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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 17: 17th January 2020

Message from Mrs Jones:

We are already half way through a wet and windy January! We are embracing our learning opportunities. Year 3 are learning to play Taiko drums, the children made a great sound in the first session so we will look forward to their performance at the end of the course. Y5/6 Dodgeball team came 3rd in the tournament at Ashton Park.

Mr Campbell and Mrs Richardson shared the BBC Radio 2 launch of the **500 word challenge**. Further details are within this newsletter but it is a great challenge to have a go at, especially if you are stuck for something to do indoors.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended the **PTA meetings** this week. There was a lot of preparatory discussion for the forthcoming events. The first of these is the curry night party on Friday, 7th February at 7.30pm. Tickets are on sale at £18, to include a delicious home cooked curry and welcome drink. Do come along to support the event, meet up with other parents/carers and raise funds for our school.

The PTA have given a further £5000 to support with the development of our outdoor classroom. Initially we are giving the children time in the space with their teachers and a trained forest schools leader, to explore how the space could be used and what equipment and furniture we might need for our activities. We will be installing a new shed to safely store our new items and buying some seating. It will be so exciting to see how this area develops.

Children in Years 3 and 4 are walking to the **Redgrave theatre** on the morning of Wednesday 22nd January to watch Clifton College pupils perform the Lion King. There is no cost for this trip and they will be back in time for normal lunch arrangements.

Attendance and punctuality

Please remember to report unavoidable absence e.g. illness to the school office as soon as possible after 8.30 am. Classroom doors open at 8.45am and the school gates will be locked at 8.55am. If you arrive after this time you must sign your child in at the school office.

Contact details

The start of term is a good time to make sure your contacts details are up to date with the school office, especially if you have replaced a mobile phone over the Christmas period. Please also think about your 2nd and 3rd named emergency contacts held on record for your child, are the details still correct?



Medication

If you have new medical information about your child please ensure you have informed the school office. Any medication we hold in school for your child must be in date; asthma inhalers, epi-pens.

School Closure

If we needed to close the school due to bad weather we would communicate this to you on our school website, via text message and the Bristol City Council website.

Year 5 Viking Dragons

Our Viking Day dragons were fired this week and have now gone home. Year 5 are very proud of them!

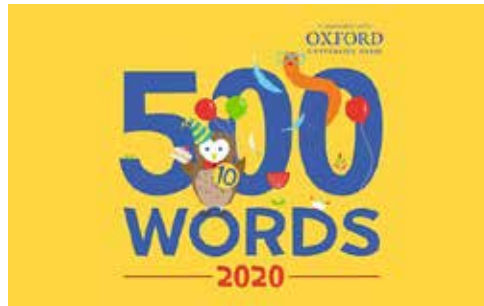


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The 500 Word Story Competition



Yesterday Zoe Ball launched the 10th 500 Word story writing competition. This year the winning writers will have their stories read at Buckingham Palace.

Mr Campbell led an assembly on Tuesday morning to tell the children about the competition. They were treated to David Walliams reading 'The Poo Fairy' by one of the 2019 winners. It was a very entertaining story and certainly engaged the school community.

If your child/ren would like to enter details can be found on the BBC 2 website. Children from Year 1 upwards can enter. Details of how you can enter and how to send the stories is on the website. This is not a competition that is being run in school but we wanted to share details in the hope some of our children will be inspired to write in their own time.

If the children have any questions about entering they can of course ask their class teacher or Mrs Richardson who will happily help with ideas and details for entering.

It would be lovely to have some Christ Church entries this year.

Yr 6 Dodgeball Festival

On Wednesday, a team of Year 6 pupils represented Christ Church in the beautiful art of dodgeball; they did this in style and with passion, demonstrating great cooperation and sportsmanship. After winning their group, they qualified for the finals. This was where the matches became tough. This did not stop the team from putting in that effort, resilience and for continuing to have fun. Bronze place was a super achievement for the Christ Church Kangaroos.



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Yr 1 Meerkat Mail

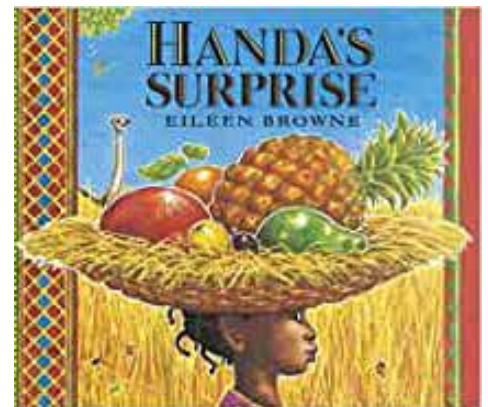


Year 1 found some mysterious animal footprints and trails of sand in the playground. We followed them and they led us to a meerkat! We tried to guess where it had come from... It was Sunny from our story Meerkat Mail. He'd come all the way from the Kalahari Desert.



