CCJ Newsletter



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Year 6 Super Stars

There has been a great deal of excitement this week as year 6 were invited to croissants, juice and a wake up shake up each morning before doing their SATs. I spoke to the children at the start of the week reminding them that these tests are just a quick snap shot of one area of all the amazing aspects of them as learners. All these tests do is to see what they have learnt by May 2022 within certain aspects of their reading, grammar and maths. Next, which is equally as important, is to stretch and challenge year 6 with their residential trip from May 23^{rd} - 25^{th} where they climb, build, problem solve and create. After half term, we will be seeing their skills with running, jumping, throwing and team work during the sports day afternoon of June 7^{th} (weather dependent). In term 6, the children will then be performing our first Y6 production since pre-COVID, so we will be seeing their music, dance, drama and art talents as they perform 'We Will Rock You' on 12^{th} and 13^{th} July. All our learners at CCJ make us proud through so many different ways and this week was just one tiny part of this.

One of our governors visited to oversee the administration of SATs and whilst she commented that the systems and processes were very thorough and robust, what surprised her was what she saw in the rooms. Every single child was in school; everyone was calm and positive; children seemed keen to show what they had learnt and familiar with the expectations of what each paper asked of them. So thank you. Thank you CCJ parents and staff for all you have done to reassure, prepare and motivate every child to do their best!

Mrs Osborne

Deanfield Residential

We would like to say a big thank you to all the year 6 parents/carers. Amazingly, everyone has paid up to date for the Deanfield Residential trip. This is a brilliant result, as it takes the office staff a lot of admin time to chase these payments. Without these contributions trips and residentials would not be able to go ahead, and the children would miss out. So we really appreciate your support and co-operation!

Deanfield Medication

All medication for Deanfield (prescribed <u>and</u> nonprescribed) should be handed to the school office by Monday 16th May. This is so that we can check the administration guidelines and prescription labels and have time to contact parents for clarification or further information if required. The only exceptions are inhalers and epi-pens that we already hold in school – we will take these with us to camp.

Please contact the school office as soon as possible if your child is prescribed new medication during the next week.

A Message from The Friends of CCJ

"A massive thankyou to all the children who have continued to raise money for the clamberstack.

Willow in Year 3 raised an amazing £140 for climbing Sugar Loaf in Wales - an amazing achievement! If anyone has any photos of their children who have kindly raised money since the deadline, please let us know so we can post them on The CCJ Friends

Facebook page!"

Governor Vacancy

We have a couple of our long-standing governors whose four-year term is ending in the next few months. We are therefore really keen to hear from parents, carers or members of our wider community who may be interested in joining our governing body. We have a great working partnership and governors have oversight of the strategic direction and decisions for the school.

We would welcome expressions of interest, especially from our year 2, 3 and 4 parents, who are not represented as much at present. To find out more please email our clerk Frances McMillan on fmcmcmillan@hotmail.com.

















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Art of Brilliance Feedback

Our year 5 parents were invited to the Art of Brilliance workshop hosted at Blackhorse Primary as part of our collaborative project. It has been great to hear from some of you that attended to share how inspiring and useful the workshop was. We hope our year 5 enjoy the visit next week! Please ensure they are here promptly on **Thursday at 8:30am** with a packed lunch.

INSET Days 2022/2023

We have now confirmed our INSET days for the next academic year. These are aligned with 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

CCJ dates for your diary

May

Thurs 19th – Y5 Art of Brilliance Trip
Thurs 19th – School census day
Friday 20th – Bike ability and Y5 drumming
Mon 23rd – Wed 25th – Y6 Deanfield Residential
Thurs 26th – Y6 play day
Thurs 26th – Y5 drumming
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

Tues 7th – UB sports day *weather dependent Wed 8th – LB sports day *weather dependent Fri 17th – Whole School Road Safety Day Fri 24th – INSET DAY

July

Mon 18th – Leavers service at 10am (parents warmly invited)

Census Day – Thursday 19th June

Three times every year, the government ask schools to complete a census of the pupils in our school. This includes information on how many children have a school dinner. The higher the numbers we send to them, the greater our funding for the following financial year. Thursday's school dinner is lasagne and garlic bread and the vegetarian option is cheesy potato pinwheel.

Thank you for your support.

Sports Days

We are keen to return to our full sports day events and we have scheduled these from 1-3pm on Tuesday 7th June (UB) and Wednesday 8th June (LB) with back up dates a week later if the weather lets us down. We have always done a mixture of completely inclusive events where children move from one activity to another in a carousel, followed by competitive races with children selected to represent their house and year group in a variety of events. Both elements of sports are vital for children which is why we do both. Parents are very welcome to come and support your child's class.

Year 6 Dates

May

Mon 9th – Thurs 12th May - SATs Week Mon 23rd – Wed 25th – Y6 Deanfield Residential

June

Thurs 16th – Winterbourne Transition Day #1 22nd June – St Mary Redcliff Parents Information Evening 29th/30th (TBC) – St Mary Redcliffe Transition Day

July

Fri 1st – Downend Transition Day Wed 6th – Winterbourne Transition Day #2 Mon 18th – Y6 Leavers' Service at Christ Church Thurs 21st – Leavers' Event

We are starting to get information from the secondary schools regarding school transition days. We will update this list as soon as we hear from more schools.

















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Governor Wellbeing Survey

The governors would like to thank all parents and carers who completed the recent survey about wellbeing and mental health. The governors will be reviewing the responses and will provide some feedback to parents and carers in term 6.



Take 10

Each week, Mrs Eatwell will be sharing some tips, strategies or advice about how to support children with their wellbeing. This week's idea is all about celebrating what we can be grateful for.

Create a gratitude jar (either use an old jam jar or draw on a piece of paper) and then with your family encourage everyone to write something that they are thankful for! Try to do one each every day for the week. At the end of the week, share the gratitude notes together and remind each other how fortunate you are. Reflecting on what makes us happy and how lucky we are goes a long way to personal positive wellbeing! We'd love to see some of the children's gratitude jars.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Eatwell

Children's University

There are just a few weeks to go until the deadline to record your child's activities. Here is a handy guide:



Log in to Children's University online using the log-in name and password provided by the school. What activities count??

Sport, outdoor fun, outings in the area, cookery, arts and crafts, extracurricular lessons, reading, and so much more!!



Add in the stamp codes you already received before 31 May!

Unsure if your activity will count for a stamp code? Email us at CU@uwe.ac.uk and we'll help you find a stamp code that matches your activity!



Not yet at 30 credits? Email CU@uwe.ac.uk to receive more stamp codes for other activities you've done to log on your account.



If your child qualifies for graduation, your school will let you know the time and date of the graduation ceremony!

















