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## **Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 5: 6th October 2017**

### **Message from Mrs Jones:**

Thank you to everyone who supported our visit from **OFSTED** this week. The inspector spent the day in school visiting classrooms, speaking to staff, governors, children and parents, looking at children's work and checking our policies and procedures. We hope to be able to share the findings before half term. Everyone responded calmly and confidently in true Christ Church style.

Last Saturday we held a **fun run** organised by the PTA at New Fields, Clifton College. This was a new fundraising event which was very successful and well attended. The children were an inspiration - motivated to run as many laps as they could and some of them just kept going and going! It may have been the thought of the delicious homemade cakes on sale! Thank you to the team of parents who worked hard to provide a fun morning for all!

Please come along to the **PTA AGM/social** at school on Tuesday, 10th October at 7.30pm.

Please join us next weekend for the **Arts Trail**, 14th/15th October 11-5pm in the school hall. We will be serving refreshments and would be very grateful for contributions of cakes, cookies and tray bakes. Also offers of help for an hour to help serving the drinks would be appreciated.

**Year 1** have been enjoying the Autumn sunshine seeking out Spiders on The Downs in the Avon Wildlife outside classroom. The spiders didn't disappoint us and the children learned many interesting facts to enrich their factual writing.

**Year 5** have walked to 'We, The Curious,' today formerly known as @Bristol. We look forward to hearing their report next week.

**Parents evenings** - Please remember to return your request for an appointment slip by Tuesday, 10th October.

**Skateboards** - We have had reports from our school community and beyond about unsafe use of skateboards on the roads around our school. If your child is bringing a skateboard to school please make sure you know where and how they are using it as they journey to and from school. As soon as the children enter our school site they are not allowed to be on them. It would be a shame to ask some children to leave them at home if they are used inappropriately at school.

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## Year 4 Clay

Year 4 had so much to do in arts week that we just didn't have time to get it all done! We really wanted to complete our clay project, however, so this week we trooped down to the practical room and spent all afternoon making some very realistic Medusa heads. We had great fun making them look as weird and monstrous as possible. Watch out though, don't look any of them in the eye!



## Year 1 Spider Workshop

Year 1 had a great trip to the downs this week where we learnt all about spiders. We were lucky enough to spot a few hiding in the trees and found lots of different webs. Thank you to all the adults who came to help.



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**WANTED! Clothing, shoes, bags and belts: This includes good quality, clean, wearable, reusable clothing, paired shoes, handbags and belts.**

Christ Church Eco Team are raising money for the school with Bristol Textile Recycling. Please bring in good quality textiles of any shape and size into school for recycling on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th October (by 9.30am as BTR collection is coming that morning). BTR will then weigh the materials on collection day, allowing us to earn up to £500 per ton!  
Please bring to the school office.

## Reading Volunteers

Thank you again to the fantastic team of reading volunteers we had last year. If you can help this year please email the school office letting Mrs Richardson know what days and times you are available to help. We really appreciate the time you give and it really helps with reading across the school.

## Music opportunity

New Bristol Sinfonia is offering Christ Church Students interested in music a fantastic opportunity to come to an Annual Family Concert on the theme of "Birds" on Sunday 15th of October at 4 pm in the Victoria Rooms. New Bristol Sinfonia are in partnership with Bristol Plays Music, the music hub that works closely with the music department at Christ Church. Please follow this link for more information and to book your tickets.  
<http://www.newbristolsinfonia.org.uk/index.html>

## Clifton Library

Clifton Library Friends are organising a series of films and talks at Clifton Library. Tickets available at the Library or from the Friends.



## PTA fun run



PTA fun run held at Clifton College New Fields last Saturday - what an amazing event this was - the children were so colourful and full of energy - in true Forest Gump style, some of them just couldn't stop running! Thank you to all those who attended, organised and sponsored. Please do get your sponsorship money in if you havent already done so. Thank you



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## PTA news



Christmas has made a sneaky appearance in Christ Church over this last couple of weeks..... We appreciate it feels a bit early to be thinking of festive things but the children took advantage of Arts Week and have got organised ahead of the game!

The children have been working really hard designing their own Christmas cards which Mrs Rowe and the PTA have been coordinating. Hopefully we will have our sample cards back by Monday 16th October for you to purchase but more details will follow.

### PTA Committee Positions:

Some members of the PTA committee will be standing down at the AGM, or have left the committee as their children are now in Year 7 and longer at Christ Church. This means that we need a new group of parents/carers to take on the roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. All PTA roles can be held as a job share, so if you would like to find out more, or put your name forward for any of these roles, please contact Lizzie Snelling [lizzie26156@gmail.com](mailto:lizzie26156@gmail.com)

# CALLING ALL



Parents  
Carers and  
Teachers

you are invited to attend a  
**PTA SOCIAL AT SCHOOL**

INCORPORATING A VERY SHORT AGM!



TUESDAY  
**10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**  
AT SCHOOL

7.30pm - 9.00pm

**COME AND ENJOY**

a glass of wine, have time to chat with friends old and new and find out what your PTA is up to this year.

## Letters home this week

Ofsted Information  
Ofsted Follow Up  
Yr 2 Slimbridge Trip  
Parent/ Carer meetings

## Term 1 2017/18 Dates

### Term 1:

#### October

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|---------------------|---|
| Mon 9th             | Reception phonics meeting for parents 9.15am  |
| Tues 10th           | PTA AGM and Social, 7.30pm at school  |
| Weds 11th           | Reception phonics meeting for parents 9.15am<br>Flu vaccine for Reception to Year 4 |
| Fri 13th            | Reception phonics meeting for parents 9.15am  |
| Mon 16th            | Y2 Slimbridge trip  |
| Sat 14th & Sun 15th | Arts Trail displaying at school - please come and see our work                      |
| Weds 18th           | Reception phonics meeting for parents 9.15am  |
| Thurs 19th          | Harvest Festival Assembly at Christ Church 10am                                     |
| Fri 20th            | End of Term 1   |

### Term 2:

#### October

Mon 30th Beginning of Term 2

#### November

Weds 1st & Thurs 2nd Parents evenings

#### December

Tues 5th Whole School Redgrave Theatre trip 'the Wizard of Oz'