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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 25: 13th April 2018

Message from Mrs Jones:

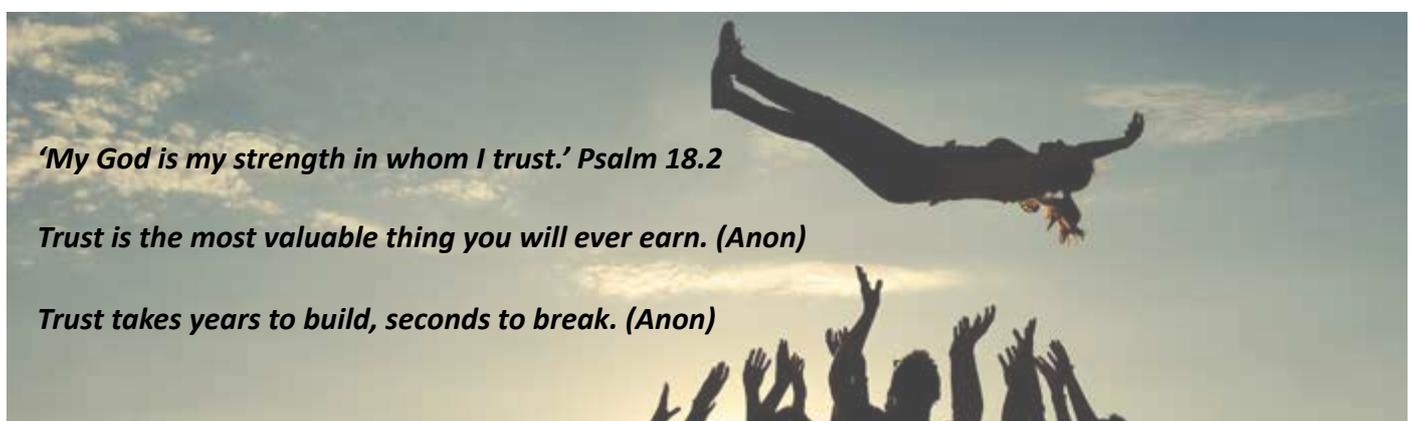
Welcome back to term 5 - the Summer term, but let's enjoy Spring first! Year 5 have been away for their 3 day residential camp at Kilve Court. Take a look at the experiences they had by following the link on the homepage of our website. The children report 'it was all amazing.' A huge thank you to the staff who supported the children to ensure a successful and enjoyable camp. In turn the teachers report the children were a pleasure to be with. It was a great way to welcome Miss Bradley to the Year 5 team and for her to get to know her class.

Year 3 and 4 held their mini-concert yesterday to share their musical talents. It was an extensive programme and the appreciation of the whole school was clear to see as everyone listened respectfully. Thank you to the children who had prepared a piece to perform and to Mrs Ford for organising the opportunity.

The curriculum newsletters are on the class pages of our website and have been emailed. Year 6 parents are invited to an informal meeting to outline the SATs programme on 23rd April at 9am. As always attendance every day is key to successful learning for all. Absence will be unauthorised unless for an unavoidable reason e.g. illness. Every class will be undertaking teacher assessments at some point to inform our summative assessment data. The teachers work hard to plan an exciting and richly varied curriculum.

'Left to their own devices' talk by Katharine Hill is at school on Thursday, 19th April at 7.30pm. Please respond to the email via ParentPay to indicate your attendance.

We are focussing this term on our school value of co-operation and this week we have been reflecting upon trust. The children were able to think about the people in whom they trust to support them when needed.



'My God is my strength in whom I trust.' Psalm 18.2

Trust is the most valuable thing you will ever earn. (Anon)

Trust takes years to build, seconds to break. (Anon)

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Have a think about when have you been relied upon to not let others down

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Kilve Yr 5 Camp Diary

Court outdoor learning



Monday 9th April - Day One

An excited fervour buzzed around as we boarded the bus earlier this morning. The bus driver admitted he'd never seen so much luggage but we persuaded him that all the wellies and walking boots were necessary and, as it turns out, they have most definitely been put to good use!

The journey was smooth and the children enjoyed games of "eye spy" or spotting animals in the beautiful green fields of Somerset as we approached Kilve. The friendly introduction from the Kilve Court staff saw the children listening very carefully as they eagerly awaited the dorm list. Once again, the excitement levels rose and the smiles got even bigger as they found their luggage, found their friends and set off upstairs to make their beds and to unpack.

After a hearty lunch of chicken burger, jacket potatoes or various salads, it was time to get ready for the afternoon's activities. Archery; grass sledging; mountain biking; climbing and team building exercises kept us all busy and the rain most certainly didn't stop us. We had some very wet and muddy children coming back in for their snacks at the end of the afternoon, but all were chatting happily because they'd enjoyed their activities and the mini competitions within them.

