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# Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 17: 19th January 2018

## Message From Mrs Jones:

This week we have been thinking about self-control. In school we are trying to ensure that everyone is walking around our school building instead of rushing to our next activity. The road safety sessions have continued for all year groups; these link so well with our self-control theme. The practical sessions take the children to look at the roads around our school to identify and discuss the principles of crossing a road safely.

Please park away from our school, to enable our children to see, and to be seen by traffic.



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## Yr 3 Stone Age Trip to Bristol Museum

This week 3KA and 3TC made their way to Bristol Museum to take part in a Stone Age to Iron Age workshop. We were thrilled to explore and handle artefacts from the Palaeolithic, Neolithic and Bronze Age times. It was amazing to be able to understand the process of knapping using a flint stone and a hammer stone and to feel the final result – a spearhead! After our workshop (and a delicious lunch) we had some time to explore the permanent collections in the museum before heading back to school to evaluate our learning. Behaviour was exemplary from all children and Mr Curry and Miss Antoniou were very proud of how the children represented the school. Humongous thanks to those parents who volunteered to accompany us on our trip – we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!



## Yr 3 Steel Pans workshops

This term Year 3 are lucky enough to be learning the steel pans. We are already thoroughly enjoying our lessons and beginning to make some beautiful sounds! Keep your eyes and ears peeled for more updates soon! Thank you to Bristol Plays Music for this wonderful opportunity!



## Yr 3 Road Safety

Year 3 took part in the 'Trail Blazers' road safety course and have learnt how to cross the road safely from every angle. We explored crossing safely next to parked cars and at junctions with more than one exit. We are so pleased that the children now know how to cross safely at the crossings around our school.



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## Reception to Library and Church

RRP had a busy day yesterday, visiting both Christ Church in the morning to find out why a church is a special place for Christians and then they were off to choose their own books and listen to bear stories in the afternoon! 'Everywhere Bear' was keen to join the class on their adventures as you can see from the photos.

The children were very well behaved on both trips and were praised for their listening skills. Thank you to Pastor Ruthy and all the parents who generously gave up their time to accompany us. We do appreciate it.



On a sunny, Thursday morning both reception classes went to explore features of a church - at Christ Church. Pastor Ruthy told the children why a church is special for Christians and also the story of The Good Samaritan.

In small groups, the children were challenged to complete a picture quiz by finding objects or places around the church. A big 'thank you' to all the parents who gave up their time to accompany us - it is always greatly appreciated.



## Epiphany at 2KF Tea Afternoon



On Thursday 25th January during afternoon 2KF Tea Afternoon, we will celebrate the French traditional Epiphany again with a **Couronne des Rois (brioche)**.

We will hide a small charm, the fève (a dried bean) inside. The person who finds it, becomes the king or queen for the year! The galette des rois is also a cake traditionally shared at Epiphany. Composed of a puff pastry cake, it is usually filled with frangipane, a cream made from sweet almonds, butter, eggs and sugar.



## Clifton Down Footprints Launch - TODAY!

### Taking another step for the Environment!

#### Clifton Down Shopping Centre & Christ Church

All parents/guardians and children are invited to the launch of the exhibition in Clifton Down Shopping Centre on **Friday 19th January at 4pm**. Please come along to celebrate the children's work.

Art work will be exhibited from the 19th January – 26th January.

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## Yr 5&6 Dodgeball

Our Year 5 dodgeballers performed superbly well at this event, held at Ashton Park Secondary School. In the group stage of the competition, one of our teams finished first, to qualify for the semi finals. Our other team finished a respectable third in their group. The knockout stage brought some tricky opposition; Christ Church narrowly missed out on bronze place. A superb performance overall.



## Yr 5&6 Football League

On a bitterly cold January afternoon, Christ Church's footballers, competed in the Year 5/6 football league at Merchants' Academy. Despite the Arctic conditions both teams performed well; there were victories, draws and defeats, but above all there was effort, pride and teamwork. The teams will be back next Thursday. Thanks to Mr Curry and Mrs Jordan for helping with the event over the last two weeks. Furthermore, thank you to the family and friends who help with transport to and from this event and the many others Christ Church takes part in.



## Letters home this week

Year 2 African Drumming  
Year 4 Church Visit



## Reminders

NITS! - Please take time this weekend to check your child's hair for nits as we have had cases reported – please comb through/treat according!

## PTA news

School Disco - Friday 23rd February  
Reception & KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm  
KS2 5-6pm



## Term 3&4 2018 Dates

### Term 3:

#### January:

Tues 23rd	Reception Zoo Trip 6ED Road Safety session
Thurs 25th	5RR Class Assembly, 9.10am 2KF Tea afternoon Yr 5/6 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4.00-5.45pm
Mon 29th	Yr 1 Zoo Trip Yr 6 Red Cross Awareness session

#### February:

Thurs 1st	5WB Class Assembly, 9.10am NW24 Bake Off 3TC Tea afternoon Yr 5/6 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4.00-5.45pm
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**

**INSET days - Mon 23rd, Tues 24th July**  
**Academy day - Fri 25th May**

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