



CHRIST CHURCH CofE VC JUNIORS

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Newsletter 20:

Date: 9th February 2018

End of Term 3

Wow – what a brilliant final week to term 3. We have had the local authority visit on Tuesday which was very positive; Y6 Concord trip and the Blue Peter badge work on Wednesday; the Disco, cake sale and incredible book emporium on Thursday and the cross country event and coffee afternoon today. I want to say a huge thank you to my staff team for working tirelessly to make each event a success and to wish you and your families a restful and happy half term. We will see you all on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Osborne

Safer Internet Day 2018 – 21st Feb

Safer Internet Day is coming up soon! This year's theme is 'Create, Connect and Share: A better internet starts with you.' The focus will be on how to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. At CCJ, we will be having a special assembly and e-safety afternoon for the children on **Wednesday 21st February**. Don't forget to ask your child about what they have learned about staying safe on the internet!



If you would like more information about how to keep your child safe online, www.net-aware.org.uk and www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware/ both contain lots of useful information for parents and carers.

Child Absence

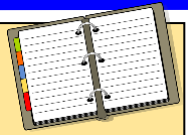
If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please ensure that you call the school office by 9am. It is a legal requirement that for *each day* your child is unwell, the school must receive a daily phone call. A text message will go out to parents who have not informed the school office of an absence as a prompt to call.

Concorde Trip

Year Six really enjoyed the visit to Concorde, where they were able to board the plane, make rockets and learn about the development of flight. They were really enthusiastic and asked some excellent questions. A huge thanks to our local Councillor Ian Boulton for funding the trip and the Friends for funding the coaches.



Diary Dates



February

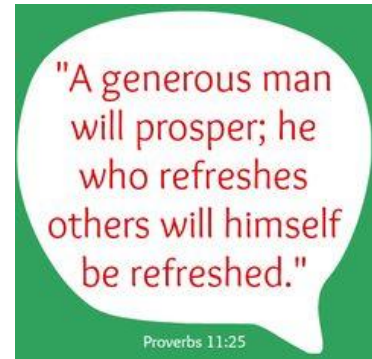
Monday 19th - Start of Term 4
Tuesday 20th - 3:30pm PGL Parents Meeting
Thursday 22nd - World Thinking Day (Cubs, Brownies etc. can wear uniforms to school)
Friday 23rd - Friends Quiz Night

March

Thursday 1st - World Book Day
Thursday 1st - PGL Final Balance Due
Wednesday 7th - Friends Film Night
Thursday 8th - Parents Evening 1
Tuesday 13th - Parents Evening 2
Thursday 15th - 4GE Class Assembly
Monday 19th - Friday 23rd Y6 PGL
Friday 23rd - End of Term 4 / Sports Relief

April

Monday 9th - Inset Day
Tuesday 10th - Start of Term 5



Attendance

Thank you for your continued support with the attendance of the children.



Red = Below 92%

Amber = 92-96%

Green = 97+%

Well done to 3/4AD who achieved a fantastic 99.3%!

Book Emporium

Wow what an amazing effort for the CCJ Book Emporium. The children put in a huge amount of work and we thoroughly enjoyed looking at each other's efforts. Thank you to all the parents/carers for their support. It was a great afternoon and inspired the children to try new authors.



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House Cup



The house with the most house points this week is Team Pegasus. Team Griffin are still at the top of the leader board with 2105 points this year. Well done!

£10 Notes



The old £10 notes will be out of circulation from 1st March 2018, therefore as of next term we will be unable to accept them. We apologise for any inconvenience, however banks will still be accepting them for a short time after this date.

Lower Band Volunteer Readers

Lower Band are looking for volunteers to listen to the children read. By doing this, it not only frees up the Teachers and TAs time but also by reading with different people this improves the children's confidence. If there are any parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles that have some free time and would like to do this, please contact Mr Desmond or the school office.

Premier Sports Half Term Club

Running at CCJ Mon-Weds only

Information is attached regarding Premier Sports half term clubs. Please click on the link below to book a place for your child and to review activities.

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

Friends Disco & Cake Sale

A big thank you to all parents who have supported our events this term. We have had wonderful success in raising the following amounts this term;

£171 from Movie Night
£208 from the Cake Sale and
£570 profit from the Valentines Disco!



Look out for more events coming next term!

Friends of CCJ

Behaviour Change of Policy

We have worked with staff and Governors to tweek and aspect of the behaviour policy. From half term, children who reach orange or red on the behaviour chart will now have a full sanction the next day. This is then in-line with those who talk in assembly and receive a sanction. The full behaviour policy can be found on the school website.

Governor Vacancy

We have now got a Governor vacancy on our board of Governors. The Governors are vital to support and challenge the school to ensure the best for every child at CCJ. Training will be given as well as a full induction so no specific skills are required but we find mind parents' skills do help within Governors.

The commitment is two meetings (mostly evenings) each of the six terms. If you would like to be considered for this role or to find out more, please email our Clerk Frances McMillan at

fmccmillan@hotmail.com

Mr Harry Round leaving

Mr Round, who teaches in Year 5 is leaving us today to enable him to spend more time with his new family. We have really enjoyed having Mr Round as part of our team this year and I am sure you will join me in wishing him all the best and thanking him for all he has done. Miss Susan Friend and Miss Ashlea Connor will be teaching '5J' (Jay class) from next term.

Super Marathon Runner!

Nik Whiteside, is running the gruelling Marathon des Sables in April for 6 days through 150 miles of the Sahara desert to raise money to share equally between the Infant and Junior schools. We are so grateful to him for taking on this challenge. If you would like to sponsor him the Just Giving link can be found below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/nikrunsmdsforchristchurchschools>

Pub Quiz – Friday 23rd February

A reminder that alongside the run, Nik has also organised a fundraising pub quiz. This will be held at Christ Church Parish Hall on Friday 23rd February from 7:30pm. This is to raise money for sports equipment and apparatus for the schools. Tickets are £5 and includes nibbles!