# Friday 7th January 2022 - N°15

# **CCJ Newsletter**



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#### **Welcome Back**

Happy new year and welcome back! It has been lovely seeing all the children and many of you as we start term and get back into a more normal routine. As staff, we had an excellent INSET day focussed on speech and language strategies to support children and continuing our focus on behaviours and child-centred methods. I hope you have all have the chance to read the letter from Mrs Martin and me regarding the current COVID measures in place, but despite these minor inconveniences, it is just so wonderful that we have not had another lockdown imposed and that school life is relatively normal and undisturbed for our children. I have been really impressed with how calmly and enthusiastically they have settled back in.

Just to update you with Mrs Groves (Puffin teacher and SENDCO), she sends her thanks for all the messages, gifts and cards that she has received. She is making good progress towards being able to stand and walk again and is working hard from home where she can. Miss Holly Sawyer and Miss Nichola Addison are working closely alongside Miss Connor in Puffins and the class are happy and settled. We wish Mrs Groves a continued smooth recovery and hope to see her back again towards the end of this term. If you need to get in touch regarding SEND (special education needs and disabilities), then please email Mrs Groves on <a href="mailto:Sadie.groves@sgmail.org.uk">Sadie.groves@sgmail.org.uk</a> and copy me in on <a href="mailto:pippa.osborne@sgmail.org.uk">pippa.osborne@sgmail.org.uk</a> so that no messages slip.

#### **Hello Mrs Addison!**

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Addison to the CCJ team. Mrs Addison has joined us as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, supporting learning in classes, tutoring children and covering classes across the school. She has joined us from Pucklechurch Primary School, where she has been working for many years as a teacher and has led many different subjects including English. She has also worked for the local authority moderating writing assessments across local schools. We are so excited that Mrs Addison is on our team as she brings a wealth of experience to the role. Mrs Addison will be teaching 5GC on Wednesdays and is looking forward to meeting all the children and parents.



### **UB Greek Day**

Just a reminder that on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan the Upper Band will be having a WOW day to launch their topic of the Ancient Greeks. We have asked children to bring a white sheet to fashion into a make shift toga. We will not be cutting or damaging them, but it adds to the excitement! We are also asking children to bring in an item of Greek food that does not contain nuts e.g. pitta bread/Greek yoghurt. Thank you.

### **Y6 Camp and SATs information meeting**

We will be holding a meeting on Zoom on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 5pm for all year 6 parents. More information about camp and SATs will be given, including the chance to order subsidised revision guides.

#### **Year 4 Ukulele**

Year 4 Ukulele lessons start on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January and will run every Wednesday this term. The lessons will be held during the school day in classrooms.

If you are interested in sponsoring the newsletter for a donation towards the clamber stack, contact **friendsofccj@outlook.com** 

















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### Forest school and PE days

Please see below for next term's PE and forest days. Please remember that children should wear PE kit on PE days and normal school uniform with a change of shoes and warm coats/gloves/scarves and wellies on forest school days.

Class	PE days		FS
3NK	Tues	Weds	Mon
3DK	Tues	Weds	Mon
3/4FD	Mon	Weds	Thurs
4KW	Mon	Thurs	Fri
4LD	Mon	Thurs	Fri
5GC	Thurs	Fri	Tues
5KR	Thurs	Fri	Tues
5/6ET	Mon	Fri	Weds
6KR	Tues	Weds	Thurs
6LL	Tues	Fri	Weds

## Flu Vaccines – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022

The Sirona Care and Health time will visit on Tuesday 25th January 2022 to carry out the nasal flu immunisations. Permission letters will go out to all parents shortly.

We would love to complete our Forest School and have a fire pit in the middle of our wonderful new seating. Can anyone help us build one out of bricks? Do you have any grandparents/uncles/aunties/friends that may be able to help us??

**Fire Pit** 





### **Bikeability**

Bikeability starts on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January. If your child is taking part this term, then an email with information has been sent to you today. Please ensure your child brings their bike and helmet into school on these days.

