Friday 23rd April 2021 - N°27

CCJ Newsletter



Our value this term: Courage

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Welcome Back!

It is lovely to see everyone back this week – we have had 98% attendance, which is amazing – the sunshine has also made this an incredible positive and event free week. It is also so great to start to see some changes in what we can do and who we can see and I really hope you have managed to spend some time with friends and family during Easter. A huge welcome to two new members of our team – Claire Yiasoumi is joining us as a Teaching Assistant and Donna Annakie has joined our Lunch Team – they are settling in already and are making such an impact to our capacity in Year 5 and lunchtime. Moments of Joy are still going strong and it was wonderful to hear the laughs and screams in every class as they met Jungle Jo and her …'pets'! Next week, we are so excited that the virtual reality event is in person (COVID safe) and every child is going to be wowed! *Mrs Osborne*

Road Safety Concerns

We are aware that there has been a recent incident of concern where one of our pupils had a near miss with a vehicle on their way home from school. We are limited to what we can do outside of school when it comes to children walking home by themselves. While we continue to educate in school about road safety, please support us by speaking to children about the importance of paying attention when crossing roads, and the dangers of being distracted by mobile phones, especially while crossing.

Also, a reminder to drivers to be careful around schools; parking in safe places and being extra careful while driving by schools.

Keep alert, stand firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong.
Let all that you do be done in love.

Exciting Arbor News!

Over the Easter holidays we made the transition to Arbor. This will become a more effective way to communicate with parents and carers. By using the Parent Portal you will be able to read messages, emails, view calendar reminders and notifications and be able to book parents evenings etc. along with lots more!

Our office team are busy working behind the scenes to set everything up ready to go live. Therefore, please download the Arbor app so you are ready when we go live **next week**. This can be downloaded for **FREE** from the App Store and Google Play and it looks like this:

Early next week we will send you an email from Arbor. It **WILL** go into your Junk mail box. We will let you know when it has been sent. Please then check your junk, and

Arbor 4.
Parent & Guardian Portal
Arbor Education Partners
Designed for iPhone
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Free

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

click on 'this email is not junk' this will then ensure that future emails go straight into your inbox and you don't miss any communications! Our aim is by the end of Term 5, we will no longer be using EduSpot/Teachers2Parents for communication as it will all come through the Arbor app.

We do appreciate that this is a change for everyone, and we thank you for your cooperation in the set up.

















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CCJ dates for your diary

April

Wed 28th – Virtual Reality Experience Thurs 29th - Virtual Reality Experience



May Mon 3rd BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 5th – Class Photos / Leaver Photo Thurs 20th – Last day for raffle donations Fri 28th – Bee Project Hamper Raffle Fri 28th – End of Term 5

Bee Project - Hamper Raffle

In school we are going to have a hamper raffle and we need your help! We would like parents/carers to bring in unwanted toys or gifts for prizes. You will be able to buy tickets from ParentPay and you can drop off the prizes at the Reception. The last day for prize donations will be Thursday 20th May so that we can make up the hampers. The raffle will be held on the last day of term (Fri 28th May).

All the money raised by the raffle will go towards buying supplies to enable us to make bee houses and seeds to grow bee friendly plants to have at the end of the playing field.

Thank you from The Bee Crew

CCJ Moments of Joy

This week we welcomed (virtually) the fantastic Jungle Jo and her exotic friends! The children had a wonderful afternoon seeing and learning about all different types of creatures.

(See the photos on the last page ... if you dare!)

Still to come...

Week 2 – Virtual Reality experience in school

The children will be wearing 3D googles during this. If you have any doubt what so ever that your child may suffer with epilepsy please let the class teacher know so that they can be given a 2d version.

Week 3 – Virtual tour of Parliament

Well Done & Thank you!

Thank you for all the donations of chocolate & sweets for our Easter hampers raffle! We raised a brilliant £344! Well done to the winners - we hope you enjoyed the goodies!

Dinner News

The kitchen have amended the options for the menu on Thursdays. The options will now be:

Jacket Potato / Baguette

As usual, please book dinners via ParentPay.

CCJ Governor Vacancy

- Are you able to ask questions, and be confidential?
- Are you available to meet with others like you twice a half term?
- Do you want to help Christ Church Junior become an even better school?



OUR CCJ PUPILS NEED YOU.....

We are looking for a new governor, who can be part of our team. It does not have to be a parent, so if you know someone in the community who may be interested, then please encourage them to get in touch.

In return you will gain great satisfaction knowing that you are contributing to the school life, development of the children and helping to make our school be the best it can be.

If this is of interest to you, please email our clerk, Frances on fmcmcmillan@hotmail.com

















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This week at CCJ.....











































