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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 5: 5th October 2018



Message from Mrs Jones:

The sun shone, the children stretched and then they were off! It was a fantastic morning for our PTA fun run last Saturday. The conditions could not have been better and the children supplied the energy and enthusiasm. Our PTA provided such a well organised and happy event which has hopefully raised some invaluable funds for our school. There is a box at the school office for the sponsorship money that has been gathered (please return by Fri 12th Oct). A huge thank you to Kate, Lida, Fiona and Charlotte and their team, as well as Clifton College for their warm welcome and support. Local businesses East Village and Boston tea party gave generously for the refreshment stall.

We have a great list of parents who have agreed to be class reps for this school year and it is very encouraging to have this support as we plan the events for the year ahead. Do come along to the **PTA AGM on Wednesday, 10th October at 7.30pm at school**. It a great way to meet other parents and show your support for the marvellous work our PTA do.

School and Eco Councils

Each class will be electing their representatives next week for these two councils so have a think over the weekend what you could offer your class and our school and challenge yourself to stand for election. Mr Campbell will also be looking to appoint our Year 6 Sports captains and Year 5 playleaders.

Parents Evenings

Appointment request slips should now have been returned, the teachers will allocate appointments and inform you via bookbags next Thursday of the confirmed time.

Attendance and Punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are essential life skills to learn. Our school, alongside all schools in Bristol and nationally, will be joining the drive to ensure our children receive their statutory entitlement to attend school every day. Bristol City Council is launching their attendance policy and our school is attending the training and dissemination of this. Once we are in a position to share this with you we will, but in the meantime please ensure your children are attending school unless for an authorised reason such as illness. If your child regularly arrives late in the morning you will be receiving a letter home shortly to address this with you. Lateness is disrupting to the start of the day when other children have begun their learning.

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PTA AGM

You are all invited to a **PTA social (and brief AGM) next Wednesday 10th October, 7.30pm at school.**



Please come along and have a drink with old friends and new. No obligation - just a chance to find out more about the PTA at Christ Church followed by a brief meeting to cover 'the official bits'.

Last year the PTA raised over £11,000 to enrich the education of our children at Christ Church. We were able to fund buses for school trips, exciting ICT resources and a fantastic mud kitchen for the younger children - thank you to all of you who came to support the events.

To build on this success we are always looking for enthusiastic helpers to offer as little or as much time as they can. We are also looking for people to be put forward as a nominee for the role of vice-treasurer. If you, or anyone you know would be able to spare some time keeping our accounts in order then please email c_woodmansmith@yahoo.co.uk before Wednesday.

**GET INVOLVED!
MAKE A DIFFERENCE!!**



Yr 6 and Reception Buddies

There was massive excitement in Year 6 and Reception this week as the oldest and youngest children in school met together to find out who their buddy for the year was going to be.

Year 6 had spent time writing beautiful, friendly letters to Reception to tell them about the school and to reassure them that they would help them settle in.

They even remembered to write in question prompts so they could find out information about their child. We had a brilliant afternoon sharing letters, games, play and languages and we are looking forward to continuing the buddy relationship all year long.



