Friday 20th May 2022 - N°31

CCJ Newsletter



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Mrs Janet Martin Memorial Bench

Three years ago, one of our dear colleagues and friends, Mrs Janet Martin, lost her battle with cancer and sadly passed away after many years fighting. She was an incredible teaching assistant and gave many years of love, care and dedication to our school, supporting hundreds of children during their time with us. The staff team decided that it was a perfect memorial for Janet to have a bench created in her honour as she loved spending time in the forest school and her favourite flowers were daffodils. We created this with staff and her family last week and it now stands as a beacon of hope and love in our forest school area.







Platinum Jubilee and 180th Celebrations

Next Friday will be our school's Jubilee celebrations as well as the week that our year 6 children go to residential camp. The plans for next Friday's Jubilee Day are below:

- All children to wear red, white or blue (no donation required)
- **Competitions**: 1) make a crown 2) paint/draw/sketch the Queen 3) bake a Jubilee cake. All entries for these competitions need to come into school on Friday NAMED and go into the library.
- **Morning**: Children will be off timetable and will be making bunting/flags and learning more about the history of CCJ as well as looking at the reign of HRH Queen Elizabeth. Each class will also be creating something for the time capsule to show what school life is like in 2022!
- **Lunch**: School dinner will be the special Jubilee lunch boxes and everyone will eat outside.
- **Special treat**: We have an ice cream van coming in the afternoon and we will be paying for every child to have an ice cream
- **Parents**: We will have a 'zone' for each of the classes on the field and will be opening the gates at 2pm to welcome parents to bring a picnic blanket and nibbles to share. No NUTS please.
- **Parade**: At 2pm, all the classes will line up on the playground, parade round the daily mile track showing their flags, crowns and colours. We will then all sing the national anthem and Jubilee song.
- **Eat and play**: Children will sit with their classes/class parents and eat their own food (please send in a couple of nut free snacks for your child if you are not able to attend). Year 6 use the clamber stack on Fridays so they will be using it and everyone else will be playing on the field once they have eaten.
- **Goodbye**: At 3.10pm, all children return to class to do a register to check everyone is safe and accounted for and collect their belongings. 3.20pm normal end of day and start of half term!

No money is needed for anything* (*apart from school dinner), we are paying for it all out of school funds. Preschool siblings are welcome too but please do not collect CCI children to bring them as they will miss the activities and learning at CCI. We can't wait to have such a special celebration together! *Mrs Osborne*



















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Art of Brilliance Feedback

This week our year 5s went to the BAWA centre for the Art of Brilliance workshop. It was a great opportunity for the children. - they were motivated by various speakers and workshops teaching them resilience, how to cope with change and transition and how to become a better version of themselves.

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

Mon 23rd – Wed 25th – Y6 Deanfield Residential
Mon 23rd – Y5 drumming
Thurs 26th – Y6 production 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 at Christ Church (parents warmly invited)

Year 6 - Deanfield

We are very excited about taking the year 6s to Deanfield Camp for our first year 6 residential since 2019! There will be a separate email sent to parents today with information, updates and reminders. No lunch is needed on Monday. No sleeping bags or bedding are required. NO electronics including phones or tablets. **DO** bring a towel! Money for tuck (max £6) should be in a named envelope & given to staff.

Monday

<u>Departure time: 9:15am.</u> Please drop off your child's luggage in the school hall at 8:45am. Children should then go to class to be registered as normal.

Wednesday

Arrival back at school: approx. 2:45pm. Children may be collected from then or can stay in school until the end of the school day as usual.

Year 6 Leavers Event 21st July

We have had a request from some year 6 families who are not on social media for more information around the parent/carer organised event. If there is information you would like emailed to all families, please let the office team know who can email this on your behalf.

Year 6 Dates

May

Mon 23rd – Wed 25th – Y6 Deanfield Residential

June

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

July

Fri 1st – Downend Transition Day
Fri 1st – Mangotsfield 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 each time we hear from more schools.

















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Don't Forget to add your stamp codes before 31 May for graduation! Email CU@uwe.ac.uk before 31 May for any stamp codes you need.

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY NAY CHALLENGES

British Sign
Language:
Learn how to
fingerspell your
name and a few
important signs,
like the ones
for 'hello',
'please', and
'sorry'

Jubilee Bunting:

Make your own
bunting for the
Queen's Platinum
Jubilee. Get
creative with
recycled
products and
cool designs!

Track the weather: Record the weather for 3 days in a row. Write the temperature, the cloud cover, if it rains, and how windy it is.

Shake It Up: see how many words you can make with the phrase QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND



Pizza Party: make your own pizza or get creative by adding your own toppings. YUM!

Plant a tree (or seed)
for the Platinum Jubilee:
as part of the Queen's
Green Canopy initiative.



Thank You Cards: make a card for a special person in your life to say 'Thank You!'

All challenge activities are worth 1 hour of learning credit. Do them all to earn 7 hours!





















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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 ways to keep relaxed!

Mrs Eatwell has been enjoying the benefits of calming activities to keep her relaxed and stress free, so she thought she would share one with you to try at home. Your mind is a big pond... When talking about feelings with your child use the example of a pond. Ask them to imagine their brains are big ponds, full of fishes, all different shapes, sizes and colours. Each fish is a feeling, and like the fish that are all different, so are our feelings. We have sad, happy, excited, scared, angry all swimming around together. Happily, together in the pond. This allows your child to recognise and understand that all these feelings are okay, they are part of us, they make us what we are and they can all live happily together in the pond that is our brain, so not to dwell on any one feeling when we have so many more to fish for.

> Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Eatwell



See the attachment for more information!

















