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## Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 6: 13th October 2017

### Message from Mrs Jones:

#### Arts trail

We are looking forward to exhibiting in the Arts trail this weekend to celebrate what we achieved during our Arts Week; our theme is Take One picture. Each year group investigated and were in turn inspired by a painting from a different period in Art history. Please come and visit on Saturday or Sunday between 11-5pm in our school hall-entry via the community door at the rear of the car park. We are incredibly proud of the high standard of work created and would love to share it with you. If you can donate some cakes/biscuits or an hour to help with refreshments, it is not too late, thank you.

#### Parents Evenings

Please look out for your appointment slips returned to you this week via your child's book bag

#### Harvest Celebration

The whole school will be walking to the Church for our Harvest Celebration on Thursday 19th October at 10am and you are all most welcome to join us. The Spire coffee shop located in the Church will provide speciality coffees which parents are welcome to buy, alongside free refreshments including cinnamon buns! All served from 9am. Our theme this year is Trees. We are supporting the foodbank and kindly ask for donations as detailed in the list below - please bring items into school from Monday.

Tinned rice pudding or custard  
Tinned meat  
Pasta sauce or tinned tomatoes  
Ketchup  
Milk (UHT or powdered)  
Breakfast cereal  
Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Tinned sponge puddings  
Tinned vegetables  
Pasta or rice  
Long life fruit juice  
Tea bags / coffee  
Treats - chocolate etc  
Shampoo, shower gell & soap

Tinned fruit  
Tinned fish  
Instant mash  
Jam  
Nappies  
Toilet roll

#### Christmas

We have booked for the whole school to visit the Redgrave theatre on 5th December to see this year's production which is the Wizard of Oz, letter to follow. Further Christmas dates will be published in next week's newsletter.

#### Reception intake September 2018

If you have friends/neighbours with pre-school children due to start school in September 2018, please let them know our tour dates are Thursday 9th and Tuesday 14th November. To book onto a tour please phone the school office 0117 3772830.

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## Year 1 Spider Workshop

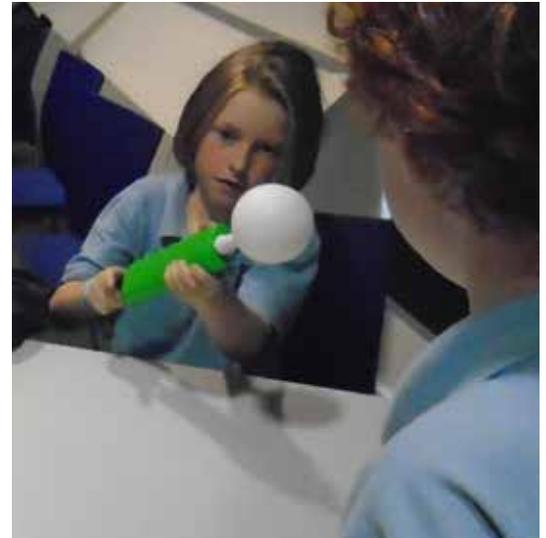
On Friday 6th October 1ZH walked up to The Downs to take part in a spider workshop hosted by the Avon Gorge and Downs Wildlife Project. We learnt about the different parts of a spider's body, the difference between arachnids and insects, how spiders can shed their skin when they grow and how spiders build their webs to catch their prey. Afterwards we went spider hunting armed with an identification guide, some water to spray on the webs (this makes them easier to see!) and magnifying glasses. We were in luck and found a variety of spiders and there was no shrieking from children or adults involved - hurrah! We returned back to school armed with spider knowledge and wrote some interesting spider facts as part of our English work.



