

## End of Term 3

What a term filled with learning, experiences and fun, even though it was certainly a strange end to the term to say goodbye to everyone a day early due to the red wind/storm warning. I trust everyone has stayed safe and hope there is not too much damage to anyone's property. Well done to all the children (and thanks for the help from Mums and Dads!) for the projects in the wonderful Roman and Greek museums. It was a great opportunity for all the children to see each other's hard work as they went through the school and celebrated all the home learning. Well done too to all the children who have represented CCJ in the football this term – some very impressive results! The cross country was also another excellent event last week, as all classes came off curriculum for the afternoons to explore issues relating to children's mental health week.

Coming up next term we have parent's evenings in the first week back, so do book your slot online. I am also delighted that Mrs Groves and Miss Roseblade return from their respective injuries. We are also going to be joining schools across the country celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and inviting children to dress up as their favourite book character. Also, in the first week back we will restart in-person collective worship and will be having our dress down day (£1 suggested donation towards the clamber stack), cake sale and interest group day that we missed from today. Later in March, year four will be heading to Barton camp, where I am sure they will have a tremendous time so please ensure any outstanding forms or payments are in straight after half term. We also have cross country at Colston's and football matches next term thanks to Mr Kennedy. On the week beginning March 21<sup>st</sup> there is a virtual book fair and our Easter service at Christ Church is planned for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Finally, we hope our new clamber stack will be installed at the end of term! Phew! So much to look forward to, but in the meantime I hope you and your families have a lovely half term. See you on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb. *Mrs Osborne*

## Goodbye to Staff

We would like to say goodbye to Sam who is leaving our Integra Kitchen team. Sam has been with us for 2 years working hard to serve the children delicious meals. Sam has made the decision to move to a school closer to home. ***Good Luck Sam, you'll be missed!***

## Parents Evenings

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> March

### ***Online booking is now live!***

Please ensure that you book your slots by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Please make sure you tick the attendee box to give you a record of the appointment time.

The appointments are online on Zoom (not in person).

## School Council Cake Sale

The school council were planning to organise a cake sale today but this can't happen due to the school closure.

We will therefore reschedule this for **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022**. Please make sure that cakes you kindly donate do NOT contain nuts.

Thank you for your support – all money raised will go towards the clamber stack.





## Church Vacancy

Christ Church Downend is seeking to appoint an Assistant Parish Administrator to support the mission of the church in the local community. Hours would be 14 hours per week – ideally on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings, and be based in the Christ Church Parish Office on North Street Downend.

You will need to be IT literate with experience of Microsoft Word and Excel programmes, and confident in communicating with colleagues and the general public. An ability to stay calm under pressure in a busy office environment is essential. The person appointed would need to be supportive of the values and ethos of Christ Church.

Starting salary £10.00-£10.50 per hour according to experience. A role description can be found at: <http://christchurchdownend.com/role-of-assistant-parish-administrator/>

Please send a letter of application and CV with names of two referees to parishadmin@christchurchdownend.com by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Or for further information contact Elissa on 0117 9089867.

## Nut Free School

A gentle reminder that we have some children with severe nut allergies.

Please make sure that you do not send any food containing nuts into school in snacks or lunchboxes. This includes Nutella!

## Word Wizards!

This week's words:

Lower Band: **similar**

Upper Band: **resemble**



## Colofoto Commission Cheque

Thanks to those of you who bought school photos. Today we received a commission cheque for

**£241.60**

**Whole Class Photos/Y6 Leavers photos are booked in for May 2022.**

## PE Days and Forest School Next Term

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. **Changes of days are in yellow.**

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

## CCJ dates for your diary ....

### February

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – **First day of term 4**

### March

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> March - **Parents Evening 1**

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March – **Parents Evening 2**

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> March – **World Book Day: children can dress up and the afternoon will be filled with book related activities!**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March – **Interest group day, dress down day and cake sale**

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



Bring your Learning Passport to these activities to receive your stamp code!



For more at home activities to get stuck into see [here!](#)



### South Glos Libraries Free Craft Activity

Relax and have fun making your own marvellous mythical creatures or magical nature makes. Most suitable for primary school aged children and their families. Find them at: Bradley Stoke, Cadbury Heath, Emersons Green, Filton, Hanham, Kingswood, Thornbury, and Yate Libraries.

It's FREE to come along, but for the comfort and enjoyment of all attendees, **places are limited and must be booked in advance.** Contact the libraries directly to book your place.