#### **Leaver Hoodies**

It is so lovely to see the Year 6s finally in their 2022 leavers' hoodies! Again, we thank you for your patience and understanding in the delay in ordering and receiving them. We are so pleased that every child managed to purchase one.

# **CCJ Dates for your diary ....**

### **January**

Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – UB Greek Day
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Bikeability Starts
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Camp & SATs Info Meeting
(5pm Via Zoom)
Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Ukulele Starts
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – Flu Vaccinations

## **February**

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> – End of term 3 Mon 28<sup>th</sup> – Start of Term 4

#### March

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Y4 Barton Camp

## **Children's University**

Each week this term we will be suggesting an activity for the Children's University. Why not take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch at the end of this month? The RSPB are asking young people across the country to enjoy an hour in nature and count the birds in your garden, local park or from your balcony. Wherever you are, whatever you see, it counts! This will really help the RSPB in their work to protect birds as well as being lots of fun. If you want to take part, use the sheet at the end of the newsletter. The great news is that you can also earn an hour's credit towards your Children's University graduation. Once you have completed the activity, simply enter the code **yellow5692** into your passport and online account. ©

















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## How to take part

- Count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony or in your local park for one hour between 28 and 30 January 2022.
  - . Please only include those birds that land, not those flying over.
  - Count the highest number of each bird species that you see at any one time, otherwise you could count the same bird twice. For example, if you saw a group of four starlings, and towards the end of the hour you saw two starlings together, please write four as your final count.
- 2 Go to rspb.org.uk/birdwatch to tell us what you saw.
  - Whatever you saw even if nothing at all please let us know. The more people that submit their findings, the better picture we will have of how garden birds are faring.
  - If you are unable to submit your results online, please complete and send us the enclosed form.

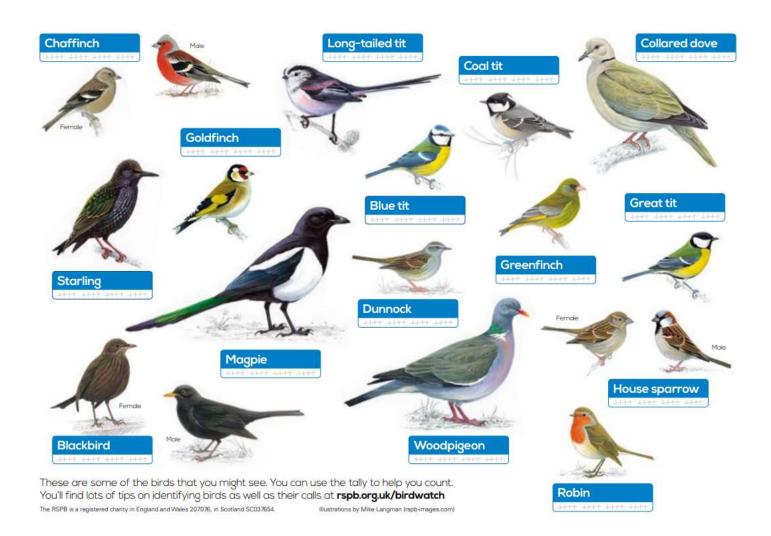
## Making the most of your Birdwatch

#### Watch Big Garden Birdwatch Live!

Throughout the Big Garden Birdwatch long weekend, we're hosting Big Garden Birdwatch Live on our YouTube channel. Tune in for live commentary from our nature reserves across the UK, plus interviews and chat with special guests and wildlife experts.

#### Get ID tips and expert advice

You'll find lots of advice on identifying birds by sight and sound, as well as expert insights into garden wildlife at rspb.org.uk/birdwatch



















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#### What did you see? Please circle the number that shows the most of each species that you see together at the same time. Write the number in the space provided if you see more than 10. Your name Woodpigeon Blackbird 10 More than 10 More than 10 Carrion crow House sparrow 3 5 5 10 10 More than 10 More than 10 Starling Black-headed gull 7 8 10 More than 10 More than 10 Magpie Blue tit 2 2 3 5 9 9 More than 10 More than 10 Robin Feral pigeon 5 10 7 8 6 7 8 10 More than 10 More than 10 Great tit Chaffinch 5 5 9 10 9 10





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