## Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021 – N°22

# **CCJ Newsletter**



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## **Staying Connected**

I cannot tell you how excited we feel about the children all returning to our on March 8<sup>th</sup>. It is wonderful news and absolutely the right thing for our children (and parents!). Can I just thank you all again for the determination and perseverance you have all shown in what has been an incredibly hard period of time juggling the responsibilities of home learning, working yourselves and running a home. We have sent an email to all parents answering the questions you may have about returning as well as sharing the new PE and forest school days, please take the time to read it and to reassure children that school will look almost exactly the same as it did before Christmas.

As always, staff have been planning for a term of excitement, reconnection and education and we will be continuing on with our moments of joy (see below) as well as Karen's dance every Thursday at 2.30pm and our live school assemblies on Mondays and Fridays. As we move through the stages of the country reopening, we will also be revising our own measures so that we can gradually move back to having clubs, music lessons, productions, trips, gatherings and singing. Please bear with us as we will be constantly considering options behind the scenes but safety will continue to be our highest priority. I am so relieved that last term we did not have to close any bubbles and our aim is to continue to minimise closures through our systems and measures in place that help protect every member of our community.

### Magic in a Trice! Moment of Joy!

This week we were lucky enough to have Wayne from Magic in a Trice perform for us! He showed us magic tricks, including a fantastic Tic, Tac Toe trick that appeared as our school logo! He even taught us some magic tricks to use at home. The children (and staff!) had a brilliant time watching what he can do! To see more of what he can offer go to his website or Facebook page (links below) for more information!

https://www.magicinatrice.co.uk/ https://www.facebook.com/magicinatrice/



#### proceed with some works. So it has been a busy couple of weeks with carpets being laid, extra fencing being erected, automatic door closures being fitted, emergency lighting being

updated and tree works being carried out! Although it doesn't seem the most exciting, it is prioritising the appearance and safety of the site and our children.

Scheduled Work...

We have taken the opportunity of the school being quiet to

## **CCJ Moments of Joy**

Week 2 - Antarctic Explorer/ Science Week/ World Book Day Week 3 – Body Percussion Week 4 – Blue Peter Badges #2 Week 5 – Fitness & Fun! Week 6 – Joseph Elliott (Author)

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to our Donations for Moments of Joy. It really is lovely that we are able to run these events for the children in this strange time. Please do not feel it is compulsory at all to make a donation, but if you wish to donate from 1p upwards, you can do this on Parent Pay in the school shop called 'donations for moments of joy'.







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#### **Masked Singer**

As part of World Book Day this year, we have put together a 'Masked Reader' video for everyone to watch. On Monday, the video will be released onto Google Classroom and it'll have different members of staff reading some classic books. It'll be your job to guess which staff member is behind each mask and which book they're reading! All the answers will be revealed in Friday's celebration assembly.

#### **UWE Students**

We welcome our new final year students next week who will be with us until mid May.

Woodpeckers – Ms Byrne Wagtails – Ms Evans Robins – Ms Graham Jays – Ms Goodfellow Falcons – Ms Clements

Please make them feel welcome if you see them around school.

#### **New Look Newsletter!**

We felt it was time to revamp our newsletter format, which we hope you will find more fresh and appealing. Any feedback is welcome!

#### **Secondary Applications**

Secondary school places will be announced 1<sup>st</sup> March. We hope that you all get the school that you want. If you have any queries, please contact Admissions directly on 01454 868008

**Science Week** Next week is Science Week at CCJ! We have an exciting week planned with an experiment-a-day for you to have a go at – both in school and at home. Keep an eye out as we will be posting these each day on the class streams. These will be using ingredients that you may have in your cupboards / fridge at home: vinegar, baking soda, balloons, double cream, whole milk, food colouring (2 or 3 colours), washing up liquid, an effervescent tablet and vegetable oil (any works!). You will also need an empty plastic bottle, a jar, a sieve and a bowl. If you don't have the ingredients needed for an experiment, there will be alternative investigations posted every day that only require paper! Hopefully everyone will enjoy taking part in science next week - we can't wait to see some pictures of your investigations (you can upload these onto the assignments or Twitter) Also, there will be a poster competition announced in Wednesday's assembly – all about 'Innovating the Future'. The 5 lucky winners will receive a prize and go through to the next stage of the British Science Association's national competition, representing CCJ! To enter, you can upload your poster to the assignment before Wednesday 24th March!



#### **Problems with Debt**

If you are struggling with debt there are several local charities and organisations which can help you. CAP (Christians Against Poverty), for example, is a local charity which offers a free service to anyone wanting help or advice about how to become debt free. Call 0800 328 0006 if you would like to find out more or make an appointment to speak to a local debt coach.

### **CCJ Online This Week..**

DAY	TIME	YEAR	EVENT	WHERE
Daily	10am	Upper Band	Google Meet	Google Classroom
Daily	9am	Lower Band	Google Meet	Google Classroom
Mon	Any time	ALL	ISing Pop assembly	Google Stream
Tue	9:30am	ALL	Antartic Explorer	Zoom
Wed	Any time	ALL	Assembly	Google Stream
Thurs	2:30pm	ALL WELCOME	LTD Dance	Zoom
Fri	2:30pm	ALL WELCOME	Celebration Assembly	Zoom

**The Zoom number for each one will be 816 108 3039 and passwords are the same as for assemblies.** If you have any questions or issues with online learning, please contact us on <u>CCJblendedlearning@sgmail.org.uk</u>









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## Some more incredible learning this week.....

When are the new PE and Forest school days?

Starlings - Monday and Friday (Forest schools Wednesday) Swallows - Tuesday and Friday (Forest schools Wednesday) Woodpeckers - Wednesday and Thursday (Forest schools Monday) Wagtails - Wednesday and Thursday (Forest schools Tuesday) **Robins** - Wednesday and Friday (Forest schools Tuesday)

Puffins - Monday and Tuesday (Forest schools Friday) Jays - Tuesday and Thursday (Forest schools Friday) Kingfishers - Thursday and Friday (Forest schools Monday) Falcons - Monday and Tuesday (Forest schools Thursday) Kestrels - Monday and Wednesday (Forest schools Thursday)









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