Takeaway Craft Bags also available to pick up from 19-26 February during staffed opening hours while supplies last.

## Hello again & welcome to our spring newsletter!

### Yate Heritage Centre Free Activities 21-22 February

Victorian Toys & Games 21 February  
Heraldry Workshop 22 February

Free of charge but booking is essential, email [info@yateheritage.co.uk](mailto:info@yateheritage.co.uk) or call 01454 8622200 to book your place!

### DigiLocal Online

There are places available in our online clubs that run throughout the year. Contact [info@digilocal.org.uk](mailto:info@digilocal.org.uk) to join!

Any questions & for more information get in touch:  
[CU@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:CU@uwe.ac.uk)

### University of Bristol Free Language Taster

Online on Zoom on 21 February from 5-6pm!

Undergraduate students from the University of Bristol will talk about their experience of studying modern foreign languages and will take you on an exciting journey to foreign cultures. Learn some basic words of Spanish along the way! Open to children in Years 3-7.

RSVP by email to [LanguageTaster@gmail.com](mailto:LanguageTaster@gmail.com) by 18 February

Don't forget to check out our February challenge sheet for loads of free activities to do at home over the half-term holidays!

### The Bristol Old Vic Family Day Events on 21 February

Celebrating some of our favourite stories!

Crafts at Dais 11am-3pm (drop in anytime), ages 3+  
Storytelling at Coopers Balcony 11am or 1.30pm, ages 3+  
Young Company Taster Sessions at the Weston Studio, please book in advance, age sessions at the following times:

4-5 year olds 11.30-11am  
6-8 year olds 11.45-12.30pm  
9-11 year olds 12.45-1.30

More information found: [bristololdvic.org.uk/whats-on](http://bristololdvic.org.uk/whats-on)

### Redpoint

Looking for something for the kids to do in the school holidays? We've added a whole section of sessions, from Little Monkeys for the youngest climbers (ages 4-7), Rock Monkeys individuals for 7-17 year olds, and additional Crazy Climb sessions every day which the whole family can enjoy! With Boulder Club and Redpoint Youth rounding out the selection, there's something for everyone so find the perfect session here:

<https://redpointbristol.co.uk/kids/holiday-programme/>

### Fun Science Bristol

Fun Science is back for more scientific fun 21-23 February at Scout Hut 6388, BS7 9BJ. For children aged 4-11.

£25 per day or £70 for all 3 days, discounts for siblings!

To book and for more information: [fun-science.org.uk/event/bristol-half-term-holiday-club/](http://fun-science.org.uk/event/bristol-half-term-holiday-club/)

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### The Owl and the Pussycat at the Tobacco Factory Theatres

Showing 8 April-16 April  
Perfect for ages 3-7 and their families  
Tickets are £11

Find more information here:  
[tobaccofactorytheatres.com/shows/the-owl-and-the-pussycat/](http://tobaccofactorytheatres.com/shows/the-owl-and-the-pussycat/)

### Imperial Southwest Karate Club

Obtain all the skills and techniques required for self-defence. We train on a Tuesday 19.15-20.15 and Saturday 10-11 at Knowle Community Centre BS4 2SS for £6 per hour, cheaper if bought monthly.

To book, please call 07884083310.

### University of Bristol Botanic Garden

Weekdays only in February, open from 10.00am to 1.40pm.

Follow the children's trail at the University of Bristol Botanic Garden to learn more about the wonderful plants on our green planet. Then return to the Welcome Lodge for your code and sticker.

Entry is £9 for adults, free for children.



### GKR Karate Classes

Taking place Sundays-Fridays across the area in Patchway, Emersons Green, Fishponds, Lockleaze, Warmley, Yate, Caldicot, Filton, Keynsham, and Stoke Gifford.  
Contact Sensei Mark Woods for more information 07951 947280 or find them on Facebook.

### WWT Slimbridge

Puddle Jumping Championships  
19-27 February

The perfect rainy day activity! Come make a splash and jump into nature. Cost included with admission ticket and free to WWT members.

