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## Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 12: 30th November 2018

### Message from Mrs Jones:

As we begin advent this weekend we have been reflecting in school about working together as a team as we prepare for the end of term festivities, the Christmas plays and Church service. It is a busy time of year for everyone but we all wish to enjoy the coming weeks and ensure we remember the true meaning of Christmas.

Our PTA fayre was a huge success last Sunday. A huge thank you to the team of organisers who planned and delivered a great fayre for us all to enjoy. Thank you for your support and donations; the fayre raised £4100!!! Local businesses in Clifton village have been thanked for their support with prizes, time or donations.

Already the next PTA event is upon us. The PTA Christmas party is in our school hall on Friday 14th December at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £17.50 to include a meal and entertainment; both provided by parents. For further information please see the PTA newsletter.

'TheGivingMachine', is an on-line fundraising facility you can find Christ Church Primary School PTA on TheGivingMachine; cause number 265792, it is a great fundraising site that lets you raise donations for Christ Church Primary School PTA whenever you shop online. It's easy to use and doesn't cost you a penny!

### Next week:

#### Monday 3rd December

Year 3 are walking to the Church for the Christmas Experience. The children will have their lunch in school before they go. 3KC will return to school slightly later at 3.30/45pm.

#### Tuesday 4th December

KS2 are walking to the Redgrave theatre after lunch to see The Railway children. We aim to return to school for 4.30pm, children to be collected from their classrooms please. Shine bookings must be made as normal directly with Shine, if you wish your child to attend Shine club on their return to school.

#### Wednesday 5th December

Year 1 are walking to the Cathedral in the morning and will return to school for lunch so please book as normal.

#### Thursday 6th December

Year 4 are going to the Mosque and your child will need to bring a packed lunch.

#### Friday 7th December

Year 5 will walk to the cathedral and your child will need to bring a packed lunch; they will be back for normal pickup time.

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# Christmas Fayre



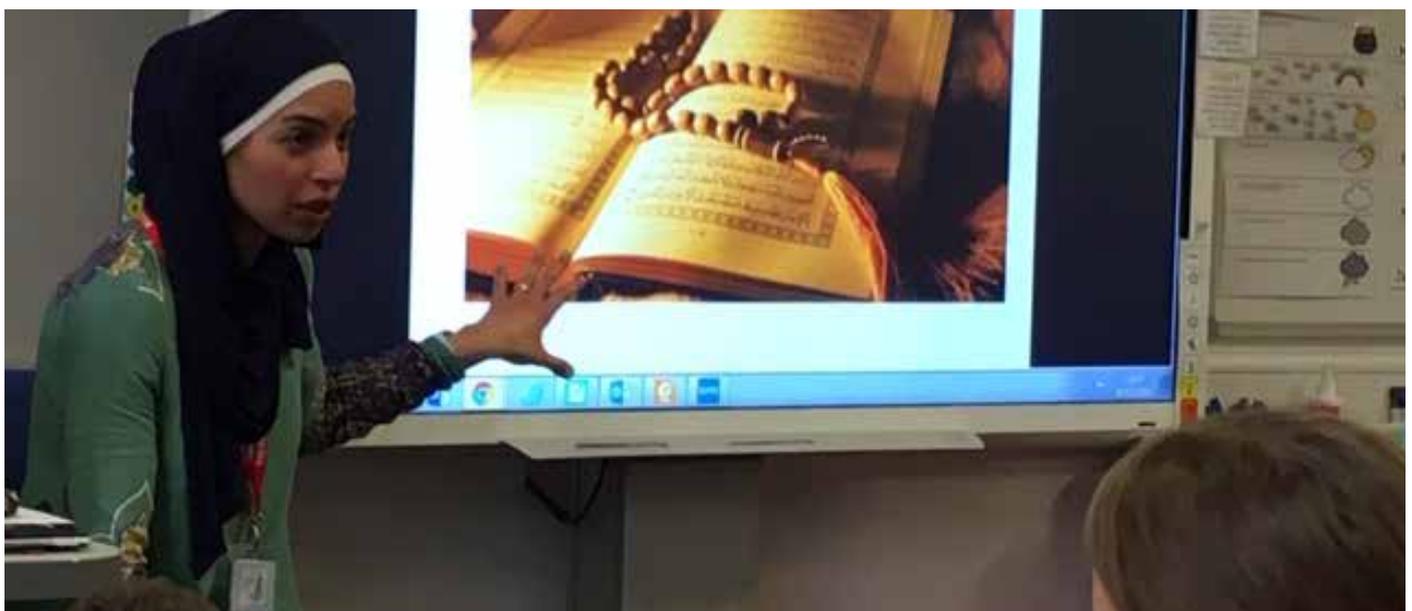
# Yr 1 Literacy

Year 1 had a special task to complete. The Jolly Postman had lost his lunchbox and it was our job to make him some yummy jam sandwiches. We followed our instructions step by step to make the perfect lunch!



