

## Getting back to 'normal'

It was an absolute pleasure yesterday to hear the singing and share the excitement of visiting the Church for our Harvest service after almost two years of not being able to do so. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate together as a school and for both our year 3 and 4 children, it was the first time they had come to Church with us – they did brilliantly! A particular mention to Mr Debley, Miss Wallbridge and Miss Dockree who worked with the children to create the art, poetry and prayers; Miss Wallbridge and Miss Rendall who taught all the songs; and Miss Thackeray who worked with some of our Y3 and Y6 children to create the beautiful framed prints that are now hanging round the Church. It was also great to see so many parents. What a team effort!

There is a great deal of excitement about year 5's Barton camp visit next week (I am so excited to be going to!).

It is great to be able to offer these residential visits once again after missing the last few. We know that residential camps are an incredible way of seeing children thrive in a different environment with a variety of activities and it allows us to see another side of them all as well as them to bond better as a year group. Please remember to get the children to pack WITH you or it is a massive shock to them when they have to pack themselves to come home again! I think we have got just about all the forms, payments, information, dietary requests and special requirements but please do help us by making sure there is nothing missing for your child and that the final payment has now been made. Our wonderful office team have a huge job collating everything and it is tricky if they have to chase people. Let's hope for the weather to be brilliant and I am sure the children will have an excellent experience.

*Mrs Osborne*

## Break the Rules Day!

Unfortunately, we were unable to hold our 'Break the Rules Day' at the end of last term, so we are delight that it can go ahead this term! It will be held on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. Children will be able to choose to break up to five rules, each rule will cost 50p. These can be paid for via ParentPay. All money raised will go toward the new **clamber stack**.

### Rules that can be broken are:

- 1) Wear what you want
- 2) Paint your nails
- 3) Spray colour your hair
- 4) Bring a toy to school
- 5) Eat pudding first
- 6) Eat snacks when you want
- 7) Paint your face
- 8) Wear a temporary tattoo
- 9) Write in the wrong pen/pencil
- 10) Eat junk food as a snack
- 11) Wear a funny hat
- 12) Wear a football shirt



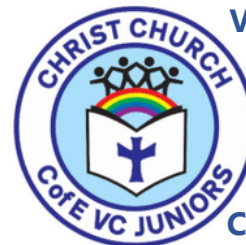
## Road Works

At the start of next term there will be roadworks carried out to widen the footpath at the front of the school. The works are to the footway along Pendennis Road/Shrubbery Road between the school vehicular exit and the crossing by Christchurch Avenue. Two-way traffic lights will be in place.

Please be extra careful at drop off and collections and ensure that you are parking in safe places.

## Harvest Festival

It was wonderful to be able to hold our Harvest Festival Service at Christ Church Downend this week. It made it even more special that we were able to invite parents and carers to join us! Thank you for all the lovely donations we received, they all went to Christians Against Poverty.



## School Council Guess the Number of Sweets Competition

During the last week of term the School Council have decided to run a guess the amount of sweets competition. Therefore, they are asking of donations of sweets and chocolates. Please could donations be handed in by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October**.  
*More information will follow.*

## CCJ Friends Events

The Friends of CCJ have some exciting events coming up next term!



### Quiz Night

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov**

CCJ Quiz night returns

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30

School hall ...

Grab your teams (up to 8 per table) £5 per person (including snacks)

Bar tickets are live now on parent pay website (find on active payment items)

### Flower Arranging

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December**

Join us at CCJ with our amazing florist Amy from Dotty Herberts Florist to make a beautiful Christmas table decoration ready for your Christmas celebrations.

Tickets available on parent pay £25

This includes all you need for making your table decoration a Glass of fizz & a Mince pie

For more information about the Friends and their events, please [CLICK HERE](#)

*Please do help support them as all money raised from these events will go towards the clamber stack!*

## Word Wizards!

This week's words:

Lower Band: **specific**

Upper Band: **relate**



## School Grounds

A reminder that at drop off and collection times, please always use the pavements and do not spill onto the road. This is for the safety of our children and families as we have had a couple of near misses. Thank you.

## Y6 Bikability

Some parents have raised concerns that their children are not being chosen for Bikability. These sessions are run in groups of ten, therefore running over the course of the year. We would like to reassure you that **ALL** year 6 children will be given the opportunity to take part at some point.

## Fire Pit HELP!

We have been lucky enough to have been offered bricks for our fire pit by one of our kind parents.

**Now we are looking for help to build it!**

Is there anyone that can help? Or knows of anyone that would be willing to give this a go? We would be extremely grateful as we would love for the children to be able to enjoy this in Forest School!

## CCJ dates for your diary

### October

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Barton Camp

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Break the Rules Day!

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – END OF TERM

Sun 31<sup>st</sup> – Y7 Secondary School Application Deadline

### November

**Mon 1<sup>st</sup> – INSET DAY**

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – Back to school

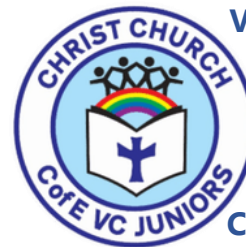
Fri 12<sup>th</sup> – Individual Photos

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> /Wed 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Lifeskills



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 – N°5

# CCJ Newsletter



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Create

Our value this term: Love

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## What has been happening at CCJ.....