### Escape Zone at Ashton Park Sports Centre

21-25 February for ages 4-14

Register and book in advance. See the programs and register online:

<https://ashtonparksports.schoolactivity.co.uk>

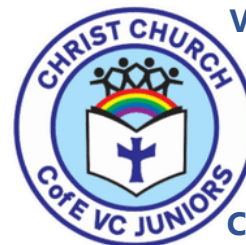
### Venus School of Dance

We are currently working towards Exams for March and May plus Summer Performances! Contact Kathryn Millichamp to find out more: [kathymillichamp3@gmail.com](mailto:kathymillichamp3@gmail.com)

Doing an extra activity at home like cooking or creating an interesting piece of art? Send us evidence of your activity to [CU@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:CU@uwe.ac.uk) and receive a stamp code.







## Children's University Half Term Challenge!

Ask your teacher after half-term break for the stamp codes or email CU@uwe.ac.uk



### Get kind!

February the 17<sup>th</sup> is Random Acts of Kindness day, take part by doing a random act of kindness, large or small. It could be as simple as helping put away the laundry! Write about what you did for someone and how it made you feel.

### Get thoughtful!

February is the month of love. This year why not make a Valentine's card for yourself! Write in it all the things you love about yourself and the achievements that you are proud of.

### Get curious!

February 11<sup>th</sup> is International Day of Women and Girls in Science, research a female Scientist of your choice and write a fact sheet about what you have learnt.

### Things to do this Half Term!

Each activity is worth 1 credit. To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email [contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk](mailto:contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk) with evidence - this could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! All activities require adult supervision. The supervising adult is expected to manage all activity risk.

### Get Fair!

February the 21<sup>st</sup> marks the start of Fair Trade fortnight. Complete this validated Children's University activity from FairTrade Foundation by watching the video and completing the activity pack. <https://tinyurl.com/3jxaa25u>

### Get safe!

The internet is great, but it is really important you know how to stay safe while online. Work through these videos from Childnet with a member of your household and take part in the fun activities. <https://tinyurl.com/yc8xs6w8>

## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM CHALLENGES

### Shake It Up

See how many words you can make with the letters from:

VALENTINE'S DAY

### Get Cooking

In honour of Pancake Day on 1 March, make your favourite pancakes. Get creative and add some yummy toppings or make them into a fun design.

### Spring Cleaning

Help clean up your room, home, or local area. Be sure to recycle and donate usable items that you no longer need.

### In Bloom

Go for a walk or hike and try and spot nature in bloom, record or draw what you find.

### Say 'Hello'

Learn a new language and look up how to say 'hello' and a few cool phrases in that language, record yourself saying the phrases or write them down.

### Say 'I Love You'

Write a letter or decorate a card to someone you love and tell them a few things that you love about them.

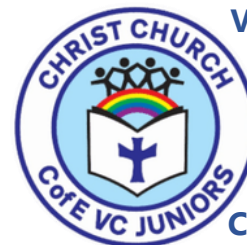
### Year of the Tiger

To celebrate the Lunar New Year, research some interesting facts about tigers and write a report on what you find.

### Crystal Hearts

Go to this website for the science experiment to make salt crystal hearts (or any other shape you want!) [tinyurl.com/yvb2u4r8](https://tinyurl.com/yvb2u4r8)

Collect extra Children's University credits during your half-term break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or email CU@uwe.ac.uk for the stamp code. This could be a photograph, video, work sheet, or writing about what you did.



## New Play for CCJ - fundraising update

We had some help this week from year 3 Oliver in putting up the totaliser to £18,000. You may remember that he raised money last year by cutting his hair off. So brave! No sooner had we added this and we had further good news....

### **£2,000 grant received from Gloucestershire Masonic Charity!!**

The Friends of Christ Church were successful in their application to Gloucestershire Masonic Charity Action on behalf of Gloucestershire Province Masons. From this fund they received an amazing £2,000. This takes our total raised to over £20,000!! This includes a £4,000 from the school.

### **Yummy cake sales and fundraising action**

Many children have got stuck into fundraising over the past week with several cake sales taking place. The completed sponsorship forms are coming in every day. Well done to Beau & his brother Ezra selling muffins and hot chocolate (raising money for CCI as well as CCJ). Kai and Tia Ballard were also busy selling cakes. Also well done to Scarlett and Minnie for their efforts too! You are all working so hard for this, well done.

Many people have also contributed to the crowd funder at [www.newplayforccj.co.uk](http://www.newplayforccj.co.uk) and over the past weeks we've had donations of £237. A big thanks to those who donated. Through your efforts, we are going to guarantee that our play stack will be built this Easter. Keep going guys, we're almost there!

