

Clamber Stack is HERE!!!!

What excitement – the end of term has ended on such a high. Our fantastic year 4 did a brilliant Ukulele concert on Wednesday, lower band have been making smoothies, upper band have been creating fajitas, forest school has been buzzing, the year 6 have been proud of their mock test results, our year 5 have run a cake sale for Cancer Research and of course we have ended with our ever-popular interest group day.

I really can't thank the Friends of CCJ enough, along with all of the efforts of our community, families and children who have remarkably managed to raised £23,500 in such a relatively short space of time. The clamber stack looks incredible and is going to bring such enjoyment to children for years to come. There will initially be a rota to keep numbers manageable until the novelty wears off slightly. We will be hosting a stay and play for an hour after school on the first Friday back after Easter so that families can come and play and maybe even have an icecream! A special thanks have to go to Lisa Keegans-Wood and Kelly Ballard, our co-chairs, who have spent so much time behind the scenes applying for grants, meeting companies, writing blurbs for the newsletter and all whilst working – you and all the rest of the team are amazing.

Finally, I just wanted to take the time to thank you all for understanding as staffing and sickness this term have been challenging to manage at times. I'm so proud of my team that have stepped up in a million ways to ensure we never had to close or combine classes. Thank you too to all of you who have kept children at home when they have been sick or tested positive. I hope that as we move into summer, we are impacted less and less. Have a very happy Easter and we look forward to welcoming children back on Tuesday 26th April. *Mrs Osborne*



Lower Band Smoothie Making

As part of their design and technology topic this week lower band made smoothies.

They had lots of fun making and trying different combinations with fruit and juices. Some children even got the chance to try fruits they had never had before. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who contributed with fruit, we were overwhelmed by the amount we received. There was so much left that the child enjoyed it for snack at breaktime, and it also went on to be sold at the cake sale as a healthy option!

Premier Easter Holiday Camps

A reminder that Premier will be running their Holiday Camps at Christchurch Infants School.

Week 1

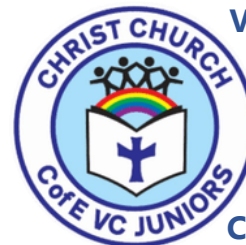
Monday 11th April until Thursday 14th April

Week 2

Tuesday 19th April until Friday 22nd April.

Any questions or queries about clubs or camps or to book a place please email jcarling@premier-education.com or go to

<https://www.premier-education.com>



John Lewis & Partners Queen's Platinum Jubilee Art Competition

"Get out your art materials to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 70th year reign in a Platinum Jubilee competition for Primary school children. We are looking for children to draw, paint or collage bold, bright and colourful pictures of Queen Elizabeth II to decorate our restaurant, The Place To Eat on the second floor at John Lewis & Partners, Cribbs Causeway.

Our judge will be the well-known Bristol Artist, Jenny Urquhart. Her vibrant feel good paintings are a popular recognisable sight round Bristol & the South-West. Jenny did an amazing vlog on YouTube "Paint Bristol in easy-peasy steps" for children during Covid-19 last year, and is an official Wallace & Gromit artist on the Gromit Unleashed2 - The Grand Appeal.

There are two age groups who can enter, 4 to 7, & 8 to 11 years old with the chance of winning a prize of a £50 Gift voucher for the winners of each of the two age groups. Not only that, but their Junior school will also win £250.

So, we would love pictures of crown's, corgi's and of course Queen Elizabeth II on A4 paper or card, using any medium you like, such as paints, pens or collage. The choice is yours and we are looking forward to seeing them on the walls of The Place To Eat, here at John Lewis & Partners, Cribbs Causeway.

Please bring your entries into the store to the Experience Desk on the ground floor, clearly marked with your name, age and school on the back, by end of day Wednesday 1 June 2022.

Please note T&C's apply, which are attached.

We look forward to seeing all the lovely pictures to celebrate a once in a lifetime occasion, Queen Elizabeth's II 70-year reign.



CCJ dates for your diary

April

Mon 25th – INSET DAY

Tues 26th Start of Term 5

Fri 28th – CCJ Friends Clamber Stack Stay & Play

May

Mon 2nd – BANK HOLIDAY

Wed 4th – Class & Y6 photos

Mon 9th – Thurs 12th – Y6 SATS

Thurs 19th – Y5 Art of Brilliance Trip

Mon 23rd – Wed 25th – Y6 Deanfield Residential

Thurs 26th & Fri 27th – Y6 Activity Days

Fri 27th – End of Term 5

June

Mon 6th – Start of Term 5

Fri 24th – INSET DAY

Year 4 Ukulele Concert

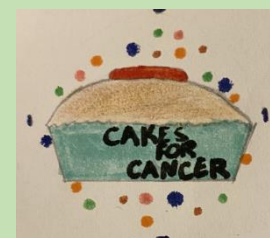
Our Year 4s have been working extremely hard learning how to play the ukulele this term. This week they performed a concert to show off what they have learnt.

