Friday 1st October 2021 – N°4

CCJ Newsletter



Our value this term: Love

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External Visit

Yesterday, we were visited by our Challenge Support Partner who comes several times a year to assess the quality of provision, teaching and nurture across our school and give us next steps. The class ambassadors welcomed her into every class and she saw lower band English and upper band maths lessons. She was so incredibly positive about what she saw saying that there was an excellent learning buzz about the school and pupils were demonstrating brilliant learning behaviours with quality teaching happening in every room and children receiving the support they need. It is wonderful that she recognised what we see every day too.

She also commented on behaviour across the school and praised the positive behaviours she saw and the way we were tackling incidents of poor behaviour that occurred. We spoke about our choices wheel and changes to our fresh start forms that we have created to meet the needs of our learners and she felt they were very appropriate and supportive. It was also wonderful to read in their newsletter last week that the Infants have also decided to adopt our behaviour policy and the resources we have implemented to evolve their behaviour systems too. It will mean that the children move from one school to the next understanding the language and systems we will now both be using based on a restorative justice approach.

Word Wizards!

This week's words: Lower Band: **accurate** Upper Band: **compare**



Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival celebration at Christ Church, Downend is being held on **Thursday 7th October at 1:45pm.** We are delighted that this year we are able to invite parents and carers to join us, however we ask that you please wear a facemask. If a couple of parents are able to walk to and from the Church, then please let your class teacher know.

Harvest Donations

We are asking for harvest donations of dried foods, tins, bottles, toiletries etc. All donations received will go to the work of Christians Against Poverty (CAP). Please could all donations be brought in to classrooms (not the office) by the morning of **Thursday 7th October.**

Morrison Vouchers

We are collecting vouchers from Morrisons to buy gardening equipment! If you shop at Morrisons, please consider nominating us to receive the vouchers using your MyMorrisons app :)





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CENSUS DAY MENU

Thursday 7th October is Census Day. The more meals on that day means that we will receive more funding from the LA to support learning. Therefore, to encourage as many children as possible to take school dinners on that day the menu has changed to the following:

Chicken Goujons or Veggie Nuggets (allergy option also available)

Herby Dices Potatoes with a pea and sweetcorn medley

Chocolate Cookies

Free School Meals

Is your child(ren) entitled to a Free School Meal? Don't miss out on the benefit related Free School Meal offer, you can quickly check if you are eligible and apply

at www.southglos.gov.uk/schoolmeals

A hot, freshly prepared meal at lunchtime can help with learning, concentration, and positive behaviour. *This will also entitle you to free CCJ uniform and help towards trips and visits.*

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Reception

As you can imagine the start of the school day is

extremely busy from Reception with sorting out

attendance and lunches for the day. Therefore, the

telephone will NOT be answered between 9am - 9:30am.

If you do call at this time, please leave a message and

someone will get back to you.

Thank you for your understanding.

School Photos

Individual and sibling photos will now go ahead

on Friday 12th November

Height & weight checks for children in Y6

Every year the school nurse visits CCJ as part of a national

programme to measure our Y6 pupils. This year this will take place on Thurs 11th Nov.

(an email was sent home with full details this week). If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be measured, please

ensure that the opt **OUT** form is returned before the Fri

23rd Oct.

Any child where an opt OUT form is not received will take

part and be measured on 18th October 2019.

CCJ dates for your diary

October Tues 5th – NHS Flu Vaccines Thurs 7th – Harvest Service at Christ Church

Thurs 7th – School Census

Wed 13th – Fri 15th – Year 5 Barton Camp

Fri 22nd – Individual Photos

Fri 22nd – END OF TERM

November

Mon 1st – INSET DAY

Tues 2nd – Back to school

Fri 12th – Individual Photos

Tues 23rd /Wed 24th – Year 6 Lifeskills

Year 4

On Wed 20th October at 5pm we will be holding a zoom meeting for Year 4 parents and carers.

During the meeting we will inform you about this years times tables tests along with information about the proposed Barton Camp trip in March 2022. More information will be sent out nearer the time.

Y7 Secondary School Applications

The deadline for secondary school applications online is **<u>31st October</u>** for South Glos.

If you miss this deadline you will not be allocated a place until the second release of applications which is April 2022.

Should you have queries you can phone the admissions line 01454 868008, please bear in mind that phone lines are very busy at this time of year, so please do not leave your application too late.

http://www.southglos.gov.uk/education-andlearning/schools-and-education/schooladmissions/secondary-school-admissions/

If you do not have a South Glos postcode and fall under Bristol City Council, please contact their admission team directly.

Outdoor Clothing

As the weather is getting colder and sometimes wet, please ensure that you send your child in to school with a warm/waterproof coat. We are trying to continue with as much outdoor learning as possible and this means that we often go out in light rain or cold weather. As always, please name all items of clothing.

Thank you.



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Welcome to Miss Bennett!

"Hello! I'm Miss Bennett and I am a Teaching Assistant based in Lower Band. I am originally from South East London, however I have been living in Cornwall for 7 years. I love wild sea swimming, long scenic/coastal walks, running and recently taken up cycling. I am also a lover of theatre and anything creative, having previously trained in acting at university. I am very new to Bristol and excited to explore more of the City.



What has been happening at CCJ.....







Well Done Miss Thackeray & Miss Love!

Both Miss Thackeray and Miss Love have been busy this month raising money for Cancer Research UK.

Miss Thackeray ran 2 miles every day for the whole of September, running a total of 60 miles! This was a huge achievement for her as she absolutely hates running! Miss T raised a fantastic £809!

Miss Love on the other hand loves running and decided that she was going to take part in the Bristol Half Marathon! She ran the whole of the 13 miles without stopping and loved it, especially achieving a new personal best time! Miss L raised a brilliant £635! Well done ladies!!





Well Done Ru!

Well done to Ru from Kingfisher Class! Last weekend he took part in the Staple Hill Community Action Against Racism 10 laps for 10 families at Page Park. People of all ages walked, cycled or ran to raise money to help house Afghan refugees in Bristol. Ru did this on his skateboard!

If you would like to know more or to donate you can use this link **CLICK HERE**







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