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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 15: 5th January 2018

Message From Mrs Jones:

Happy New Year!

We have been settling back into our school routines and looking forward to the learning ahead of us in Term 3. Please find attached via email the curriculum newsletters in order that you are able to share and support with your child's learning at home. The class pages on our website have the term's spelling lists.

Please take note of the dates in this newsletter; it is now only 5 weeks until half term so there is a lot to fit into our calendar. Every day counts; please ensure your child endeavours to attend unless there is a valid authorised reason for their absence. Similarly classroom doors open at 8.45 and close at 9am; after this your child is late and should be taken to the school office to ensure their safe arrival in class.

We have welcomed Miss Anne-Claire Maurier to our team who will be teaching French throughout the school, mostly when the class teachers have their planning, preparation and assessment time. This is an externally funded role which we are delighted to have been offered. As Miss Maurier's role develops she is keen to start French and Spanish clubs. Miss Maurier also enjoys sport and singing. Miss Maurier will also be supporting children who join our school with English as additional language, primarily French speaking. We will keep you posted as she settles in.

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Yr 4 Circus and Geography!



Year 4 has had a very busy week even though it has only been 3 days long!

We were introduced to our new Power of Reading book "Leon and the Place between" with a spectacular circus morning. The children tried their hand at some fabulous and inspiring circus tricks, painted each other's faces and generally had a whale of a time.



Later on in the week we were treated to some innovative, creative and engaging homework presentations that taught us some weird and wonderful facts about each of the 7 continents.





Green Flag for Christ Church School!

Over the last few years, we have been working at constantly improving our environmental understanding and activity at Christ Church School. We have been following the 'Eco Schools' scheme - acknowledged as the largest sustainable school initiative in the world. In the autumn 2017, we applied for Green Flag Status, the highest accolade within the Eco Schools scheme.

The Green Team at Christ Church School, led by Mrs Fowler, worked hard to tackle 3 chosen topics:

Waste

Healthy living

Transport

The team wowed the assessor by their independence, diligence and confidently delivered collaborative powerpoint presentation showing our understanding and improvements in these areas. On the last day of term, we found out that we had passed our assessment and now officially have **Green Flag Status!**

If you would like to know more about the work they have put in do check out our notice board in the main entrance next to the office. Well done to you all!

Taking another step for the Environment!

Clifton Down Shopping Centre & Christ Church School Environmental Partnership Project:

The children are working really hard to spread the Eco-message in our school community. Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 children will be taking part in an exciting art project which focuses on the environment. As part of the project the children will think about recycling and how what they do effects the world in which we all live.

This creative project has matched our passion for the Arts and we are delighted to exhibit our art work at Clifton Down Shopping Centre for members of the public to view.

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. Recycling donations to create the art work welcomed by Monday 8th January as per letter, thank you.

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School Office Reminders

There are several children arriving after school starts; please ensure your child is in class **BEFORE 8.55am** otherwise they are marked as Late. Attendance was an area that Ofsted focused on during their visit - please support us in improving this. Thank you.

Please pre book school lunches on ParentPay

On Thursday, due to a gas supply problem to the school kitchen, our caterers had to change their plans and produce 270 cold lunches instead of the mix of hot and cold lunches. The AiP team reacted amazingly and the children enjoyed a different lunch of salads, pastas, wraps, baguettes, rolls and fresh fruit. Thank you to AiP for your rapid response and production of a delicious lunch as always!

Data Collection

It is vital that we keep information for the children up to date, please let the school office know if any contact or medical details for your child has changed.

Reading Books

Sadly we have had to bin many of our lovely reading scheme books because they have been ruined. Please can you ensure your child's reading books are looked after at home and that they are returned to school in the Christ Church Book Bag not dropped into rucksacks where pages can get bent and damaged whilst also water and food can get spilt on them. The cost of each individual book is £2.50 so it is important we look after them.

We really appreciate your support with keeping our reading books in the best condition possible so all the children can enjoy them.

Reception Requests

Please can we have any copies of the Bristol evening Post, Bristol Metro and any copies of Bristol/Clifton Life magazines. We need these Monday or Tuesday next week please for our art work. Thank you.

Animal Experts

Reception are learning about 'animals'. If you or anyone you know is a vet / works with animals, we would love to have you come into school to talk to the children - please email the school office or speak to one of the Reception class teacher's. Thank you.

PTA news

First PTA meeting of 2018 - at school, 17th January, 7.30pm

Letters home this week

Year group curriculum newsletters

Yrs R, 2, 5 Clifton Down Shopping Centre & Christ Church School Environmental Partnership Project

Yr 5&6 Sportshall finals

Yr 1 Meerkat visit to the Zoo

Yr 5&6 Football League

Term 3&4 2018 Dates

Term 3:

January:

Tues 9th	3TC & 1ZH Road Safety sessions Yr 5&6 Science workshop at school Yr 5&6 sportshall finals, 2.30-4.30pm, children to be picked up from Ashton Park School
Weds 10th	3KA Road Safety session
Thurs 11th	4AF Road Safety session RRP Tea afternoon Yr 5/6 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4.00-5.45pm
Mon 15th	Yr 5/6 Dodgeball, Ashton Park, 3.00-5.00pm
Tues 16th	4JH & 1ZH Road Safety sessions
Weds 17th	PTA meeting, school, 7.30pm
Thurs 18th	6CE Road Safety session 1ZH Tea afternoon Yr 5/6 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4.00-5.45pm
Fri 19th	Clifton Down Shopping Centre & Christ Church School Environmental Partnership Project launch, 4pm Clifton Down Shopping Centre
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 15th	End of Term 3

Term 4 starts on Monday 19th February