



# CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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## CCJ NEWS ...



### Church School Partnership Award

I am delighted to share with you that we have been awarded the Church Schools Partnership award to celebrate the strength of our partnership with our parish Church, Christ Church Downend. We are very proud that this has been recognised and continue to look for ways to strengthen this partnership even further to benefit our whole community. Liz Townend who is Diocese Director of Education wrote the following ...

Congratulations to Christ Church Junior School and Christ Church Downend who have been awarded the Church School Partnership by the Bristol Diocesan Board of Education. This award celebrates the collaboration between the local church community and the school. It is a vibrant two way relationship of support and challenge that leads to leads to deepened relationships and growth of the pupils, school and church community.

The church support the school seeing the power of working with young people. They have a children's worker, vicar, associate vicar and curate who are regularly in school leading collective worship, online or in person and supporting all manner of school activity. Importantly, these links are not just for those employed at church; a fantastic congregation provide practical support in school and develop joint projects with those in the community, particularly the vulnerable, such as support for the foodbank, cake sales, big breakfasts, Christians Against Poverty (CAP), the Noise volunteering project, art projects, and a lunchtime club. The school also actively supports many of the projects that the Church organise such as an annual visit by children from Chernobyl, an annual Fairtrade visitor from Nicaragua, the Downend Soup project, the food bank collections and the youth projects such as their recent trip to an Indian orphanage. During the recent 8 month refurbishment of Christ Church, the school even hosted the Church for their weekly main services.



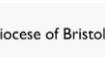
School children are often found over at the church building, feeling thoroughly at home, finding out about its history and service in the community, and learning about festivals such as Christmas, Easter and Harvest through trails, tableaux and dramatizations that develop children's understanding of the Bible and how Christian faith supports people to thrive and live a full and meaningful life. The school and church support each other in advertising and celebrating all that is going on, being part of the leadership and prayer life of the school, and in their participation in the Governing Body. Strong relationships and Christian values underpin their partnership.

### Parking

Unfortunately, we are still getting complaints from the local residents due to parents and carers parking dangerously on the road, in private car parks and blocking driveways. Again, can we please ask that you are respectful of this when parking to also ensure the safety of our families and surrounding neighbours.

### Blended Learning

If you have any issues with online learning platforms at home such as Google Classroom, Doodle, Bug Club etc. please email the CCJ blended learning email address below with any problems:  
[ccjblendedlearning@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:ccjblendedlearning@sgmail.org.uk)





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## Warm Clothing

As the weather is getting colder and wetter, please ensure that you send your child into school in warm clothes, vests/thermals are suggested as the windows are open for ventilation. Please also ensure that your child has a warm/waterproof coat. We are trying to continue with as much outdoor learning as possible and this means that we often go out in light rain or cold weather. As always, please name all items of clothing. Thank you.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all who took part in our virtual parents evenings this week. It was very different to previous years and we do understand that it can be uncomfortable being on video so we thank you for cooperating with us. It all went well and technology was on our side! Thank you to all the teachers for their time and flexibility too.

## CCJ Dates for Your Diary....

### NOVEMBER

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> – World Premature Awareness Day  
Wed 18<sup>th</sup> – Ignite schools 2000 Hearts installation  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Interest Group day  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – Birthday party afternoon  
Fri 27<sup>th</sup> – School council individual cake sale

### DECEMBER

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> – Christmas Decorations  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Nativity  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Film Night  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Xmas Jumpers  
Wed 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner  
Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> – Christingle Service  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – UB WW2 Day  
Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2



### JANUARY

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY

# Humility

is not thinking less of yourself  
but thinking of yourself less  
- CS Lewis

## CCJ Moments of Joy ...

### Children in Need

For this week's moment of joy, children and staff had a wonderful day celebrating Children in Need. All the children were looking very colourful for their 'dress your own way' themed Children in Need. Well done to School Council for this fun idea! So far the children managed to raise a brilliant £147 that will be donated to Children in Need. Don't forget that it isn't too late to donate via ParentPay!



## Coming next week ...

Collaborative Arts Heart Event and  
Scavenger Hunt for World  
Premature Awareness Day

## Remembrance Service

This week we held a special Remembrance Day service to remember the fallen. Mrs Osborne spoke about the war and why we hold a 2 minutes silence on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, Mr Desmond spoke about the relevance of the poppies and some of our pupils read some beautiful poems and prayers that they had written. (You can see some of these on the last page)







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## This Week at CCJ .....

### WHAT MAKES ME SPECIAL '3

- My curly hair!
- My mixed raced skin!
- My height!
- My clothing style!
- My love of video games for a girl!
- My picky eating!



### The War ends

Crimson fire and charcoal sky,  
Blood-curdling screams of soldiers, terrified.  
Bombs raining down,  
From up high.

Time has passed,  
Peaceful poppies now grow, in Flanders fields.  
Birds singing in the Arctic sky,  
From up high.

