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## Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 13: 7th December 2018

### Message from Mrs Jones:

We have been out and about this week - Year 3 went to the Christmas experience at the Church, Year 1 walked to the Cathedral, Year 4 caught the train to visit a Mosque, Year 5 have gone to the cathedral today, Year 6 mathematicians attended Round 2 of the competition. Basketball teams A&B went to the finals and Y3/4 athletes competed in an inter-school indoor competition. All of KS2 visited the Redgrave theatre to see the performance of The Railway children. Reception and Years 1 and 2 children have been rehearsing for their Christmas plays to perform next week. Please see the letters for further information

The PTA Christmas party is in our school hall on Friday 14th December at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £17.50 to include a meal and entertainment; both provided by parents.

'TheGivingMachine', is an on-line fundraising facility you can find Christchurch Primary School PTA on TheGivingMachine; cause number 265792, it is a great fundraising site that lets you raise donations for Christchurch Primary School PTA whenever you shop online. It's easy to use and doesn't cost you a penny!

### End of term charity events:

Christmas Jumper Day - On the last day of term we invite children to wear a festive jumper and donate £1. Funds raised will be sent to Wallace and Gromit's Big Christmas Dress up. There is no need to buy a Christmas Jumper; add some homemade decorations to a jumper you already have.

### Next week:

**Monday** 10th December - KS1 performance at 2pm, ticket only

**Tuesday** 11th December - Year 5 Viking day, KS1 performance at 5.30pm, ticket only, children return at 4.45pm, Shine users pick-up from Lansdown Road gate entrance and then look for sign at KS2 entrance doors

**Wednesday** 12th December - Reception performance 10am, ticket only

**Thursday** 13th December - Reception performance 10am, ticket only, Year 2 to Christmas singalong am

**Friday** 14th December - 7.30pm PTA Christmas party

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## Bristol North West Foodbank



We would like to collect donations for the NW Bristol Foodbank-please bring into school w/c 17th December

**LOW STOCK ITEMS - ALWAYS URGENTLY NEEDED**

Please make sure that it has a "best before" date of at least 6 months in advance and is clearly labelled:

TINNED FISH	Coffee
Tinned Rice Pudding	UHT Milk
UHT Fruit Juice	Jam
Tinned Soup	Custard
Shower Gel & Soap	Instant Mash
Shampoo & Conditioner	Treats (ie. chocolate bars)

## Redgrave Theatre Trip by Joe and Ashton (Yr 4)

On Tuesday we went to the Redland Theatre to see the Railway Children. It was very funny because there were lots of different types of characters. Our favourite was the youngest Phillis she had great facial expressions and loved baby elephants. We sat alongside people from the community and during the interval had some biscuits. We loved every minute and are already looking forward to next year's Christmas play!

## Explore Maths Challenge Round 2

After a tricky first round at Cabot Circus last month (where the team achieved a brilliant winning performance), the foursome headed to the Explore Learning Centre in Bradley Stoke for Round Two. The challenge was tough, but this did not halt our mathematical minds. They worked as a team, using their reasoning and problem solving skills to complete the challenge. Stay posted for updates about their progress.



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# Yr 1 Cathedral Trip

Year 1 had a fantastic time on our trip to Bristol Cathedral on Wednesday. We went on an interactive trail to find clues about the Christmas story. We met an innkeeper, shepherds and a wise man who led us to Baby Jesus. Despite our rainy walk home, we still had lots of fun!





## Year 4 Visit to the Mosque

Yesterday, Year 4 had a fantastic morning visiting Shah Jalal Jame Mosque. We hopped on the slightly delayed 10:16 train to Stapleton Road and then walked along the high street to the Mosque, seeing some interesting sights along the way. After taking off our shoes we sat in the main prayer room and met our host Rizwan. We looked around to spot the differences between a Mosque and a Church and then took a tour around the Mosque. We were able to see where Muslims wash before prayers and the women's prayer room. We shared our knowledge of Islam and learnt lots of new facts about Islamic beliefs and practises. We also heard about the pilgrimage to Mecca called the Hajj and Ramadan which is a period of fasting.

Thank you to all the parents who came along you were a fantastic support!



# Reception Christingles

'Reception have learnt that Christians make Christingles to celebrate Advent. We have learnt the meaning of each decoration and had lots of fun making our own!'





# Year 4 Assembly

On Wednesday we had our first class assembly sharing some of our work from this year. We made Maths fun with our Fairy Maths Mother and compared nature's lost words with Newsrounds top three for 2018! Our Literacy group shared arguments from our debate that helped us to write persuasive notes to Varjak Paw. We really enjoyed singing George Ezra's song and we think you'll agree we had some pretty good dance moves. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did and a big thank you to all our parents for coming along.  
by Mimi Glendenning



## Yr 3 & 4 Sportshall Athletics

This week saw a selection of our Year 3 and 4 athletes representing Christ Church in this indoor event. They threw, they jumped and they ran. They performed all this as a team and with pride. A great performance resulted in a podium finish, in second place. Well done!





