



Excellence Confidence Enriched Nurtured Happy

Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 16: 10th January 2020

Message from Mrs Jones:

Happy New Year! I hope you have had an enjoyable break.

During this week, and especially on Tuesday, it has been great to observe and see the children so happy to be back with their friends, peers and teachers. The children have all been introduced to what they will be learning about this term and for an overview please see the curriculum newsletters for each year group.

During the week commencing 3rd February, the whole school will be investigating different aspects of our **local history in Clifton and Bristol**. We will be following lines of enquiry about how the city has changed and how people over time have influenced the development of Bristol into the city in which we live today. A letter with further detail will follow next week but we will welcome any contributions of information, stories, photos/artefacts and help when we are walking out and about to observe the historical evidence in our local area.

Staff news

Congratulations to Mr Eades and his wife who have a daughter, born on Saturday 2nd January. Mr Eades will return on 20th January, until then Mr Lopez will teach 6CE.

Reception admissions September 2020

Applications for a primary place for the school year 2020-2021 (for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31st August 2016) need to be submitted to Bristol City Council by 15th January 2020. We are conducting a final tour on Monday 13th January at 11am. Parents/carers must apply even if you already have siblings in school.

Contact details

The start of term is a good time to make sure your contacts details are up to date with the school office, especially if you have replaced a mobile phone over the Christmas period. Please also think about your 2nd and 3rd named emergency contacts held on record for your child, are the details still correct?

Medication

If you have new medical information about your child please ensure you have informed the school office. Any medication we hold in school for your child must be in date; asthma inhalers, epi-pens.

School Closure

If we needed to close the school due to bad weather we would communicate this to you on our school website, via text message and the Bristol City Council website.

Attendance and punctuality

Please remember to report unavoidable absence e.g. illness to the school office as soon as possible after 8.30 am. Classroom doors open at 8.45 and the school gates will be locked at 8.55am. If you arrive after this time you must sign your child in at the school office. Please remember unauthorised absence could lead to a fixed penalty notice and prosecution.

Year 4 Circus Workshop

To immerse us into our Power of Reading book this term, Year 4 had a wonderful circus day with Lucas Jet, a circus performer based in Bristol. To kick start the day, Lucas put on our very own circus show and got lots of the children involved in his tricks. This got the children very excited for the workshop where they learnt how to balance peacock feathers on various parts of their body, spin plates, use a diablo, juggle and use flower sticks.

All the skills took a lot of resilience and perseverance, but everyone was able to master new talents. As it turns out, Year 4 are a brilliant bunch of circus performers and some children even managed to choreograph their own circus routines!

At the end of the day, all the children were involved in a performance where they were able to demonstrate to some parents/carers all the amazing tricks they'd learnt throughout the day. We hope this day will be a great inspiration for our literacy focus this term!



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Yr 3 Study Friction!

We have had a fantastic and busy first week back in Year 3! Everyone has come back refreshed and ready to learn. We kicked off this week with Science and have been exploring friction. We discussed experiments, fair tests and recording results and the children had some in depth and thoughtful discussions.

Great work Year 3!



Epiphany

This month, we are celebrating Epiphany in school. On Thursday, Nikita and Raphael explained the story of the Epiphany with the help of a Powerpoint, they read in French and in English the information about the visit of the Wise Men to baby Jesus and the French Epiphany cake tradition. During French lessons, we also discussed the Epiphany traditions, in Spain we talked about Los Tres Reyes (The Three Kings) and the witch in Italy (La Befana). They all bring sweets and presents to the children on the 6th of January! Next week, all the children will share the French Epiphany brioche, the traditional Epiphany cake from the South of France.

Who is going to be king or queen?!



Yr 5 & 6 Football League



'Despite the cold, and despite the heavy rain, our Year 5 footballers represented Christ Church with resilience, passion and pride. They competed in every match, in every tackle and for every ball - a superb performance. They will be back next week (weather permitting). Thank you so much to the brave parents who supported with transport and stayed to cheer on the players in the monsoon-like conditions.'



The A team performed fantastically in their first 3 matches of the tournament, with 2 wins and 1 draw. Ollie was superb in goal - pulling off some incredible saves. Well done boys. Let's carry on that winning streak next week!

Christ Church news:

Cakes Bakes and Faith -
18th January from 7pm -
event for Tearfund



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PTA news:



Curry & Party Night

Friday 7th February, 7.30pm - Midnight

Welcome Drink

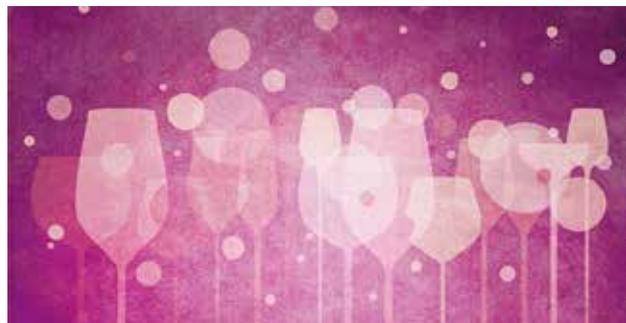
Food by the Curry Dad's

Bar-Entertainment-Disco

Buy your tickets by Fri 31st Jan (£18pp),

AC Name: Christ Church PTA,

Ac no: 22086268, SC: 30-99-08



Postponed from December – we hope that lots of you can make the new date. If you have already paid and can't make it, please contact Josey Bentley for a refund - joseybentley@gmail.com

