



## Changes on the Horizon

The Government are set to announce the next set of relaxations to COVID measures this Monday 17<sup>th</sup> and so we are also currently considering all our school based measures. We want to gradually be able to return to normal but we are also aware of the new variants and the ongoing risk, so changes will be considered and risk assessed.

Our current thinking is that we would love to be able to enable year groups to play together after half term.

We are also thinking about classes for next year so Mr Desmond and I will be meeting with each set of teachers to discuss how best to organise the classes for September 2021. As always, the children will be asked for the names of three children they are good friends with and we promise at least one of the three. Occasionally, there are also reasons to avoid certain pairings due to historic incidents. If you would like us to consider a serious incident and avoid children being together then please email me directly at [pippa.osborne@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:pippa.osborne@sgmail.org.uk). We will consider all requests, but sometimes conflicting wishes or reasons mean we cannot facilitate them all.

*Mrs Osborne*

## Word Wizards!

Word Wizards! Each week in our classes, we are learning about a word that can be used across a range of different contexts and changed with prefixes (e.g. discover) and suffixes (e.g. covering), to broaden and deepen our understanding of vocabulary. If we see, say, write or hear any words in the word's word family in class; we are a 'word wizard' and earn a house point! Can you look out for this week's words outside of school as well?

**This week's words:**

**Lower Band: positive**

**Upper Band: shadow**



## Covid Symptoms

A polite reminder that if your child has one or more of the main Covid symptoms; COUGH, TEMPERATURE, LOSS OF TASTE/SMELL that you do NOT send them or any siblings into school and that the whole family MUST self-isolate until a negative Covid test has been received. The Covid test MUST be a PCR test (at a test center) and NOT a lateral flow test.

**These are the government guidelines.**

For more information go to

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

## The CCJ & CCJ Scarecrow Hunt is Back!

The weekend of the Fri 11th-14th June hunt Downend and surround area for your favourite story book characters!

For just £3 (payment via CCJ parent pay) you can buy a character from your child's favourite books using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4eaeae23aafb6-christ>

you can then create your scarecrow character being as creative as you like and using whatever materials you can find. Maps will be available to purchase closer to the time and all monies raised will be split between the Infant and Junior schools.

## Living Streets' Five-Day Walking Challenge

Next week is 'Walk to School' week! We will be talking to the children throughout the week about the benefits of walking, cycling or scooting to school. If you live far away, please don't forget that you can park and stride by parking a ten-minute walk away from school and completing the rest of the journey on foot! If you travelling on public transport, why not hop off a stop or two early and walk the rest of the way? Children will receive a sticker for each day they travel to school in one of these ways as well as a badge at the end of the week.





## Have you set up your Arbor account??

### A brilliant 74% of parents have now set up their Arbor Accounts!

If you haven't done so already; please download the Arbor app so that you can receive communication from us. This can be downloaded for **FREE** from the App Store and Google Play. You have been sent you an email with set up details; please check your inboxes and junkmail boxes. If you have any problems or queries with logging in please contact the school office.

**This is extremely important as by the end of Term 5, we will no longer be using EduSpot/Teachers2Parents for communication. Therefore, if you have not set up your Arbor app, you will no longer be able to receive communication from us. If you need help with this, please get in touch.**

## Monkhouse School Uniform

We have been made aware that there are delays in school uniform orders. So if you are wanting to order more uniform for next year, we would suggest you bare this in mind when placing your order.

Uniform can be ordered via this link:

<https://www.monkhouse.com/c/3979/Christchurch-Downend-Juniors>

Given the order issues that some families are facing, please remember that you can also order uniform through <https://myclothing.com/christ-church-c-of-e-vc-junior-school/11329.school>

## Kitchen News

Well done to our kitchen who are now a part of 'Food For Life, Silver' to find out more about what this means go to <https://www.foodforlife.org.uk/>

## Dinner News

Please remember that all school meals must be pre-booked via ParentPay. You can book/amend or cancel a meal up until 8am on the day. Text reminders are no longer sent out.

## CCJ Moments of Joy

This week has been Fairtrade week at CCJ and nationally. As our moment of joy, we were connected live to Nicaragua where we met Becky, a Fairtrade coffee grower who talked to us about her life and how Fairtrade impacts on her. One impact has been that she now has an indoor toilet in her house. The children asked incredibly insightful questions and learnt a lot about life.

## Still to come...

**Week 5 – Walk to School Week / Blue peter Badges**

**Week 6 – Maths Mystery**

**Term 6 Week 1 – Living Eggs**

**Week 2 – Live science demonstrations**

## CCJ dates for your diary

### May

W/C 17<sup>th</sup> Walk to School week  
Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Last day for raffle donations  
Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – School Council Cake Sale  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – LB Sports Day  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – UB Sports Day  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Bee Project Hamper Raffle  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 5/Dress Down

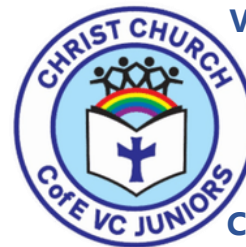
### June

Mon 7<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 6  
Fri 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Scarecrow Hunt



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – N°30

# CCJ Newsletter



Value  
Engage  
Inspire  
Create

Our value this term: **Courage**

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Hi everyone, my name is Mrs Yiasoumi and I joined the CCJ team as a Teaching Assistant at the start of this term. I have been working predominantly across the year 5 classrooms and it has been an absolute pleasure getting to know the wonderful children. I have two primary aged children myself, one a keen footballer and the other enjoys cheerleading.

Previously, I worked as an Early Years Manager at children's centre for 14 years with children and their families aged 0-5 years. More recently I worked with the year 7's at a secondary school as a student support leader. Both of these roles enabled me to work closely with the whole family, offering support to reduce barriers to learning and development.

As well as my teaching assistant role at CCJ, I will also be working alongside Mrs Osborne to monitor and support attendance. I am really looking forward to being able to offer support and work alongside some of you and your children to overcome any boundaries that may be impacting on children's attendance at school. I will be contacting some families, over the next few weeks, to see how I can help. Please feel free to get in touch if you feel that you would benefit from this.



## This week at CCJ ....

