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CCJ Newsletter



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Welcome back to Term 5!

We are fast approaching the platinum jubilee of HRH Queen Elizabeth II and we will be celebrating this momentous occasion within CCJ on Friday May 27th (the last day of term). We have also decided to mark the 180th anniversary of our school's creation. I met with our school council and Mrs Bryan yesterday and they gave me their ideas about what we should do to celebrate. All children are going to be encouraged to dress in red, white and/or blue for the day and we will be off timetable. During the morning, the children will do a mixture of activities preparing for the afternoon, learning about the Jubilee and also exploring our own school's history over the last 180 years. Classes will plan the morning with their teacher which will include creating some bunting as a class to help decorate the playground and making something for our time capsule! Parents will then be invited to bring a picnic blanket and some food from 2pm (weather permitting!).

We are also going to be running two optional competitions for all our children to enter if they wish. The first is a bake off, where children are invited to bake and decorate a cake (or similar sweet treat) that celebrates the Queen's jubilee. There MUST NOT be any nuts/nut products in these cakes. The second competition is an art based one where children can draw, paint, collage etc a picture of the Queen. These entries will also be entered into the John Lewis competition judged by Jenny Urquhart. All entries for either competition need to come into school on May 27th and will be shared in our celebrations!

Children's University

Please remember the deadline to record activities towards the Children's University graduation ceremony is the **end of May**. We know so many children have been busy learning and experiencing new things outside school but have not yet recorded these online. **Over 20 children** have already reached the target of 30 hours – well done! Don't forget, there are lots of activities on their website if you need ideas.

Autism Acceptance Month

Last month it was Autism Acceptance Month. This was a month where people were able to spread awareness, promote acceptance and ignite change. Autism is not just challenging for the people themselves, but for also their families living with them. One of our parents has taken the time to write a personal account of what it is like having a child with autism. This has been sent as an attachment with the email for you to read. For more information about autism you can go to

https://www.autism.org.uk/advice-andguidance/what-is-autism

Year 6 SATs Week

As you are aware Year 6 have their SATs next week. We do hope that the children are feeling positive about the tests and are not worrying. Please remember this is a reflection of the school, and therefore it is our job to worry, not the children! All we ask is that the children have a lovely weekend, get good night's sleep during the week, and enjoy their leisure time at home!!

All of our year 6 children are invited to join us and their friends for croissants, juice and a 'wake up shake up' at 8:30am each morning between Monday 9th and Thursday 12th May before SATs! (Please do make sure they still have a hearty breakfast at home.) This is a chance to relax with friends and take part in a fun warm-up activity in preparation for the tests.

This is usually very popular and we find has a really positive impact on children's wellbeing throughout the week. If your child cannot make breakfast club, please ensure that they are in school promptly at 8:45am as all SATS tests will start at 9am. This will help your child to feel prepared and confident for the morning ahead.

















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Year 6 Dates

May

Mon 9th – Thurs 12th May - SATs Week Mon 23rd – Wed 25th – Y6 Deanfield Residential Thurs 26th & Fri 27th – Activity Days

June

Thurs 16th – Winterbourne Transition Day #1

July

Fri 1st – Downend Transition Day Wed 6th – Winterbourne Transition Day #2 Thurs 21st – Leavers Event

We are starting to get information from the secondary schools regarding school transition days. We will let you know these once we have the information.

Classroom Drop in Feedback

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at the drop in classrooms last week. We have received some really positive feedback and are so glad that you found it useful. We will be holding more in the future.

CCJ dates for your diary

May

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 – Jubilee and 180th celebration from 2pm
onwards – parents invited to bring a picnic

Fri 27th - End of Term 5

June

Mon 6th - Start of Term 6

Fri 17th – Whole School Road Safety Day Fri 24th – INSET DAY Hello! My name is Mrs Eatwell and I would like to tell you about our new **Take 10** box. We know that the last two years have been very challenging for many children and that it can be beneficial for them to have the space and time to talk if they need to. That's why we have introduced a new box outside 'The Meadow' so that children can write their worries on a note and post it to me.

If your child needs someone to talk to at the moment, encourage them to write me a note so that we can have a catch up!

Don't forget to include your name and class!!Mrs Eatwell

INSET Days 2022/2023

We have now confirmed our INSET Days for the next academic year. These are the same as CCI and will be as follows:

Thursday 1st September 2022 Friday 2nd September 2022 Mon 31st October 2022 Tue 3rd January 2023 Fri 30th June 2023

Road Safety Concerns

As you are aware, the LA have still have not found a School Crossing Patrol person for our schools. Please can we ask that if you are driving near the school that you are extra careful, park in safe places and speak to your children about road safety.

If you are interested in the role, or know someone that might be please contact South Glos. Road Safety Team on 01454 867802

Crossing Patrol Vacancy

Times: 8.30am – 9am 3.10pm – 3.40pm Hourly rate – £9.50 Post – Permanent

Full training, uniform and support will be given, happy to consider a shared/half post.



















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WRITE DOWN YOUR WORRY AND POST IT IN THE BOX

CHAT THROUGH YOUR THOUGHTS AND WORRIES WITH AN ADULT IN THE **TAKE 10** ROOM.

AT CCJ WE CARE
ABOUT YOUR HAPPINESS.
REMEMBER, YOU ARE
SMART, YOU ARE KIND!
SHOW COMPASSION AND
ACCEPT HELP IF NEEDED.
MOST OF ALL, HAVE COURAGE!
LAUGH OUT LOUD WHEN YOU CAN,
LOVE YOUR SOUL AND
INSPIRE OTHERS.
HAVE PEACE AND ALWAYS
HAVE FAITH IN YOURSELF!
BE PROUD YOU ARE PART OF
CHRIST CHURCH JUNIORS
BECAUSE WE ARE PROUD OF YOU!

Fabulous at Forty!

RS EATWELL

This weekend Mrs Osborne celebrates a big birthday! The children have enjoyed celebrating with her today by surprising her in assembly with a birthday hat and rendition of Happy Birthday!

I am sure you will join us in wishing her a very



















