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A New Normal ...

This week the Government have released their guidance about moving to stage four of their roadmap and the relaxation of many restrictions. The guidance essentially talks about most things returning to normal and crucially, a whole class no longer needing to isolate if there is a positive COVID case (just the person and family with the positive case). We have already had several parents strongly advocating that all measures should be dropped immediately and others strongly against the measures being relaxed at all. I am so sorry that we are never going to be able to please everyone but I can assure you that we continue to work closely with the local authority as well as our local schools and to stay within the latest guidance. Thank you to the many parents who have commented, written or demonstrated support of the measures we do have, despite the impact we know it has on everyone, especially when isolating. This last year has been very challenging and so much time and focus has had to be on safety in an unknown scenario, where we do not profess to be experts or have all the answers, but we do promise that we keep the children and community in the forefront our any decision we make. I will be meeting Mrs Martin next week to discuss September but we ask that for the final three days from 19th-21st July, we continue to act in exactly the same way to end the year smoothly. *Mrs Osborne*

COME ON ENGLAND!

It has been 55 years since England last reached a major football final!!

To allow children to enjoy the game and also to get a good rest after staying up very late, we have taken the decision in conjunction with the Infant school to allow children to stay a little longer in bed on Monday morning and get to school by 10:30am on Monday should you wish. School will still start at 8:45am but children who arrive up to 10:30am will not be marked as late.

We would, however, strongly encourage all year 6 children to attend school from 8:45am as we would not want children to miss out on the start of their jam-packed activities week!

Foreign Language Books

We are looking to increase the number of foreign language books we have in school. If you have any simple or well-known children's books that you are able to donate (e.g. The Hungry Caterpillar or fairy tales) in another language/as a dual language book, please send to Miss Wallbridge (Jay Class)

Year 6 Activities Week

Next week is Year 6 Activities week!!
Children can wear non-school uniform, however please ensure that they are wearing appropriate clothing for their activities.

A reminder that all money needs to be paid by today!! If you are unable to make this payment please email pippa.osborne@sqmail.org.uk as soon as possible.

We hope that the children have a fab, fun packed week and that it is one to remember for years to come as a memory of their time at CCJ.

A massive thank you to the Year 6 team, especially Miss Thackeray for all their hard work in organising all the wonderful and varied activities!

Break the Rules day – 20th July

School council are meeting to draw up a list of rules that can be broken for break the rules day. Each rule 'broken' has a fine of 50p going towards fencing for our new sensory garden space. These will be things like; coloured hair, non-uniform, odd socks?! Be creative with your rule breaking!!

















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Well Done!

We would like to say well done to Molly from Puffin Class. She has taken her Blue Peter pledge very seriously, and last weekend Molly and her mum went out and did some litter picking! They managed to collect a



few bags of rubbish! We are so proud of you for helping to keep our local area clean!

Free School Meals Summer Provision

On Monday 19th July we will be emailing out supermarket voucher links to the parents of free school meal children. If you do not receive the email, please contact the school office.

School Council Ice Pop Sale

- Tuesday 13th July Starling, Swallows and Woodpeckers
- Wednesday 14th July Wagtails, Robins
- Thursday 15th July Puffin, Jays and Kingfishers
- Monday 19th July Kestrel and Falcon Ice pops 50p each, exact money please, and all money raised goes towards the Zeta frame!

CCJ dates for your diary

July

Fri 9th – Y6 Activities Week payment deadline Mon 12th to Fri 16th - Y6 Activities Week Mon 19th – Reports to go to parents Mon 19th - Leavers Service Wed 21st - End of Term 6

September

Thurs 2nd Sept – INSET DAY Thurs 2nd Sept – Start of Term 1

Information for Year 2 Parents

You should have now received your child's CCJ welcome pack containing all relevant and important information for their transition to Year 3, please let us know if you haven't. Below are a few reminders of things to make sure you do before they join us in September.

Arbor

Once your child has left CCI you will need to select CCJ as your school on the Arbor app. It is important to then check all information such as contact details, medical conditions and any dietary requirements are correct and up to date and that you have completed and given consent in the permissions section. Please also complete the contacts paper form in the pack and return to the school office.

ParentPay

Please make sure you activate your child's ParentPay account using the activation details provided on the letter in your pack. You will need this to be able to pre-book your child's school meals online and for any trips and upcoming events. If you need any help with this please visit www.parentpay.com/parent-account-faqs/ or speak to the school office.

Medical Conditions

If your child has a medical condition and requires prescribed medication to be kept/administered in school please contact the school office to request a Health Care Plan. This will need to be completed and returned to the school office, along with your child's medication in it's original, labelled packaging on the first day of term.

Uniform

If your child is entitled to free school meals and you wish to claim our uniform pack. Please email christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk with your child's name and class. We will then contact you with details on how to order. If you are not currently in receipt of free school meal funding and think you may be entitled you can apply online at www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals/

















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OCOSC Raffle

A raffle has been organised to raise money for OCOSC who are a charity. As you may know they have provided childcare to many parents over the years and kept providing childcare throughout the Pandemic (which allowed some key workers to get to work who otherwise would not have been able to). This however meant they were running at a loss for a long time as they were looking after very small numbers of children over multiple sites. If you know anyone / any businesses who is / are able to donate any prizes, please contact them. So far we have a first prize of a Dyson Supersonic hairdryer. We also have a Slushie maker and a cake to be made at your requested date by My Little Lily cakes. We are really hoping to add more prizes in the next couple of weeks. Follow this link to buy tickets. https://www.facebook.com/donate/344185223887008/

This week at CCJ....

















We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Claire from BS16 Books for Good for their generous donation. We received a wonderful 15 bags of books for our school library! Thank you so much, we are incredibly grateful.





