## Year 4 RE

Year 4 have been learning all about Islam for R.E. this term, and this week we were privileged to have Malak's mum come and talk to us about what it means to be a Muslim. We learned about the 5 pillars of Islam, we learned that Mecca, in Saudi Arabia, is the holy city that Muslims make pilgrimages to and that as a Muslim it is proper to pray facing Mecca, we even looked on the map to find where Mecca is in relation to the UK and then investigated with a compass which direction we would need to face if we were praying from our classrooms. We all had many questions to ask Malak's mum at the end and we are excited to continue with our exploration of Islam.



## Yr 5/6 Sportshall Athletics

Yesterday, a selection of Year 5/6 athletes represented Christ Church in an indoor athletics event at Ashton Park Secondary School. The competitors did the school proud, competing in a mixture of track and field events. Despite our best efforts, we missed out on a place in the January finals by a tiny margin of TWO points. The proudest moment of the event was the phenomenal sportsmanship demonstrated by some of our girls; an opponent unfortunately tripped up during their race and took a heavy fall. In a caring act of kindness, our athletes went to check their injured opponent was okay – a wonderful moment.



## Christmas Party - Friday 14th December from 7.30pm

The famous curry dads are making 4 dazzling curries, catering for all needs and tastes. The after dinner light entertainment is again being organised by one of the mums, so something not to be missed.

Tickets are limited due to the numbers which can be seated in the hall, last year it was full, so please buy your tickets sooner rather than later.

Tickets cost **£17.50** - reserved by:

payment on-line to the PTA account; sort code: 30-99-08; account number: 220866268. [Please put the main name as the description as place(s) will be reserved against this name which will go on the entry list on the night] or

cheques - put in the box outside the office reception and you text Keith Osborne (PTA Chair) on 0785 4622840 as soon as you have done this (as it will be the date of your text which states when you have paid).



Places will be reserved on a first come first served basis, once payments have been received for 120 places, that's it! [Any payments received after this, will be returned].

## IMPROVING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE - Bristol City Council Consultation



### Bristol School Attendance Strategy: Launch of Online Consultation

Bristol's School Attendance Strategy Consultation is now available online. Improving school attendance and reducing persistent absenteeism is a priority for Bristol and is a crucial part of the city's ambition to raise standards and secure the best outcomes for all young people

The draft Attendance Strategy recognises school attendance as everyone's responsibility. In order to improve school attendance, a citywide partnership approach is needed. All schools, council services and partner agencies need to work together with children, young people, parents and carers to remove the barriers to good school attendance.

The draft strategy has been produced through a series of consultation events with partners, including focus groups with young people. We are now sharing the draft strategy more widely to get input from a broader range of people. Please give your views on the proposed approach via the survey The survey will be available online until the 20th of November.

<https://bristol.citizenspace.com/adults-children-and-education/school-attendance-strategyconsultation/>

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

Year 5 Cathedral Trip – Online Google Form (sent via email)

Year 3/4 Sportshall Athletics – invite (Google Form)

Yr 6 Maths Competition Round 2 (invite (Google form))



## School Lunches

If you have pre booked a school meal for your child but have also provided a packed lunch please notify the school office so they can cancel the online booking as otherwise the school kitchen will be preparing food unnecessarily. Thank you **Please book Christmas Lunch Weds 19th Dec**

## 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. Due to the number of children arriving after 8.55am, we will have to start closing the gates from 8.55am not 9am. If you arrive after 8.55am you will need to take your child to the school office. Thank you

## Term 2, 2018 Dates

### Term 2:

### December

Mon 3rd	Yr 3 to Christ Church, Christmas Experience
Tues 4th	KS2 Trip to Redgrave Theatre, The Railway Children, 4.30pm pick up from school
Weds 5th	Yr 1 to Cathedral for Christmas workshop Yr 6 Maths Competition (invite) second round 4JH class assembly, 9.10am Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Thurs 6th (no netball)	Yr 4 Mosque trip Yr 3/4 Sportshall Athletics, Ashton Park School, 4-5.45pm 3KC Tea Afternoon
Fri 7th	Yr 5 to Cathedral, Christmas Concert
Mon 10th	Yr 1&2 Christmas Play, pm
Tues 11th	Yr 1&2 Christmas Play, 5.30pm Yr 5 Viking Day
Weds 12th	EYFS Christmas Play, 10am
Thurs 13th (netball resumes)	EYFS Christmas Play, 10am Yr 2 Colston Hall Christmas Sing a Long 3TC Tea Afternoon
Fri 14th	PTA Christmas Party (adults only), 7.30pm
Weds 19th	Children's Christmas Lunch, please book on ParentPay
Thurs 20th	Christmas Church Service, 10 am all welcome 4JH Tea Afternoon
Fri 21st	Christmas Jumper Day R, Yr1 , Yr 2 Christmas Party & Nutty Noah End of Term 2

**Christmas Holidays - 22nd Dec - 8th January (Mon 7th January is an INSET day)**

### Term 3:

### January

Tuesday 8th Term starts