



Excellence Confidence Enriched Nurtured Happy

Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 19: 2nd February 2018

Message from Mrs. Jones:

This week has seen a super moon, lighter evenings until 5pm and crocuses are peeping up around our school site. It's probably too early to say Spring is on the way but it is good to see a hint of it.

In assembly on Monday we enjoyed the classic tale of The Elves and the Shoemaker. We were thinking about how others touch our lives and can bring joy and happiness. The children gave lots of examples about how their friends and family members do this. The children were all challenged to try to give joy and happiness to others without asking for anything in return.

'But the fruit of the spirit is joy' Galatians 5.22

'No joy can equal the joy of serving others,' Sai Baba

I promise that I will do my best, to be true to myself and develop my beliefs, to serve the Queen and my community, to help other people and to keep the (Brownie) Guide Law.

Cub Scouts always do their best think of others before themselves and do a good turn every day, the Cub Scout Law

Year 2 have been thinking about taking care of our garden birds. You may have spotted the feeding station to the edge of the games court. Perhaps have a think about feeding the birds that may visit your garden or a space near your home. The RSPB have lots of ideas on their website.

The first prayer group met at Jacobs Wells room within Christ Church on Wednesday at 9am. If you have anything or anyone you would like to pray for please send a message via the school office or drop in to complete a confidential request for prayer slip. This is an informal group so anyone is welcome to join any Wednesday during term time.

On Thursday we hosted our first NW24 Schools Collaborative event - the Great Bake Off - at Christ Church School. It was fantastic to see children from 10 different schools across North West Bristol come together baking, designing cake boxes, and trying each other's different flavoured biscuits!



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NW24 Bake Off

Ready

Set ...

Bake!

On Thursday morning we (Beth and Alex) went to a fantastic baking competition. First we went into the activity hall to wait for the other schools from NW24 to arrive. When they had all arrived, we went into the practical room to get ready to bake. We got to pick two special ingredients to include in our biscuits; we chose peppermint extract and choc-chips! We faced three problems whilst we were baking:

- 1) When we were rolling out the dough it went all sticky.
- 2) We struggled to separate the egg yolk from the egg white.
- 3) We forgot to sift the flour.



But we managed eventually to make 17 super scrummy biscuits. After we finished and had done the washing up, we took the biscuits to the kitchen to be cooked. Then we went back to the activity hall to design our biscuit boxes. A lady from a bakery came to judge our biscuits. After we finished our boxes and put our biscuits in them, we took it in turns to come up and present our biscuits and flavour combinations to the other schools and the judges. We let her taste them and then waited to hear who won. Sadly, we weren't the winners but it didn't matter because it was still really fun! Finally, we said goodbye to the other schools and made sure that they took their biscuits back with them.



Thank you so much to Amy from Anna Cake Couture in Clifton Village for supporting us all day and being our expect Bake Off Judge!

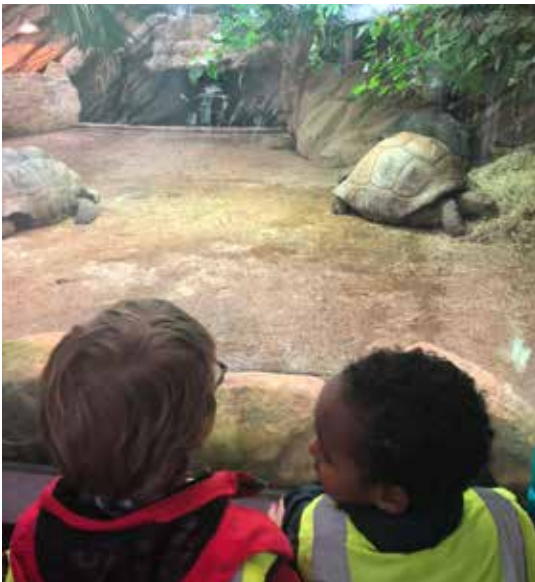
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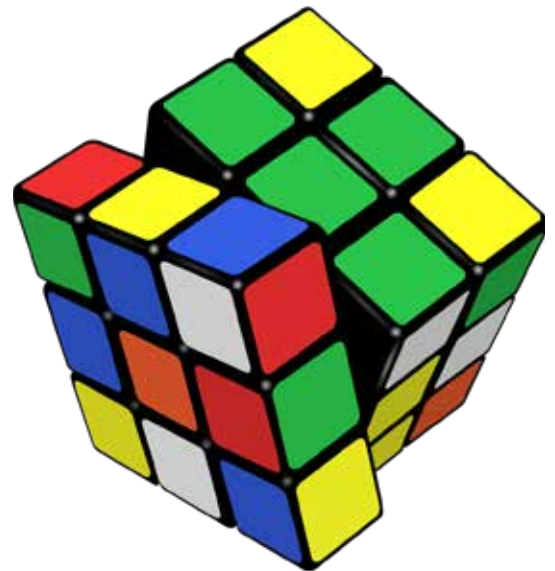
Reception Zoo Visit

As part of our learning about meerkats based around our Power of Reading book 'Meerkat Mail' the Year 1 children headed to the zoo to get a closer look at the characters from our story. First we were able to spend some time looking around the zoo and seeing which different creatures we could spot. Our favourites were the baby gorillas, the lions, the giant tortoises and of course the stars of the show were the adorable meerkats. We also took part in an educational workshop where we learnt about animal habitats and how creatures have adapted to survive in different environments. We also found out more about the mongoose family that Sunny visits in the book and where in the world they live!