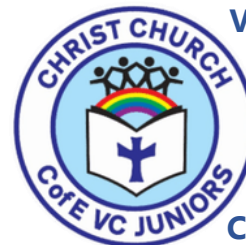
It was lovely to see so many parents/carers come to watch. Well done Year 4, you were great!

Cake Sale for Cancer

Thank you for all the donations of cakes for the Year 5 cake sale today. They all looked delicious and sold really well!

Well done to Elsie, Layla-Jane, Emily, Onyx & Leo From Year 5 for organising and running it. Thank you to all who bought the goodies! A fantastic total of £203.61 was raised which will be going to Cancer Research.





Children's University

We are getting close to the graduation that will take place in term 6. There are now lots of children nearing the 30 hours of credits they need to earn their degree and 16 children have already achieved it! Why not do some of the challenges on this page over Easter to add more hours? Email cu@uwe.ac.uk for the stamp codes to enter on your online account.

How Much Rain?
Measure the amount of precipitation (water from the air) outside! Get a tube or glass cup and place it outside in the open. Measure how much water is in the cup at the end of the day or week.

Shake It Up!
See how many words you can make from the phrase:
SPRINGTIME

Collect extra Children's University credits during your holidays 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, worksheet, or writing about what you did. Don't forget to add your stamp code to Children's University Online!

April Holidays Challenges

Keep a Diary!
For three days, write down what you did every day in a diary or journal. Reflect on the things you enjoyed, what made you happy, and what you look forward to.

Mail for the Queen!
Her Majesty the Queen will soon celebrate her Platinum Jubilee! Make a card or send her a letter, address it to:
Her Majesty the Queen,
Buckingham Palace
London SW1A 1AA

Paper Flowers!
Craft flowers entirely out of paper. Give them to someone you care about. It's even better if you use recycled paper!
See the many ideas here:
<https://tinyurl.com/CUpaperflowers>

Veggie Scraps!
Keep your vegetable scraps from celery, carrots, beetroots, and more and plant them in new soil. Watch this video for inspiration:
<https://tinyurl.com/CUveggiescraps>

Bird Watch!
Go outside on a walk or pick a spot looking out the window for 30 minutes. Draw or write describing the how many different kinds of birds you saw.

Family Movie Night!
Stay inside and curl up on the couch with your family and a good movie. Afterwards, write a review. What was your favourite part?

Doodle Easter Competition!

We have some delicious chocolate eggs to give away for the top half-term doodlers. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize for the top three doodlers in English, Spellings and Maths! Good luck!



Get listening!
Complete this *Sounds of Spring* activity from the RSPB. It will help you identify some of the beautiful bird song we hear. You can listen in an outside space, in your garden or in your home with the window open!
<https://tinyurl.com/bdhaxpmn>

Get writing!
April 2nd is International Children's Book Day. Write a book review including what the book is about, who the main characters are, what you liked and disliked about it and draw a character from the book.

Get making!
Easter is just around the corner, why not make some Easter themed decorations using recycled and natural materials found at home and outside?

5 new things to do this Easter!

Each activity is worth 1 credit. To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email 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 baking!
Make something delicious to share with your household. Click the link below for lots of tasty inspiration
<https://tinyurl.com/5n6bpr7d>

Get thoughtful!
April 22nd is World Earth Day. Make a poster including ideas of how people can be kinder to the earth. Why not display it in your window?

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Year 6 Easter Revision (10-4-10)

This week, we sent home revision packs for reading, maths and SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

We believe it is very important that our year six children to have a lovely holiday and plenty of time to relax, play and recharge their batteries after a long term! We also recognise that the holidays are 17 days long and that there are only two short weeks after Easter until the SATS tests. To help every child to prepare for this, we would like all year 6 children to complete **roughly 10 minutes a day in each of the three subjects** (a total of 30 minutes per day for ten days). This means there is still plenty of time for relaxation, but this revision will help your child to remember key concepts they might otherwise forget as well as being good preparation for the homework they will receive at secondary school next year.

We have provided answer booklets for maths and SPAG - please encourage your child to mark their work after completing it and please do send the workbooks back after Easter so the year 6 team can help your child with any questions they got stuck on.

Please encourage your children to only complete one day's worth of questions in any one day - revision is always most effective in short bursts and we really do want children to have a lovely holiday too!

This week at CCJ....