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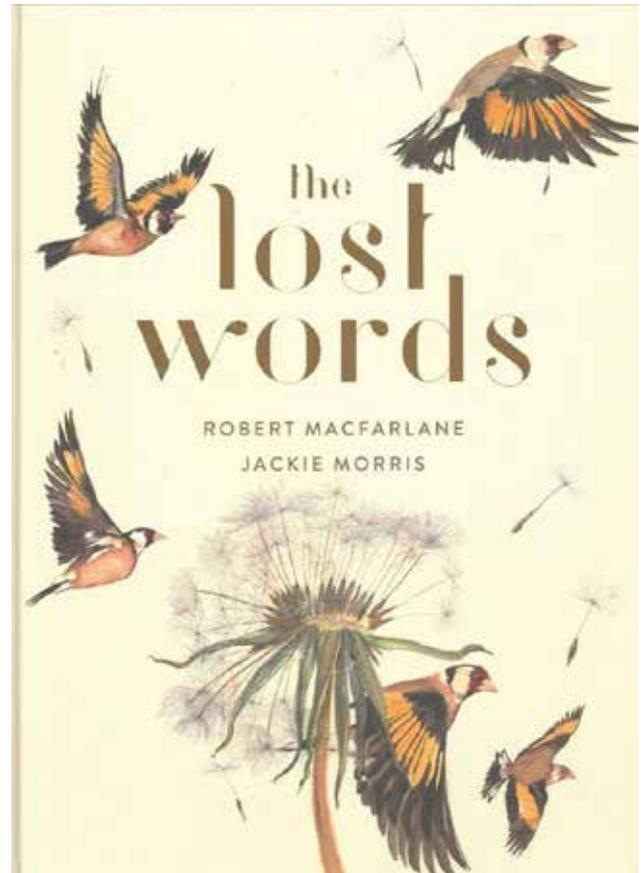
National Poetry Day

On Thursday 4th October the whole school community came together to celebrate National Poetry Day. Mr Gasgoyne, Mr Eades, Mrs Derrington, Mrs Brown and Mrs Fowler shared some of their favourite poems. We ended with a video clip of Michael Rosen reading "Chocolate Cake". This poem is definitely a Christ Church favourite and the room was full of smiles and laughter throughout the assembly!

As part of our celebration of National Poetry Day the whole school is using a book called "**The Lost Words**". Written by Robert Macfarlane and illustrated by Jackie Morris. The book was inspired by the decision to remove 'fifty' nature words from the Oxford Junior dictionary to make way for mainly transitory, computer-based words such as 'broadband' and 'chatroom'.

The children and adults in school have been inspired by the book and each class is using the book or parts of it to inspire both writing and art work. We look forward to what will be produced by our talented children and over the next few weeks we will share some of this work with you.

Next week we will also share some reviews of "**The Lost Words**" from our Librarians.



How to support with Spelling

We often hear parents asking how they can support with spelling at home and about how to make it more interesting. Below are a few ideas that you could try to support spellings at home.

"Look, Cover, Write and Check" is still a great way of supporting spelling. A blank sheet you can download and print is on our school website on the Literacy page.

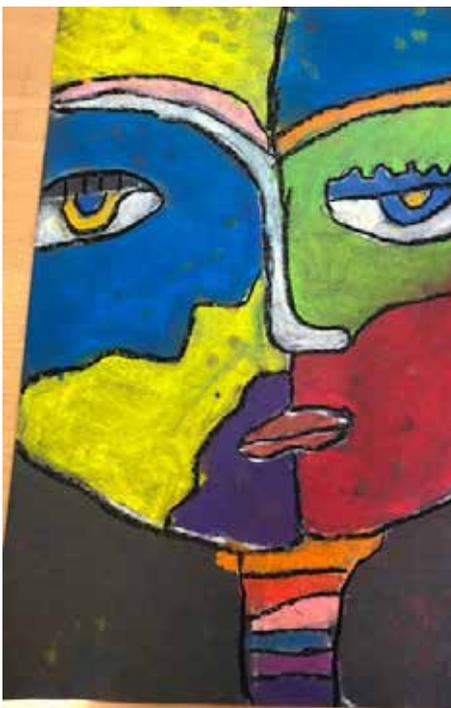
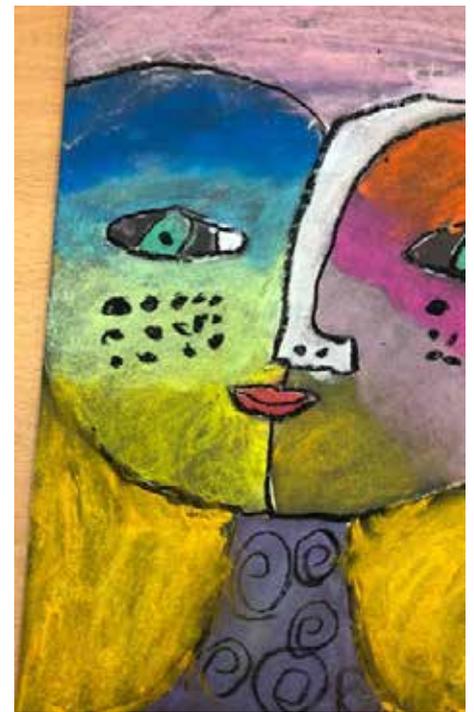
Drawing a doodle on the page and getting children to write their spellings as many times as they can in 1 minute is a fun way of practising the spellings.

