# **CCJ Newsletter**



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#### **Blue Peter and Friends**

Another exciting week at CCJ despite the rain! Every class has been completing their walk to school challenge as well as having the chance in class to make pledges and complete work collaboratively towards a more sustainable, greener future. The work they have done will now allow them to apply for their second Blue Peter 'eco' badge at home. Details should have come to you about how to do this with your children, but if you have questions then please see you child's teacher for more information.

We were also so excited today to have launched the Friends of CCJ fundraising for the amazing new £23,000 clamber stack. Every child should come home with an information letter from the Friends as well as a tube of smarties. The Friends have challenged the children to 'fill a tube' with any coins or change towards their fundraising project. You can see how this project progresses with the new thermometer on the front fencing and if you can help in any way then please do get in touch as we have another £14,500 to raise!

Mrs Osborne

#### **DOGS**

A reminder that dogs are NOT permitted on the school site. Please respect this while dropping off and collecting your children.



#### **Information for Year 6 Parents**

South Gloucestershire Council has been working with schools in South Gloucestershire and some areas of Bristol to design an A4 pen portrait about your child that will be sent to their new secondary school. Included in this project are all the main local secondary schools, such as Downend, Mangotsfield, Winterbourne, King's Oak, John Cabot and Bristol Metropolitan Academy as well as many others. The pen portrait contains a small box for comments from parents. The box is titled "Parent voice: What I think you need to know about my child". Your comments will be seen by teachers and staff at their secondary school as well as by your child, who will be using the pen portrait as part of their transition days in their new school. The deadline for parent comments is Wednesday 26th May. Please follow this link for more information and to submit any comments should you wish:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=JUsrfCLjsEqTVLApi5DMR\_Se9WzM5blGmEVUeZOMJwFUMINLSDhBQkhOREpDQkM0OEJPTzk5OTIYTC4u

#### **Nut Free School**

A gentle reminder that we have several children in school who have severe nut allergies and it is therefore very important that they do not come into contact with any products containing nuts whilst in school. We have recently noticed that some children have been bringing products containing nuts in their packed lunches. Please carefully check the packaging of food products you give your child to take to school to ensure that they are nut-free. Similarly, when sending old cardboard packaging into school to support with DT products or junk modelling (always gratefully received by teachers when there is an exciting project coming up), please do not send any empty boxes that contained nut products as small traces of nut could still be present. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep all children at CCJ safe.

### **CCJ Moments of Joy**

This week has been walk to school week! Despite the wet weather lots of families have been taking part. Every class has also had the chance to do activities to apply for a second Blue Peter Badge!



### Still to come...

Week 6 – Maths Mystery
Term 6 Week 1 – Living Eggs
Week 2 – Live science demonstrations

















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#### **Arbor**

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.

Next week is the last week that communication will be sent through T2P. All communication will then be sent via Arbor.

#### **Word Wizards!**

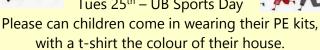
Word Wizards! Each week in our classes, we are learning about a word that can be used across a range of different contexts and changed with prefixes (e.g. discover) and suffixes (e.g. covering), to broaden and deepen our understanding of vocabulary. If we see, say, write or hear any words in the word's 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: predict Upper Band: form



#### **Sports Day**

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – LB Sports Day Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – UB Sports Day



Unfortunately, parents/carers are not able to attend due to national Covid guidelines still being in place.

### **CCJ** dates for your diary

#### May

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

#### **Online Safety**

We are seeing a rising concern in the amount of time children are spending on online gaming on the back of the 3rd lockdown. If you as a parent/carer would like some support with this please contact Miss Rendall

Kirsten.rendall@sgmail.org.uk.

If you have any other online concerns please reach out to the email address above.

#### 5K for Save the Children

Seb from Robins Class has decided he wants to raise money for save the children after lots of chats about what is happening in Palestine. He has started training and will be running his first non-stop 5k on the 19th June. He is aiming to raise £200 towards the humanitarian efforts and if you wish, you can donate to his JustGiving page below

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sebcookson?utm\_source=Sharethis&utm\_medium=fundraising&utm\_content=sebcookson&utm\_campaign=pfp-email&utm\_term=8cf9672652184790a756e9eb585851a1

#### **FSM Vouchers**

If your child is in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, we will be sending out an email next week with a link to a £15 supermarket e-voucher for half term. If you have any problems receiving this, please contact the school office.

#### **Absences**

If your child has a medical or dental appointment, the office must be advised of this prior to collecting them. For your child's attendance records, a medical letter/text/email must be seen by the school office.

If you have a planned absence, the school must be informed by completing an absence request form and returning to the office for authorisation.

#### **Wish Bottles**

The SMSA team would like to thank the children for filling in their wish bottle ideas. They are currently working through them and will get back to you soon with the ideas that could work!

















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#### School Council Cake Sale

What a success the cake sale was today! A fabulous £130.22 was raised so far. We even had cakes left over, that will be on sale on Monday break time. All remaining cake will be 50p. No more donations are needed. Thank you to all who donated and bought cakes! All money raised will go toward the new Clamber Stack!

#### **Bee Raffle**

Thank you so much for all the donations for the bee raffle next week. Tickets are available online through parent pay. Our very organised year 6 girls are excited to draw the winning numbers and then the school will be topping up the money to buy bee homes for site.

## This week at CCJ

