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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 21: 23rd February 2018

Message from Mrs Jones:

Welcome back to Term 4 - a short term until Easter. There is a lot to achieve so please find attached the curriculum newsletters, and spellings will be on the class pages of our website. There are a few reminders and events to look forward to, detailed within this newsletter.

Please return the parents evening appointment request forms to class teachers by Tuesday 27th February and appointment times will come home via book bags on Friday 2nd March.

Disco fever filled the air today in school. A huge thank you to our PTA for organising this for our children. We will write a report for next week.

As we start the term we begin with **'Peace be with you'**, a greeting shared by many religions. Our assembly and worship theme for this term is **Peace**. As we are in the time of Lent in the Christian Calendar we will be thinking about the story of Easter. Some people try to give up something during this period of 40 days. We are also trying some mindfulness activities which your children maybe talking about at home; we will give more information about these once we have had a go!



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Yr 4 Clowns & Circuitry



In year 4, our circus themed book from last term, *Leon and the Place Between*, inspired us to combine our science knowledge of electrical circuits with our love of all things circus, and make clown faces with light up noses and spinning bowties. We had a great time doing it and showed fantastic problem solving skills, team work, and creativity in the process. Well done year 4, these are fabulous!!!



Yr 3&4 Football

Last night (Thursday 22nd Feb) our Year 4 footballers - with the support of a small group of Year 3s - pulled on the blue Christ Church tops to represent the school; they did this with pride, skill and sportsmanship. Their attitude and behaviour was superb. The league will continue next Thursday.

Special thanks to family and friends who helped with transport and who braved the icy conditions to cheer on the teams. Furthermore, thanks to Mr Curry for giving up his time, and to Mrs Brown for her support too.



2KH Assembly - Lila and The Secret of the Rain

2KH's class assembly took everyone on a journey to Kenya. They shared wonderful work about the similarities and differences between Britain and Kenya, retold the story of Lila and the Secret of Rain and even shared stories they had written themselves. Their enthusiasm for their recent topic was evident in the vast amount of facts they were able to share with their audience. The assembly concluded with a fabulous African song. Well done 2KH!



Yr 5 & 6 Netball

Our Year 5/6 netballers had the opportunity to take part in a superb coaching session at Ashton Park Secondary School on Tuesday. They then played a short friendly, winning 1-0 with a late point to seal their first win. There will be lots more competitive matches in the coming weeks, where our players can put their skills into action. Thanks to Georgina for coming along to help out and getting involved in the coaching session. Thanks also to family and friends for your support.



Yr 5 Chinese New Year



To start Year 5's DT topic of food - culture and seasonality - Rory's mum came in on Tuesday to talk to Year 5 about Chinese New Year.

Year 5 found out more about the traditions of Chinese New Year and why Chinese New Year is celebrated with fantastic firecrackers and exciting lion dances. They learnt about the preparations for Chinese New Year and also about the traditional types of food eaten at New Year. The colour red symbolises good luck and happiness and red envelopes containing money are given to children. Rory's mum gave all the Year 5 children red envelopes with a chocolate coin. Rory and his mum showed everyone how to use chopsticks and everyone was also treated to a delicious bowl of noodles and a spring roll. During the afternoon Year 5 also learnt which animal they were in the Chinese zodiac. As 2018 is the year of the Dog they made their own paper dogs and wrote the word dog on its coat. They also wrote their names in Chinese.



Next Tuesday they will be learning all about the history of shortbread and using Alex's granny's recipe to bake their own. What a great DT topic!





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 in the evening - Letter to follow with details

We will be sending letters home and reminder emails in good time to secure tickets for the show and with important details, but in advance, here are the dates for the rehearsals and the concert itself.

February 26th 1:30 – 3:00 Rehearsal at Clifton College. Returning to school for pickup.

March 16th 1:30 – 3:00 Rehearsal at Christ Church with all of Clifton College choir

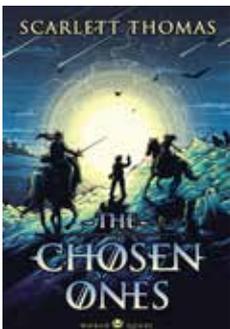
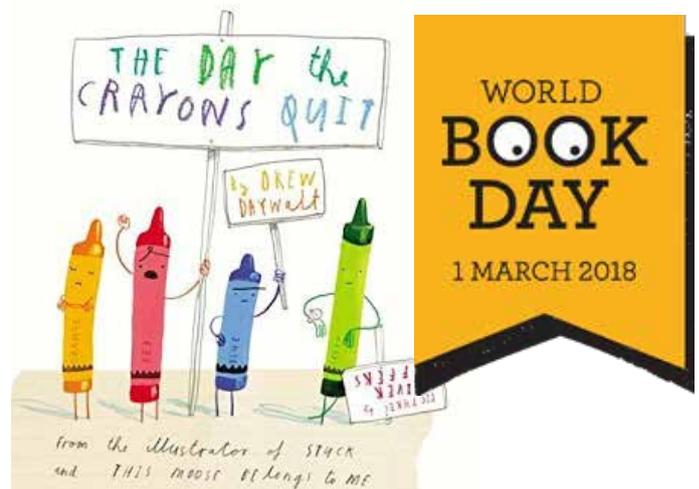
April 23rd 1:30 – 3:00 Rehearsal at Clifton College. Returning to school for pickup.