## Yr 5 Trip to We, The Curious



Last Friday, Year 5 had an out of this world experience at the newly named We The Curious. Walking down Park Street, we were excited about the day and what we would learn in our Earth, Moon and Sun workshop. The workshop was fantastic and we got to learn about how big the planets are in comparison to the earth, how big (or rather how small) the sun is in comparison to some other stars in the galaxy. We tried to guess the size and location of the moon by blowing up balloons and placing them where we thought they should be in comparison to the earth. We were all surprised to learn that the moon is a lot smaller and further away than we thought. Finally, we thought about what would happen to astronauts in space if they didn't have a space suit on...it didn't end well for the marshmallow astronaut! An astronomical thanks to the parents who came with us – some had almost as much fun as we did exploring the exhibits at We The Curious!



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## Recycling



Thanks to all that recycled - we raised £95 and there was 226 kg of textiles! Thanks Bristol Textile Recycling for working with Christ Church on this exciting project.



## Play Leaders

Mr Eades had the unenviable task of deciding who had been successful in their application to be a play leader this year. 21 year 5's applied and all 21 were selected to take part in the training which happened on Tuesday afternoon. The play leaders were taught new and exciting games that they could play with children in younger years.



## PTA news

Sample Christmas Cards and order forms coming home with children today for return by next **Thurs 19th October**.

Our PTA held their AGM on Wednesday it was an enjoyable, social evening. It was great to see some new faces keen to support with events coming up. The next meeting is Wednesday 8th November 7.30pm at school. There are many events already planned for the year ahead please note the dates of the Christmas fayre and Christmas party for parents/carers. The PTA is also seeking a new chair and vice chair.

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## Yr 5/6 Rugby League

So the level just went about a notch. Our rugby teams were competing in the elite league on Monday against some tough opposition, however the determination and courage remained - one more session left.



## From the School Office:

### Head Lice

We have had a number of cases of head lice reported throughout the school. Please could you take note of the following advice and help us to eradicate the problem!

#### CHECK

Your child's hair once a week. Use a proper detection comb to trap head lice. If you find live lice, consult a pharmacist for treatment advice immediately. If head lice are spotted, take a close look at the hair of all the family.

#### TREAT

Please treat your child with a clinically proven treatment. Leave the treatment on for the recommended time for maximum efficiency. Repeat the treatment for a second time seven days after the original treatment to kill any eggs that may hatch after the first treatment. Check that all head lice have gone within two to three days of the final application of head lice treatment to complete the process. Continue to check for head lice on a regular, weekly basis.

For further information on head lice please see your pharmacist or visit [www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice)

## Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancies

Term time, 38 weeks a year, 11.45am-1.15pm daily

We are looking for friendly, enthusiastic, reliable people with lots of energy who can supervise children while they are eating their lunch and support games in the playground

If interested, please call into the school office to pick up an application form, or contact Becky Herbert in the school office on 0117 3772830 or email: [becky.herbert@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:becky.herbert@bristol-schools.uk)

## Letters home this week

Year 3, 4, 5, QEH Cross Country Shield  
Year 5/6 Swimming Gala  
Christmas cards proof and order form  
Parents evening appointments

## Term 1 2017/18 Dates

### Term 1:

#### October

Sat 14th & Sun 15th	Arts Trail displaying at school - please come and see our work
Mon 16th	Y2 Slimbridge trip
Thurs 19th	Harvest Festival Assembly at Christ Church 10am
	KS2 swimming gala
Fri 20th	KS2 QEH cross country event
	End of Term 1

### Term 2:

#### October

Mon 30th	Beginning of Term 2
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#### November

Weds 1st & Thurs 2nd	Parents evenings
Thurs 9th & Tues 14th	Reception intake 2018 tours
Thurs 9th	Maths learning together - Reception parents/ carers - 9am
Fri 17th	Children in Need
w/c 20th	Road safety week activities
Fri 24th	Non-uniform day - donations requested for Christmas fayre
Sun 26th	PTA Christmas Fayre pm
Mon 27th	Education Lifebus on site - letter to follow next week

#### December

Tues 5th	Whole School Redgrave Theatre trip 'the Wizard of Oz'
Fri 8th	PTA party for parents/ carers
Fri 15th	End of Term 2

### Term 3:

#### January

Tues 2nd	INSET day
Weds 3rd	Term 3 starts for children