Squeebles Spelling is a great App that allows spelling lists to be set by parents/carers. It is great for when you are on the move and great for children who need to hear and see a word when they are learning spellings. Your weekly support with spelling is greatly appreciated and children benefit from short, regular slots to revisit the spellings ready for their weekly test.

Don't forget if you ever miss the spellings on a Friday the term's spellings for each class are on the class pages of the website.

Yr 5 Abstract Art

This term Year 5 have been studying abstract art, in particular the work of Pablo Picasso and Joan Miro. This week the children worked in chalk and oil pastel to create abstract faces. Next Monday they will use card and paper sculpting techniques to make sculptures of their drawings.



Yr 5/6 Rugby

The sun just keeps shining on the Yr 5&6 Tag Rugby League at Broad Plain Rugby Grounds! And our teams just keep running and scoring! Friday morning breakfast Rugby Club is obviously paying off as the improvement in our children in the last few weeks has been amazing to see. This week we scored 5 wins and 1 draw. Let's hope it might be good enough for that Final! Well done children, you are doing Christ Church proud!



School car park - not for drop off and pick up:

Please do not use the school car park for drop off or pick up; it is a private car park for school use only. Driving in and out at drop off or pick up endangers children entering or leaving school in the same part of the school site. Thank you for your support.



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

Year 6 author visit

Reminders:

Year 2 Slimbridge Trip – Thurs 11 Oct - If you haven't already logged in to ParentPay to give you consent please do so ASAP. We can still accept school packed lunch orders via ParentPay until 10am Monday 8th October.

Reception and Year 1 Yoga - Payment Reminder for yoga to start week of 15th October. Please log on to ParentPay for contribution to enable the yoga workshops to take place.

Term 1 & 2, 2018 Dates

Term 1:

October:

Mon 8th	Yr 5/6 Rugby League, Broad Plain Rugby Club, 4-5.45pm
Weds 10th	PTA social, 7.30pm at school
Thurs 11th	Yr2 Trip to Slimbridge RVG & RRP Tea Afternoon
Mon 15th	Reception Yoga starts (weekly session until 3rd Dec) Yr 5/6 Rugby League, Broad Plain Rugby Club, 4-5.45pm (only if reach finals)
Thurs 18th	KS2 Swimming Gala, Hengrove Leisure Centre, through school day 5WB Tea Afternoon
Thurs 25th	Harvest Celebration at the Church, 10am, all welcome 2KF Tea Afternoon
Fri 26th	End of Term 1

Mon 29th Oct - Fri 2nd Nov HALF TERM

Term 2:

November:

Mon 5th	Term starts
Weds 7th	Parents eve - 7pm
Thurs 8th	Parents eve - 5.30pm
Tues 13th	Flu vaccinations R-Yr5
Weds 14th	Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Thurs 15th	Sept 2019 Reception intake tour, 9.30am & 5.30pm
Fri 16th	Children in need
Weds 21st	Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Thurs 22nd	Sept 2019 Reception intake tour, 9.30am
Weds 28th	Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm

December:

Weds 5th	Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Fri 7th	Yr 5 Cathedral
Thurs 20th	Christmas Church Service, 10 am all welcome
Fri 21st	End of Term 2