As the familiar "I'm tired" phrases started to become common parlance, it seemed that the down-time in dorms was very welcome. Kilve Court became unusually quiet around 5pm. On inspection, the children were busy playing games in their rooms, reading, unpacking or simply enjoying the company of their friends.

The noise levels soon rose again in the dining hall as vegetable lasagne and cottage pie were devoured and talk of the evening's activity began. A walk around the grounds followed by an energetic session in the maze should see some very tired children heading to bed around 9pm.



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Tuesday 10th April - Day Two

Silence finally descended on Kilve Court around midnight last night and the dawn chorus of Christ Church chatter began a few hours later. Sleepy, but nevertheless raring to go, the children got themselves ready in plenty of time and headed down to the breakfast hall. There, waiting for them, was a vast array of cereal; toast; jams; juices and hot options including scrambled eggs and hash browns. Yes, some children had a three course breakfast.

All kitted out with waterproof coats and trousers, the morning activities began with a flourish. Some children headed off to the beach for rock pooling and fossil finding, while others stayed on site and honed their archery skills; climbing skills and mountain biking technique.

Another tasty lunch under their belts - literally - and the children were ready to test their team building skills for the afternoon. Problems were discussed diligently and solved superbly, even if it took a few instances of trial and error!

Showers aplenty during downtime to remove the mountains of mud on shins, faces and fingers followed by yet another hearty meal will prepare the children for the evening's orienteering activity and hopefully a good night's sleep!



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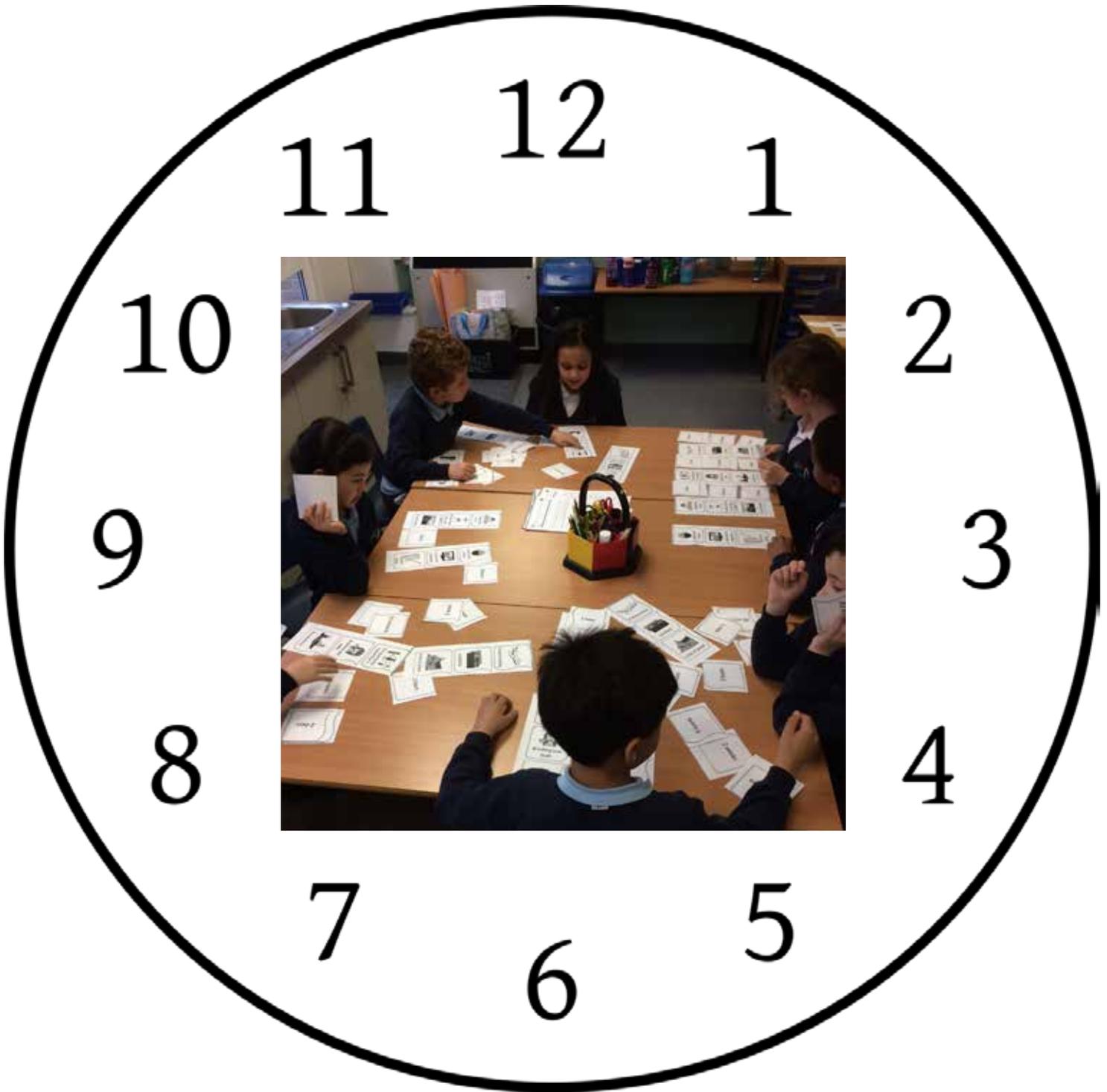
Yr 5&6 Girls Football

