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## Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 5: 4th October 2019

### Message from Mrs Jones:

At 7am last Saturday morning despite the wind and rain a team of parents were setting up at Clifton College New fields for our annual **Fun Run**. Not deterred by the inclement weather this amazing group of parents were determined not to cancel this popular event. Thank goodness they didn't as so much fun was had and it has been described as the best one yet!

A huge thank you to the organisers and the families who came to support this event. Everyone arrived with a smile on their face and there was a break in the weather just at the right time. Mrs Petters and some year 6 children led a warm-up and then the runners were off! The photos tell the story of the morning and the challenge now is collecting the sponsorship money. There is a box at the school office for dropping off the donations in order to make the big effort from our PTA worthwhile.

Funds are being put towards the development of our outside classroom. Please do have a look at the progress so far. The groundworks are complete; a generous space has been created which has the durable rubber bonded mulch surface to enable all year round use of the area. We will now be working with the children to add items into the space to attract wildlife and create a learning space for growing and forest school activities.



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**PTA AGM Tuesday 8th October 7.30pm, at school please come and find out about events planned for the year ahead and how you can support.**

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## National Poetry Day

We joined in with National Poetry Day on Thursday and thoroughly enjoyed sharing our favourite poems or discovering new ones. We met together for a poetry fest to hear the teachers read classics from Michael Rosen, A.A Milne, Alan Ahlberg, Roald Dahl to name a few. One of the highlights had to be the poem composed and read by Miss Barsby about some adults that she knows very well. Take a look at our website where the poem will be uploaded along with photos and compositions.

Year 6 learned a poem called Liar, by Rachel Rooney, as Truth was the theme chosen for this year by the National Poetry Day organisers. Their fabulous performance is on our website.

## Arts Week 7th-11th October

Preparations are well underway for our bi-annual Arts Week. This year's theme is our Oceans. The children will be exploring these ecosystems and the creatures they support whilst also reflecting upon how we must care for them in order to conserve our planet.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to help with the activities planned. We will look forward to sharing our masterpieces with you during the **West Bristol Arts Trail 19th & 20th October**. We are a venue within the trail and will showcase an exhibition in our school hall over the weekend. Why not invite friends and family to come and take a look. We provide refreshments so would appreciate any donations of cakes to sell to be brought into school on Friday 18th. If you can offer an hour to serve tea and coffee please let our school office know.

## Parent/carer meetings

Letters have been sent home this week inviting parents/carers to book a 10 minute appointment with the class teachers to find out how your child has settled at the start of the year. Please return the appointment request slips by Thursday 10th October stating your preferred time. The teachers will then collaborate to allocate appointments as best they can. Please note: teachers are unable to offer two appointments per family. If you find you are unable to attend the appointment please let the class teacher know.

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# PTA Fun Run



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# National Poetry Day 3rd October 2019



On Thursday we celebrated National Poetry Day.

We began with an assembly where we were treated to some of the teachers reading their favorite poems.

The theme this year is 'Truth' and Year 6 shared this message beautifully through their performance of 'Liar' by Rachel Rooney. Well done Year 6 and their fantastic teachers.

Throughout the day the children enjoyed listening to poems, talking about poems exploring language and words to write their own poems.

The day ended with a teacher swap where the children listened to a selection of different poems. The whole school enjoyed the day, the highlight for many of us the poem that Miss Barsby wrote!



## Christ Church School Poets

*Now I thought I'd be a keener, and write a new poem for you all. So if it's rubbish, oh please don't laugh, or I might just start to ball*

*I'll cry my eyes out, I'll have a strop, throw my hands up in the air, I'll moan, I'll whinge, say silly things, like 'Christ Church, you're so unfair'*

*So what is this poem all about..no not love, or jokes, or creatures, it's these worried faces spread around, it's all about YOUR TEACHERS.*

*With Mrs Derrington, is where we'll start, my raving bezzie mate, She's fiery and fun, all rolled in one, she's really rather great.*

*But did you know that she's a groovy chick, who loves to go out dancing, She spins and jives around the floors, it's really quite entrancing.*