World Book Day - Thurs 1st March

We are going to celebrate World Book Day this year with a whole focus on the picture book **“The Day the Crayons Quit”**. Written by Drew Daywalt and illustrated by Oliver Jeffers.

As part of the World Book Day celebration the children are invited to come to school dressed in **colours of the crayons** (red, purple, beige, grey, white, black, green, yellow, orange, blue, pink & peach) from the story. If they wish to be creative and dress up as a crayon this is of course most welcome!



Exciting news in 6ED

We have been invited by Cannongate Publishing in London to become reviewers for Scarlett Thomas' latest book 'The Chosen Ones.'

We first met Scarlett at an author workshop that we hosted in Christ Church earlier this year and she was so impressed by the childrens enthusiasm and engagement that she has invited then to submit reviews for her new book and , if chosen, they will appear on the publicity material, online or maybe even on the book itself!! Watch this space!

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Invitations



Katharine Hill, author of “Left to Their Own Devices”.

Based on her latest book, she will explore the impact the digital age has on our children, giving practical advice on screen time, social media, and consumer culture as well as how to tackle some of our serious current online issues.

Katharine has worked for the charity, Care for the Family, for over 20 years; she is an international speaker and a regular guest on radio and television programmes.

Come and hear Katharine speak on **Thursday 1st March at school**. Refreshments from **7.30pm** with a chance to ask any questions you may have later.

Book in with school office by Monday 26th Feb

PTA Quiz Night, Friday 9th March, 7.30pm, School Hall

Book your places (booking forms sent home with the children on Weds 21 Feb) for a chance to beat the teachers at the annual PTA quiz.

Max team of 8 or just join a team on the night.

Dazzle the other teams with your knowledge... sports, music, lateral thinking, SATS tests and more!

Entry costs **£7.50** a person which includes a deli platter and prize for the winning team. The event will be ticketless but pls complete booking form to reserve your place. You can pay by the following methods:

1. Electronic transfer to CCSA, Lloyds Bank, 30-99-08, 22086268, ref: family name
2. Cheque at the office payable to CCSA
3. Cash at the office – correct amount in an envelope please!!

Letters home

Left to their own devices booking letter
PTA Quiz booking form
Parent/Carer Meeting Invite
Year 4 Bath Trip

Reminders - please no 'Natural' cereal bars for snack as many of these have nuts

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Term 4 & 5, 2018 Dates

February:

Monday 26th Feb

AiP lunch special - Pizza Party

Tuesday 27th Feb

Parents Evening slip returned deadline

Yr 5&6 Netball League, Ashton Park School, 4-5.30pm

March:

Thur 1st Mar

'Left to their own devices' talk, 7.30pm at school

World book day, theme - 'The Day the Crayons Quit'

6CE tea afternoon

Yr 3 & 4 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4-5.30pm

Tues 6th Mar

Yr 5 & 6 Hockey Tournament, Merchants Academy, during school day

Yr 5&6 Netball League, Ashton Park School, 4-5.30pm

Thurs 8th Mar

Yr 5 camp meeting, 3.30pm

1ZH Class Assembly, 9.10am

Yr 2 Gym competition, Bristol Gymnastics Centre, 12.30-3.45pm, pick up TBC

Yr 3 & 4 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4-5.30pm

1AS tea afternoon

Fri 9th Mar

Yr 3 Triathlon (8 children), Clifton College, during school day

Yr 4 Football tournament, Clifton High School, 1.30-4pm, pick up from Coombe Dingle

PTA Quiz night, 7.30pm at school

Mon 12th Mar

Yr 4 Roman Baths Trip

Tues 13th Mar

Yr 5&6 Netball League, Ashton Park School, 4-5.30pm

Yr 5 & 6 Swimming Gala

Weds 14th Mar

EYFS reading meeting, 9am

Parents evening, 3.30-7pm

PTA meeting, 7.30pm, venue TBC

Thurs 15th Mar

Parents evening, 3.30-5.30pm

Yr 3 & 4 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4-5.30pm

2KH tea afternoon

Tues 20th Mar

EYFS learning diary drop in, 8.45am

Yr 5&6 Netball League, Ashton Park School, 4-5.30pm

Weds 21st Mar

Y4 Roman Day

Y6 WW2 day

EYFS Maths meeting, 9am

Thurs 22nd Mar

Easter service at the Church, 10am, all welcome

Yr 3 & 4 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4-5.30pm

3KA tea afternoon

Fri 23rd Mar

Sport Relief

AiP Smoothie Bike

End of Term 4

Term 5 starts on Monday 9th April

Year 5 camp 9-11th April

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

Academy day - Fri 25th May (school data day - children not in school)