y5dyer86

The PDF's are attached to this email.



COVID REMINDER

A reminder that your child **SHOULD NOT** come to school if they, or any of your household have **ANY** of the following symptoms:

- Persistent cough
- Temperature (37.8+)
- Change to taste or smell

You just Speak to 119 or go to for

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> for advice.

Your child and household **MUST** self-isolate for 14 days or until you have a negative test result.

Children who are otherwise well with:

- Runny nose
- Sore throat with **NO** fever
- Mild colds

Can go to school **AS NORMAL**

Please [click here](#) to see our flowchart if you require further guidance.

For Covid FAQs [click here](#)

Bonfire Night Menu Thurs 5th November

Hot Dogs / Veggie Hot Dogs
 Herbie Diced Potatoes
 Sweetcorn & Pea Medley
 Ginger Spiced Biscuit

As normal, please book in advance via ParentPay

ATTENDANCE - TERM 1

CLASS	ATTENDANCE
Swallow Y3	99.2
Jay Y5	98
Puffin Y5	97.7
Starling Y3	97.4
Wagtail Y4	96.9
Kestrel Y6	96.6
Robin Y4	96.5
Falcon Y6	95.9
Kingfisher Y5/Y6	95.8
Woodpecker Y3/Y4	95.5
Totals	96.9

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 2nd November.

CCJ Dates for Your Diary....

OCTOBER

Friday 23rd – INSET DAY / End of Term 1

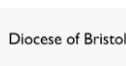
Sat 31st – Secondary School application deadline

NOVEMBER

Mon 2nd – Start of Term 2

Thur 5th – Bonfire Night Menu

Fri 13th – Children in Need





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Film Night for Play Equipment

Many children have spoken with me or written letters to ask for more money towards extra equipment for playtimes such as more balls and skipping ropes etc. I can find £400 in the budget but this is only £40 per class that does not go far so we are planning a COVID safe bubble film night on Wednesday 18th November. Children can return to school in PJs to watch a film in their bubble, have popcorn and hot chocolate and maybe a few glow bands too! We will sell tickets for this with all money raised going directly to buying more play equipment for every class. Watch this space

Covid Measures

This term has seen that the systems we have put in place are working well and keeping children and staff safe. Therefore, we will continue with them in Term 2. This includes no bags or belongs being brought into school, lunch remaining in bubbles, no music lessons or clubs and staggered bubble timings remain the same:

Group A (3NK, 3DK, 3/4FD) - 8:45 arrival, 3:10 collection

Group B (4KR, 4LD) - 8:55 arrival, 3:20 collection

Group C (5GC, 5KW) - 8:45 arrival, 3:10 collection

Group D (5/6AD, 6LL, 6ET) - 8:55 arrival, 3:20 collection

New PE days for Term 2

Children should continue to wear their PE kit to school on their PE days next term. Please note that there have been some changes so check your child's class new PE days below:

3NK - Wednesday and Friday

3DK - Monday and Friday

3/4FD - Monday and Wednesday

4LD - Monday and Thursday

4KR - Tuesday and Thursday

5GC - Monday and Friday

5KW - Wednesday and Friday

5/6AD - Tuesday and Thursday

6ET - Tuesday and Thursday

6LL - Tuesday and Wednesday

Reports

School reports have been sent home with your children today. You will be able to discuss these with their class teacher during the parents evening next term. More details to follow early next term.

Premier Holiday Camps

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, click on the links below or visit family.premier-education.com. 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!

Tuesday 27th October, Christ Church Infants

Years 1 & 2 – [CLICK HERE](#)

Year 3 – 6 – [CLICK HERE](#)

Thursday 29th October, Christ Church Infants

Years 1 & 2 – [CLICK HERE](#)

Years 3 – 6 – [CLICK HERE](#)

Friday 30th October, Christ Church Juniors

Years 1 & 2 – [CLICK HERE](#)

Years 3 & 4 – [CLICK HERE](#)

Years 5 & 6 – [CLICK HERE](#)

If you have any questions regarding the Holiday Camps at Christ Church Infants or Juniors, please contact me:
Paul Green 07890742566

DIWALI FESTIVAL

A community celebration

THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER
4.30 – 5.15PM

STREAMED LIVE ON FACEBOOK
SEARCH FOR PATCHWAY
FESTIVAL
YOU'RE INVITED TO JOIN IN THE
VIRTUAL CELEBRATIONS!

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BRADLEY STOKE
COMMUNITY SCHOOL, AVON
INDIAN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
PATCHWAY FESTIVAL
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Interest Group Day – October 2020

It has been such a joy to see the children so excited and happy to be having their off timetable day in their own clothes as they work on activities and learning that it very different to usual. I have seen classes decorating masks, classes designing paper planes, classes making Christmas decorations and classes completing animation. There is such a buzz around the school and I hope that every child comes home today able to share what they have done with you. It has certainly been a challenging and LONG term and I have really seen how much children (and staff!) need a break over the next week to recharge and rest. Have a wonderful half term together and we look forward to seeing everyone back again on Monday 2nd November. Keep an eye on our Twitter page over Half Term for more photos!!

Mrs Osborne