Dates for your diaries - up and coming events:

PTA Meeting	Tuesday 14th January, 7.30pm at School
PTA Meeting	Thursday 16th January, 1.45pm at the The Spire Cafe, Christ Church
School Disco (for children)	Friday 28th February
Quiz Night	Friday 20th March
Summer Fair	Sunday 17th May
Mile of Pennies	Thursday 4th or 11th June
CampFest	Friday 10th to Sunday 12th June

About the PTA....

Happy New Year and also Happy New Decade to all of you and hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. This letter is just to let you know more about the school PTA - Parent Teacher Association; what we have achieved in the first 2 terms of this academic year and what is planned for the following 4 terms. In fact you are all members of the PTA by being parents of children who attend the school.

Basically what we do is organise several events throughout the school year; at least one each term and we would love you to come along and support them. You may wish to help organise a particular event or help out, but what is more important that you try and attend these events which are very enjoyable, some aimed for the children, others just for the parents and some for the whole family.

These fundraising events provide the school with the extra financial support to enable it to provide those extra-curricular activities which enrich the children's learning.

This year we have been asked by the school to raise funds for the following:

Coaches for Forest School at Beggar Bush Lane	£3,000
Mathletics licence	£1,500
Outdoor Classroom	£6,000
Books and playground equipment	£ tbc

A total of around £14,000, similar to the amount we gave to the school during the previous academic year.

So far this academic year the PTA has raised £5,900 profit from the Fun Run (£1,700) and the Christmas Fair (£4,200). On top of this the local Co-Op supermarket has more recently, as part of its 'Community Matters Fund', presented us with a cheque for £3,089.

We therefore still have several more thousand pounds to raise, the more we do the more the children at the school will benefit. So please check your new calendars and diaries and put in the following dates. More information on the upcoming events will be advertised in the school newsletter and on classroom doors. Any queries can be resolved by your Class Reps.

Letters home this week:

Year 1 Zoo Trip
Year 5 Lego Robotics Workshop
Year 2 African Drumming Workshop
Year 6 Dodgeball Competition
Year 3/4 Football League – invite
Whole School Circus themed menu – 16th January 2020
RRP – Mrs Petters Info
Curriculum Newsletters via Email



Reminders:

Please remember to pre book lunches on ParentPay.
Please let the school office know of any changes to address, tel numbers, emails or medical requirements.
Please remember to log into ParentPay to consent/contribute for school trips.

Year 5 Spring Camp – payments/instalments reminder:-

16th Dec 2019 - £70 Deposit
20th Jan 2020 - £60
10th Feb 2020 - £60 (final instalment)

Year 6 Summer Camp – payments/instalments reminder:-

16th Dec 2019 - £75 Deposit
20th Jan 2020 - £70
10th Feb 2020 - £70
16th March 2020- £70
27th April 2020 - £70 (final instalment)

Term 3 2020 Dates

January:

Mon 13th Receptipn/ Yr 1 yoga starts
Weds 15th Yr 6 Dodgeball Festival, Ashton Park Secondary School, 3.00-5.00pm
Thurs 16th Yr 3 Drumming workshops start
Yr 5/6 Boys Football League, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm
2KF Tea Afternoon
Mon 20th Yr 4 Indoor Sportshall Athletics, Ashton Park Secondary School, 3-4.45pm
Thurs 23rd Yr 2 Drama Workshop in school
Yr 5/6 Boys Football League, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm
3TC Tea Afternoon
Mon 27th Yr 2 African Drumming workshop in school
Weds 29th Yr 5 Lego Robotics workshop – all day in school
Thurs 30th Yr 3/4 Boys Football, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm
3HR Tea Afternoon

February:

Mon 3rd Local History Focus week (every afternoon this week)
Yr 1 Trip to Bristol Zoo
Thurs 6th Yr 6 Trip to John Wesley's Chapel & New Room
Yr 3/4 Boys Football, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm
1AN Tea Afternoon
Fri 7th PTA Curry & Party Night, 7.30pm at school, see posters around school
Thurs 13th Yr 3/4 Boys Football, Merchants Academy, 3.45-5.45pm
6CE Tea Afternoon
Fri 14th Term 3 ends

Parents evenings will be Weds 18th and Thurs 19th March (Term 4)

INSET & ACADEMY DAYS:

Friday 22nd May 2020
Mon 20th July 2020
One further day to be arranged
Tues 1st & Weds 2nd September 2020