## Yr 5 & 6 Basketball League

Well done to our two Yr 5&6 Basketball teams. Both teams made the final round of the league, and after some fast and exciting matches, Christ Church Team B was through to the semi finals, and Christ Church Team A had drawn for another place in the semi-finals! After a nail biting 'penalty shoot out', Christ Church A missed out by one goal but got a well deserved 5th place! Christ Church B played a fantastic semi final but sadly just missed out on a place in the final but did achieve 3rd place! Cherry, who runs the league for Ashton Park Sports Partnership said at the end that there were some fantastic basketballers within the Christ Church teams. Well done everyone!





## PTA news

Following the huge success of the school Christmas Fair the PTA wishes to thank everyone involved; from the children who decorated lucky jars and the parents who ran stalls to the shops and businesses who donated food and gifts. In particular we would like to thank everyone at Hargreaves Lansdown Savings and Fujiyama Japanese Restaurant in Clifton for their financial contributions which greatly helped with the record-breaking profits we made this year.



## Christmas Party - Friday 14th December from 7.30pm

The famous curry dads are making 4 dazzling curries, catering for all needs and tastes. The after dinner light entertainment is again being organised by one of the mums, so something not to be missed.

Tickets are limited due to the numbers which can be seated in the hall, last year it was full, so please buy your tickets sooner rather than later.

Tickets cost **£17.50** - reserved by:

payment on-line to the PTA account; sort code: 30-99-08; account number: 22086268. [Please put the main name as the description as place(s) will be reserved against this name which will go on the entry list on the night] or

cheques - put in the box outside the office reception and you text Keith Osborne (PTA Chair) on 0785 4622840 as soon as you have done this (as it will be the date of your text which states when you have paid).

Places will be reserved on a first come first served basis, once payments have been received for 120 places, that's it! [Any payments received after this, will be returned].



## IMPROVING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - Bristol City Council Consultation



Bristol School Attendance Strategy: Launch of Online Consultation

Bristol's School Attendance Strategy Consultation is now available online. Improving school attendance and reducing persistent absenteeism is a priority for Bristol and is a crucial part of the city's ambition to raise standards and secure the best outcomes for all young people

The draft Attendance Strategy recognises school attendance as everyone's responsibility. In order to improve school attendance, a citywide partnership approach is needed. All schools, council services and partner agencies need to work together with children, young people, parents and carers to remove the barriers to good school attendance.

The draft strategy has been produced through a series of consultation events with partners, including focus groups with young people. We are now sharing the draft strategy more widely to get input from a broader range of people. Please give your views on the proposed approach via the survey The survey will be available online until the 20th of November.

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/adults-children-and-education/school-attendance-strategyconsultation/>

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## Communications home this week - if you havent received these and feel you should have done, please speak to the school office:

5RG Teacher update  
Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play Housekeeping  
Year 2 Spiegeltent Trip  
Year 5 Viking Day



## School Lunches

If you have pre booked a school meal for your child but have also provided a packed lunch please notify the school office so they can cancel the online booking as otherwise the school kitchen will be preparing food unnecessarily. Thank you

**Please remember that school starts in the morning by 8.55am and doors open at 8.45am.** If your child arrives after 8.55am, they are late for school. Due to the number of children arriving after 8.55am, we will have to start closing the gates from 8.55am not 9am. If you arrive after 8.55am you will need to take your child to the school office. Thank you

## Term 2, 2018 Dates

**Please book Christmas Lunch Weds 19th Dec**

### Term 2:

#### December

Mon 10th	Yr 1&2 Christmas Play, pm
Tues 11th	Yr 1&2 Christmas Play, 5.30pm Yr 5 Viking Day
Weds 12th	EYFS Christmas Play, 10am
Thurs 13th	EYFS Christmas Play, 10am ( <i>netball resumes</i> ) Yr 2 Colston Hall Christmas Sing a Long 3TC Tea Afternoon
Fri 14th	PTA Christmas Party (adults only), 7.30pm
Weds 19th	Children's Christmas Lunch, please book on ParentPay
Thurs 20th	Christmas Church Service, 10 am all welcome 4JH Tea Afternoon
Fri 21st	Christmas Jumper Day R, Yr1 , Yr 2 Christmas Party & Nutty Noah End of Term 2

**Christmas Holidays - 22nd Dec - 8th January (Mon 7th January is an INSET day)**

### Term 3:

#### January

Tuesday 8th	Term starts
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