*Now let's move on, to the nuttiest teacher, who works here at our school, Her jokes will make you laugh so much, your tears will form a pool.*

*Oh you must have guessed who it is by now, the lady who's name rhymes with 'letters'  
It's our one and only, clown of the school, her name is MRS PETTERS*

*Now it's time for Mr Cool, no not you Curry, it's Mr Campbell, I hope I won't get the sack for this, it's really quite a gamble,*

*He's energetic, passionate, our deputy, the Scot, He loves our school, so deeply, he really does a lot.*

*But did you know that, for his dinner, it's not broccoli that he eats, Instead he sneaks off to his room and eats a gigantic bag of sweets.*

*Yes he scoffs them down at such a pace then leaves his room all happy, But don't dare ask what's round his chops or he might get rather snappy.*

*So now that you're a little more enlightened about our teachers, I'll leave it there, To share anymore, then I already have, would simply not be fair.*

Miss Barsby

*Sneaky Squid Squirts around, looking for a convincing Sound*

*His prey it fears his slimy grip. He loves to pounce, he loves to snip*

*All day long he sings his song like this: Hey I'm Sneaky Squid, the Sneakiest Squid alive, if you come diving you're sure for a big Surprise!*

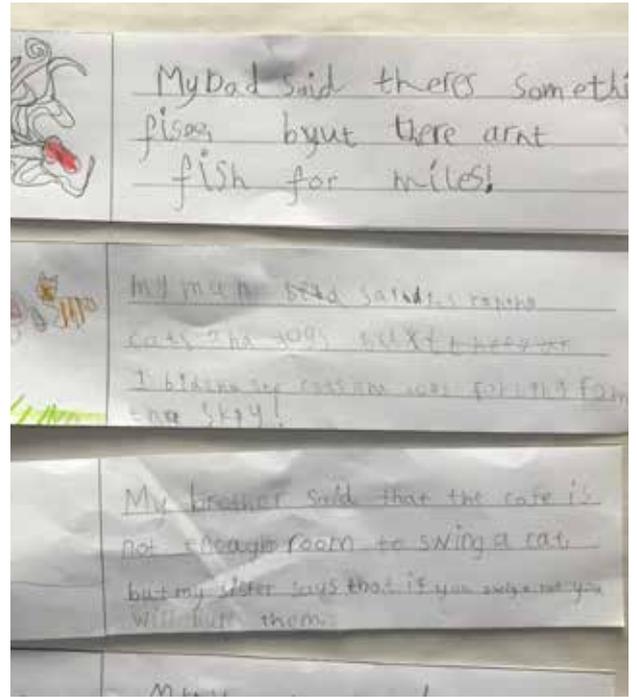
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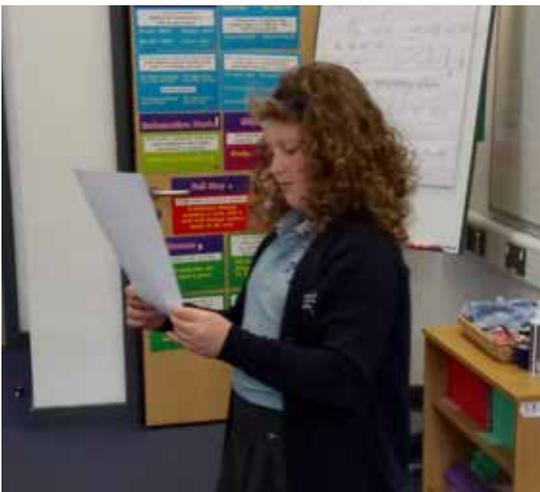
## National Poetry Day across the school

Year 2 looked at the poem **“What on earth are you talking about?”** By Chrissie Gittins for National Poetry Day.

We learnt all about ‘idioms’ and learnt some new ones we hadn’t heard of before. These helped us to create more lines to add to the poem. Have a look at some of them here!