Our Year 5/6 footballers competed in the first of three sessions at Bristol South Sports Centre on Thursday, pulling on our royal blue kits to represent Christ Church. Despite both teams losing their opening matches, the heads didn't drop and they battled with pride and passion to earn draws and victories in their matches. I am looking forward to next week to see even more progress. Well done girls.'



Time for Yr 2!

Year 2 have been thinking about the concept of time and how long it takes to do activities. They enjoyed matching cards and debating how long it takes to travel to the moon vs sailing to America!



Yr 5 Cookery

As part of their Food Topic, Yr 5 had a fantastic cookery workshop today with Sara from 'Live, Learn, cook'. Exploring key skills of 'grating and chopping', they have made Cheesy Colcannon Croquettes and Coleslaw. Yum!



Invitations

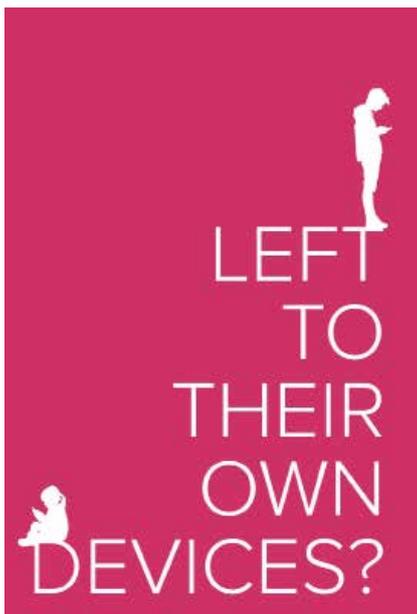


Year 5 and KS2 choir Christ Church Choir and Clifton College choir are teaming up for another year in the summer term to sing a fantastic concert full of rousing pop songs. The date of the concert is:

Tues 24th April, Clifton College chapel, concert 6.30-7.30pm, drinks from 5.15pm

Please book your seats online (link has been sent out via email). Please speak / see Georgina in the school office if you have any queries / troubles booking.

April 23rd 1:30 – 3:00 Rehearsal at Clifton College.
Returning to school for pickup.



Katharine Hill, author of "Left to Their Own Devices".

Thursday 19th April, 7.30pm at School

to book a place, please fill in survey attached to email sent out, or speak to school office

PTA News

Save the date - Friday 18th May at school - **PTA Race / Auction Night**, - book the babysitter, bring a friend!

More information to follow in next week's newsletter

Letters home

Year 6 SAT's timetable & info (via email)

Whole School – Left to their own devices (via email – sign up link)

Reception trip to Clifton College Activity Centre (via email)



Reminders

All school meals **MUST** be prebooked by parents/carers. Meals can only be booked if there are sufficient funds on the account.

Please ensure your email address is up to date on your ParentPay account for the purposes of receiving school correspondence.

Term 5, 2018 Dates

April:

Mon 17th	RRP to Pizza Express RVG Spiny Lobster workshop in school
Thurs 19th	4AF Class Assembly, 9.10am Reception Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip Yr 3 Warburtons workshop in school 5WB Tea Afternoon 'Left to their own devices' talk in school, 7.30pm
Fri 20th	Yr 3 Warburtons workshop in school
Mon 23rd	Clifton College Concert rehearsal, 1.30-3pm
Tues 24th	RRP Spiny Lobster workshop in school Yr 5 & KS2 concert at Clifton College, evening
Thurs 26th	Yr 4 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip 6ED Tea Afternoon

May:

Tues 1st May	RVG visit to Pizza Express
Thurs 3rd	Yr 5 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip RVG Tea Afternoon
Mon 7th	Bank holiday - school closed
Thurs 10th	Yr 2 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip RRP Tea Afternoon
Mon 14th-Fri 18th	Y6 SATS week
Weds 16th May	Yr 5 Ancient Greek Day
Thurs 17th	Yr 3 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip 1ZH Tea Afternoon
Fri 18th	PTA Race Night
Tues 22nd May	Yr 6 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip
Thurs 24th	Yr 1 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip Y6 Police workshop 2KF Tea Afternoon
Fri 25th	Last day of term 5 INSET - children not in school

INSET days - Mon 23rd, Tues 24th July (children not in school)

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