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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 28: 3rd May 2019

Message from Mrs Jones:

The Eco-team led an assembly this week to encourage us to reduce and re-think our use of plastic. Next Wednesday, 8th May, we are joining the challenge to have a plastic free day. This is a national day to celebrate the 93rd birthday of Sir David Attenborough and to raise awareness of the amount of disposable plastic we use in our everyday lives. So maybe use the longer weekend to plan ahead and challenge yourselves to see how much you can reduce your plastic use. We look forward to hearing next week how you have found ways to do this. It has created a lot of great discussion already, now we need to see it in action. Visit 8thmayplasticfreeday.org for more details.

Please note: There are 2 visits to Beggar Bush next week Year 1 on Tuesday 7th May and Year 5 on Thursday 9th May.



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Yr 4 @ Beggar Bush Activity Centre

Year 4 had a wonderful time at our first Beggar Bush visit of the year on Thursday. We had lots of fun working on team building exercises in the woods, practising our orienteering by using a map to find markers around the site, finding our balance and honing our communication skills on the low ropes, and we hit the bullseye in archery! Special mention goes out to Miss Halton and Mrs. Ford for their exceptional archery prowess.



Yr 3 @ the Royal West Academy



Year 3 were lucky enough to be invited back to Bristol's RWA for another installment of 'Look, Imagine & Write Creative Writing Scheme'. The project's aim is to encourage children to visit an art gallery, learn about exhibitions and be inspired to write creatively about a piece of art that has inspired them.

Fifteen children from both 3TC and 3KC were picked at random to experience Gaudier-Brzeska's range of animal-inspired artworks as well as the Open Sculpture Exhibition (well worth a visit if you can make it!) In addition, the wonderful project leaders Jo and Venetia led a workshop with the group touching on some of the themes in the show - involving experimentation with language and writing short texts.

The children's writing will be entered into a competition. Those lucky enough to be shortlisted will get their writing displayed alongside the artwork in the gallery!

Have a look at the photos to see what inspired our inner authors.



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Yr 5 Leonardo Workshop @ Bristol Museum

Year 5 attended a fantastic art workshop at Bristol Museum and Art Gallery. They looked at the Leonardo da Vinci exhibition and learnt more about the amazing mind of Leonardo. They also learnt to appreciate that although it is 500 years since he died - the art he created, the inventions he designed, the theories he devised and the scientific discoveries he made are still influencing our lives today.

Year 5 observed a range of drawings from the Royal Collection, in particular a portrait of Madonna. They then went into the art gallery and looked at two other portraits by two different artists. Inspired, they completed two different sketching activities led by Artist in Residence, sculptor, Freya Gabie.



Yr 5 & 6 Girls Football Festival @ Ashton Gate Stadium

What an honour it was for our girls to represent Christ Church on the turf at Ashton Gate Stadium (home of Bristol City). Although this was a fun festival, our players played with pride, skill and put in 100% effort.



Reception and KS1 Choir @ Bristol Grammar School

Yesterday morning, the Reception and KS1 choir went to Bristol Grammar School to perform in their Summer concert. The event was organised by Bristol Plays Music and the theme was "Sun, Sea and Sand". The children sang their hearts out and voted that their favourite songs were Baby Beluga and Octopus' Garden. Behaviour was exceptional and we were really proud of all 17 children who took part.



Visiting Elvers

We are very excited to welcome some new visitors into school. On Tuesday, Harriet from the River Avon Trust, brought some elvers (baby eels) into school who we are going to look after for the next 3 weeks. The elvers have come all the way from the Sargasso Sea and have dramatically declined in number (over 95% in the last 25 years). We are excited to be protecting this species and learning all about them in class before we release them into the harbour in 3 weeks time.



Lunch @ Christ Church

We were able to start a whole new dining experience on Monday with our new dining table/benches. The children have been very excited about these, and the lunchtime staff are delighted by how quickly they fold up and get put away, and by how much more spacious they make the dining room feel.



PTA News:

CampFest - 12th, 13th, 14th July

Save the Date for Christchurch's annual camping festival.

Come for a night, day or the whole weekend for fun and games for all the family.

Venue - Cotham Rugby Club - Beggar Bush Lane

Information from the School Office:

Contact details

If your contact details or any aspect of your child's personal medical details have changed since last term, please inform the school office as soon as possible

Punctuality

Please remember that school starts in the morning by 8.55am and doors open at 8.45am. If your child arrives after 8.55am, they are late for school and will need to go to the school office to come into school. Playground gates will be locked from 8.55am.

School Lunches

It is the responsibility of parents/ carers to pre book children's lunches through ParentPay; this also applies to Free School and Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please pre book **before 8.30am** as the system closes at this time and meals cannot then be booked for that day. To avoid this, we would recommend pre booking for a week, and ideally a term, at a time.

Job Vacancies:

We are looking for a school Premises Manager to help us look after our lovely school - see our website <http://www.christchurch.bristol.sch.uk/website/vacancies>

Our caterers AiP are looking for a Chef Manager - advertised with the Job Centre - reference 2149675

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

Year 1 Beggar Bush

Year 5 Beggar Bush

Year 3/4 Tri Golf Festival (Google Form) by invite

Year 3/4 Gymnastics Competition (Google Form) by invite

Curriculum Newsletters (via email)

Term 5&6 2019 Dates



Term 5:

May:

Mon 6th	BANK HOLIDAY
Tues 7th	Yr 1 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre EYFS younger siblings story, 2.45pm
Weds 8th	Yr 3/4 Tri Golf
Thurs 9th	Yr 1 Class Assembly, 9.10am Yr 5 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre 3KC Tea Afternoon
Mon 13th	Yr 6 SATS all week
Thurs 16th	Reception to Beggar Bush Activity Centre Yr 3/4 Gymnastics competition, pick up from Bristol Gymnastic Centre, 3.30pm Yr 5 Tea Afternoon
Tues 21st	EYFS learning diary visit, 8.45am KS2 Choir to UWE - rehearsal
Thurs 23rd	Yr 5 Class Assembly, 9.10am Yr 6 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre Yr 2 Elvers release in Harbour Reception Tea Afternoon Term 5 finishes
Fri 24th	INSET day - children not in school

Mon 27th - Fri 29th May - HALF TERM

June:

Weds 5th	Yr 6 to Bristol Cathedral
Thurs 6th	Yr 2 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre Yr 6 Tea Afternoon
Mon 10th	Yr 1 Phonics screening all week
Thurs 13th	Yr 3 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre Yr 1 Tea Afternoon
Thurs 20th	Yr 4 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre Yr 4 Tea Afternoon
Thurs 27th	Yr 1 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre Yr 2 Tea Afternoon

July:

Mon 1st	Yr 6 Camp all week
Tues 2nd	Yr 2 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Thurs 4th	Reception to Beggar Bush Activity Centre Yr 3 Tea Afternoon
Tues 9th	Yr 6 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Fri 12th	Whole school sports morning, New Fields, Cliffton College
Tues 16th	Yr 5 to Beggar Bush Activity Centre
Thurs 18th	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
Fri 19th	Enf of Term 6

Inset / Academy days: Friday 24th May - Academy Day

Mon 22nd, Tues 23rd July - Inset days

Mon 2nd, Tues 3rd Sept- Inset days