Yr 1 Handa's Surprise

This term year one have been bringing show and tell items which link to our topic 'Africa'. The book Handa's Surprise by Eileen Browne was brought in this week for the class to share. The story is set in Kenya. Handa, who is the main character takes a selection of native fruits to her friend Akeyo who lives in a nearby village. 1CB had the opportunity to sample some of these fruits during show and tell. We all enjoyed the mango and pineapple but the passion fruit and avocado divided opinion!



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Couronne des Rois



As mentioned in the last newsletter, the children of Christ Church really enjoyed the French traditions of the Couronne des Rois this week. They made crowns, played special games and ate brioche. Some children were very lucky to find the 'royal' raisin (Rosie's words in Y6) in their slice of brioche and became king or queen of their class consequently! Here are their photos:



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PTA news:



Curry & Party Night

Friday 7th February, 7.30pm - Midnight

Welcome Drink

Food by the Curry Dad's

Bar-Entertainment-Disco

Buy your tickets by Fri 31st Jan (£18pp),

AC Name: Christ Church PTA,

Ac no: 22086268, SC: 30-99-08



Postponed from December – we hope that lots of you can make the new date. If you have already paid and can't make it, please contact Josey Bentley for a refund - joseybentley@gmail.com

Dates for your diaries - up and coming events:

School Disco (for children)	Friday 28th February
Quiz Night	Friday 20th March
Summer Fair	Sunday 17th May
Mile of Pennies	Thursday 4th or 11th June
CampFest	Friday 10th to Sunday 12th July

Christ Church news:

Cakes Bakes and Faith -
18th January from 7pm -

event for Tearfund



Clifton Local news:

St Georges Bristol have 2 great performances for children coming up: (see www.stgeorgesbristol.co.uk)

Wed 19 Feb, 10.45am - Wild Words: Mona & The Whale- exciting original show exploring environmental issues with the help of live music

Sun 23 Feb, 10.15am and 2pm - Mini Beasts: Super Strings! Children can listen to the Bristol Ensemble orchestra and then get involved with art and music **activities**

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Letters home this week:

Yr 3/4 Sportshall Athletics google form

Yr 6 Dodgeball google form



Together We Learn

Reminders:

Please remember to pre book lunches on ParentPay.

Please let the school office know of any changes to address, tel numbers, emails or medical requirements.

Please remember to log into ParentPay to consent/contribute for school trips.

Year 5 Spring Camp – payments/instalments reminder:-

16th Dec 2019	-	£70 Deposit
20th Jan 2020	-	£60
10th Feb 2020	-	£60 (final instalment)

Year 6 Summer Camp – payments/instalments reminder:-

16th Dec 2019	-	£75 Deposit
20th Jan 2020	-	£70
10th Feb 2020	-	£70
16th March 2020-		£70
27th April 2020	-	£70 (final instalment)

Term 3 2020 Dates

January:

Mon 20th	Yr 4 Indoor Sportshall Athletics, Ashton Park Secondary School, 3-4.45pm
Thurs 23rd	Yr 2 Drama Workshop in school Yr 5/6 Boys Football League, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm 3TC Tea Afternoon
Mon 27th	Yr 2 African Drumming workshop in school
Weds 29th	Yr 5 Lego Robotics workshop – all day in school
Thurs 30th	Yr 3/4 Boys Football, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm 3HR Tea Afternoon

February:

Mon 3rd	Local History Focus week (every afternoon this week) Yr 1 Trip to Bristol Zoo
Thurs 6th	Yr 6 Trip to John Wesley's Chapel & New Room Yr 3/4 Boys Football, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm 1AN Tea Afternoon
Fri 7th	Yr 2 Trip to the George Müller Museum PTA Curry & Party Night, 7.30pm at school, see posters around school
Thurs 13th	Yr 3/4 Boys Football, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm 6CE Tea Afternoon
Fri 14th	Term 3 ends

Parents evenings will be Weds 18th and Thurs 19th March (Term 4)

INSET & ACADEMY DAYS:

Friday 22nd May 2020

Mon 20th July 2020

One further day to be arranged