Yr 6 Red Cross

Year 6 had a visit from a representative of the Red Cross on Monday. Ben came in to remind children of the ways that they could help with basic first aid and assistance if they were witnesses to an accident. The children worked sensibly and respectfully as they discussed various scenarios and then role played helping the victim of an accident. This activity built on the work that we undertook at the Create Centre last year and was a useful reminder to us all of how to stay calm and focused in the face of an accident.



Rubix

There is a Rubik's cube craze sweeping the school at the moment which some of the teachers are old enough to be remembering the first time around!

They are proving to be excellent for fostering the children's problem solving and thinking skills as well as encouraging collaboration and peer guidance. Long may it last!



5WB Class Assembly

5WB presented their learning during their class assembly this week. Their theme was "Languages". They started off by telling the story of the Hungry Caterpillar in French (La Chenille qui fait des trous); sang a French song about the days of the week (and encouraged us all to join in!) and then read their fantastic writing which was a story based on "The Lost Thing" by Shaun Tan. The assembly ended with the Lord's Prayer, which they said and signed using British Sign Language. Well done 5WB!



La Fête des Rois on Thursday 24th January was a success. The 2KF cake stand was very busy and the children who became king or queen were very excited. Thank you especially to 2KF parents for bringing beautiful cakes.

La Fete des Rois, 2KF cake sale



2KF making crowns

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Yr 5&6 Football competition



Well done to the Year 5 football teams who competed in ARCTIC conditions at the South Bristol Sports Centre on Thursday night. The Year 5 boys have impressed us with their team spirit, good sportsmanship and commitment and passion for football during this term. They may not have won the tournament, but they have won our admiration and we are sure they will be even more successful when they play as Year 6s next year.

PTA news:

School Disco - Friday 23rd February
Reception & KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm, KS2 5-6pm
Slips & £3 to box at school office by Fri 9th Feb

Quiz night - 9th March



Invitations



Do you worry about the effect screen time has on your child? Does the phrase, "Everyone else is allowed more screen time than me", ring any bells? Have you read the scare stories in the press about the negative impact of social media on teenagers?

If so, you are not alone!

We would like to invite all parents (Reception to Year 6) to an evening at the school with

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 in the school hall**. Refreshments from **7.30pm** with a chance to ask any questions you may have later.

RSVP the school office - christ.church.p@bristol-schools.uk



Parents Praying for School

All parents/grand-parents welcome, no commitment. Open to all! Wednesdays term time: meet Helena by the gate on Royal Park 9am or at Jacobs Well within Christ Church at 9.05, finish @ 9:30am

Further info : helena.whitwell@gmail.com

Christ Church Community Choir Welcomes New Members

Do you like singing along to the radio? Or in the shower? Then you are just who we're looking for!

Come along and join us in the Christ Church Community Choir. We are a group of parents, carers and teachers who meet once a week straight after to school to sing for the joy of singing. No auditions, no pressure, just fun. Come along on Tuesdays 3.30-4.00pm, in the KS1 zone. Don't be shy.

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Reminders

If your child is not in school please remember to call the school office absence line to inform us where they are and the reason for their absence.

Please remember to pre-book your child/ren's lunch on ParentPay. The kitchen cannot provide meals to children who are not pre-booked and pre-paid for lunch
Thank you

Letters home

School disco

Year 5 Football League – final game

Year 6 Football League – final game info

Year 2 Dance Festival – permission slip & costume info

Term 3&4 2018 Dates

Term 3:

February:

Tues 6th	Yr 2 Dance Festival, Ashton Park School, 10.00-11.30am Yr 6 Red Cross Awareness session
Thurs 8th	RRP Class Assembly, 9.10am 4AF Tea Afternoon
Fri 9th	End of Term 3

Term 4 starts on Monday 19th February

Fri 23rd Feb	School Disco, R & KS1 3.30pm, KS2 5pm
Fri 1st Mar	'Left to their own devices' talk, 7.30pm school hall World book day, more info to follow
Fri 9th Mar	PTA Quiz night
Weds & Thurs 14/15Mar	Parents evening
Weds 14th Mar	PTA meeting, 7.30pm, venue TBC
thurs 22nd Mar	Easter service at the Church, 10am, all welcome
Fri 23rd Mar	Sport Relief 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)