

## Writing at CCJ

One of the highlights of my job is to see the work of children across the school and during this week I have seen more than 25 children for their incredible writing. What is brilliant to see is the level of effort that goes into every piece and also the clarity they have around their next steps. Every piece normally has purple pen showing where they have 'purple polished' which means that they have edited and improved their work demonstrating a remarkable growth mindset to strive to be even better.

There are several tools in books that are used to support children with understanding what their writing should include. One tool is the writing toolkits at the top of many pieces of extended writing. This lists certain features that have been taught through short bursts of writing and reminds children which to include. Another tool which we introduced a couple of years ago is the writing check list at the back of all writing and curriculum books. This sets out all the objectives that children should be confident with by the end of Y3/4 or Y5/6. This means children can see what they are working towards and teachers can assess against this and plan opportunities for their classes. In the new year, we are really hoping to run a parent workshop to share more about English at CCJ with parents. Next week, all the Ignite schools will be meeting to share our ideas for writing. Miss Thackeray (English leader) and I are really looking forward to sharing our great writing practice but also hearing other ideas to 'purple polish' our writing provision even further! *Mrs Osborne*

## Christmas Events 2021

Hopefully you have all seen the email and letter about all the planned Christmas events. We plan to invite parents to the Christ LB Nativity at Christ Church as well as the UB Bazaar in school. If this changes we will communicate this with you.

## ParentPay

Unfortunately, there are still a number of outstanding payments on ParentPay. Please can you log onto your account to see what you have outstanding.

## No Nut School

This is a reminder that we have a number of pupils with nut allergies and therefore NO products of any type that may contain nuts are allowed in school. This includes Nutella, Kinderbuens, peanut butter, pesto, some cookies, cereal and granola bars and many more. We ask that you please check contents of products before sending them in with your child.

## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy at CCJ – Come and join our team!

**Monday to Friday - 12.00 noon to 1.30pm**  
**(7.5 hours per week, 1½ hours per day)**

The role is to supervise pupils in designated areas of the school (including playground or other external spaces) during the lunchtime break and to ensure their safety, welfare and general conduct through appropriate application of the school's policies and procedures.

For more information and an application form please visit: <http://www.christchurchjuniors.co.uk/about-us/vacancies-at-christ-church-junior> or alternatively contact the School Office on

01454 866516

**If you know of anyone that may be interested, please pass the details on!**



## Children in Need

Today was Children in Need! The children enjoyed wearing their own clothes and bringing along their favourite teddies to school! Thank you for all the donations, a wonderful £360 was raised and all money will of course go to Children in Need. Don't forget that it isn't too late to donate via ParentPay!

### A Massive Thank You!!

We would like to say a huge thank you to **Kingswood & Downend Rotary Clubs** who have very generously donated to us £150 each to go towards our new Clamber Stack. This was such a wonderful surprise and we really are so grateful for your generosity.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to **Acer and Oak** for donating 25kg of daffodil bulbs for our bee garden!! The children we so excited to receive the generous donation and Kingfisher Class were very tired and muddy after spending the afternoon digging and planting! If anyone else would like to donate bulbs/plants, the children would be very grateful!



### Christingle

The Christingle service will be held at Christchurch Downend on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 10.30 am & 4pm.

true humility is staying teachable, regardless of how much you already know

## CCJ Dates for your Diary

### November

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – CCJ Friends Quiz Night

### December

Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> – Interest Group Day

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – Children's University Launch

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> – CCJ Friends Christmas Table Decorations**

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Dinner

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> – Film Night (3.20pm-5.00pm)

**Fri 10<sup>th</sup> – CCJ Friends Wrap**

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> – Nativity

Tue 14<sup>th</sup> – Nativity

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Bazaar (3.20pm-5.00pm)

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> – Last day for Secret Santa gifts

Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> – X-Mas Factor

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Class Parties

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Secret Santa

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – Crazy Christmas Dress Down Day

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> – End of Term 2

### January

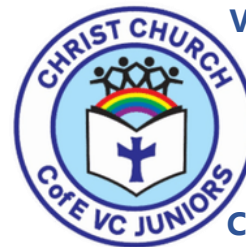
**Tues 4<sup>th</sup> – INSET DAY**

Wed 5<sup>th</sup> – Term 3 Starts

### Mrs Groves - SENDCO

Mrs Groves has sadly had an accident and fractured her foot quite badly. When she is feeling up to meeting, I will visit her to find out which meetings and appointments she has booked in for the next few weeks but at present she will not be checking emails or able to meet with anyone. Therefore, please could you contact me at [pippa.osborne@sgmail.org.uk](mailto:pippa.osborne@sgmail.org.uk) if you had a meeting with her or if you need to communicate anything with us about special educational needs. If it is a non urgent query then I would kindly ask that you wait until she is back at work or at least able to work from home.

*Mrs Osborne*



## The Friends of CCJ

### Festive Christmas Table Decoration Evening Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec



Get Christmas crafty with Amy Wheeler from Dotty Herberts florist at CCJ!

Spend the evening making your own Christmas table decoration with the help of our own florist.

£25 includes all you need to make the decoration a glass of bubbles and a mince pie! (Cash bar available)

Great opportunity for a catch up with friends and family. Tickets on parent pay

### Friends Wrap

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December

*(This can be paid for via ParentPay)*

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***

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### Are you a beautician, hairdresser, restaurant owner or creator of amazing gifts?

Do you own a local business or know someone who would benefit from reaching the parents of CCJ in the run up to Christmas?

From 22<sup>nd</sup> November, each week, we are giving 12 local companies the opportunity to share their Christmas promotion with the parents of the school. Each company will get the opportunity to share an A4 PDF of information with a click through link to their website as part of the newsletter that is sent each Friday.

We will also share your post through the Friends of CCJ Facebook page.

Not would you be directly reaching lots of potential business, you would also be contributing towards the new play for CCJ.

Each insertion is only £95.

If you are interested or know anyone who might be, please email [Friendsofccj@outlook.com](mailto:Friendsofccj@outlook.com)

## Christmas at CCJ.....

### Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day + Film Night!

**Lunch: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (11:30-1:30)**

**Film Night: Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December (3:20-5:00)**

All children will be able to book a delicious Christmas dinner to eat with their classmates in the hall. Children may also wear a Christmas jumper for the day! Straight after school, children are welcome to stay with their class and enjoy a film alongside some popcorn and hot chocolate!

### Christmas Nativity

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**(Christ church)**

We are excited to confirm that there will be a Lower Band nativity this year! And parents are invited! This will take place during normal school hours.

### Christmas Bazaar

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - from 3:20 until 5:00**

Children in year 5 and 6 will be working hard on creating Christmas treats that we will be selling in the hall after school has finished on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### X-Mas Factor

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – talent contest (AM)**

Our annual talent contest. Children who are successful in the audition process will perform during the talent contest held in the morning of Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December along with the usual fun challenges devised by Mrs Osborne!

### Class Parties

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December (PM)**

Class parties will take place during the afternoon in bubbles. The afternoon will begin with fun and games, and then end with a Christmas movie!

### Secret Santa

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December (PM)**

One tradition at CCJ is the children's **Secret Santa**.

By Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, each teacher will have secretly given each child the name of another child in the class to make or buy a small gift for. There is a £3 spending limit.