Year 1 enjoyed looking at the poem **'Magic'** by Joshua Seigal for National Poetry Day. We listened to the poem and drew pictures to show what we imagined and then learned the poem with actions.



Amber, 5WB, reading her poem to the class



## Healthy School Healthy Planet Update



### 6ED Tea Afternoon

Huge thank you to Vitana, Libby and Nikita for their help with the tea afternoon on Thursday. There were two more healthy snacks to try; Beetroot Rounds and Carrot and Kidney Bean Falafels - see our Healthy School : Healthy Planet Recipe Book on the school website. There is a new page under the 'Children's section.

### Student Council and Eco Council

Our new band of councillors will be receiving their badges next week. They will be supporting our pupils to stay healthy, whilst learning how to better look after the planet. There will be regular updates of what they are doing and top tips to take home.



### Bikeability

Our second groups of Year 4 cyclist completed their Level 1 training today. Year 5 have received forms today highlighting an opportunity for them to complete the Level 1 training on 18th October. This will set them up nicely for next year; they will then have more skills to take to the road in Year 6 if they sign up to the Level 2



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# Reception Food Tasting with our caterers AiP



Reception were treated this morning to a ribetting roaring fruit tasting session with our new chef Josep from AiP.



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## PTA news



**PTA Social and AGM** - all parents and carers welcome - come along and join our friendly PTA!

This year's meeting will be held from **7.30pm, Tuesday 8th October at school**. If you are new to the school, this is a great opportunity to find out more about the PTA. Or if you already know what we do, come along to have a catch up with friends. There will be a few formalities to cover as well. We will be looking at the year ahead and discussing events - any new and creative ideas are most welcome. We are also on the look out for a Vice Chair, if you are interested in joining the committee then please email [c\\_woodmansmith@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:c_woodmansmith@yahoo.co.uk) by Friday 4th October.

Drinks and nibbles will be provided, so please come along. We look forward to seeing you there!

## News from Christ Church

### Prayer for the school:

For any parents who would like to meet to pray for the school, please join us on Wednesday mornings at 9am in 'Jacob's Well' prayer room in the church.

For more information please contact [helena.whitwell@gmail.com](mailto:helena.whitwell@gmail.com)



## Reminders:

**Car parking** around our school - please be courteous to our neighbours and only park in the designated bays - our neighbours on Mortimer road have been unable to access their driveways.

Please remember to pre-book your **school lunches** via ParentPay; this applies also if you have free school meals.

Please note only **watches** should be work to school, not 'smart watches' with capability for photos, filming or connecting to the Internet.

Please be aware that we have had cases of **Nits** in the school - please check your child's hair and treat appropriately.

Please do take the time to read the **Home School Agreement** information about our school, and fill in the Google form as this includes consents that we must get from you each year. Please return this as soon as possible to avoid the school office spending time chasing these returns up. Thank you

## Letters home this week:

Parent/Teacher Meeting  
 Reception Yoga  
 Yr1 Yoga  
 Yr2 Yoga  
 Yr6 Zoo Trip (google form)  
 Flu Vaccination Pack  
 Please return Home School Agreement Google Form

## Term 1&2 2019 Dates

### October:

Mon 7th Arts week  
 Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby League, Broad Plain Rugby Club, 4-5.45pm  
 Thurs 10th 6CE Bake Sale, 3.15pm in playground  
 Mon 14th Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby League, Broad Plain Rugby Club, 4-5.45pm  
 Thurs 17th 1AN Bake Sale, 3.15pm in playground  
 Sat 19/ sun 20th Arts trail exhibition in school, please bring in cakes for our bake sale during the weekend  
 Mon 21st Individual photos - please come smartly dressed in your full uniform  
 Tues 22nd Reception 2020 tour, 9.30am, 4.30pm  
 Thurs 24th Harvest celebration at Christ Church, 10am, all welcome  
 1CB Bake Sale, 3.15pm in playground  
 Fri 25th End of Term 1

### Mon 28th October - Fri 1st November HALF TERM

### November:

Mon 4th Beginning of Term 2  
 Weds 6th Parents evening, 3.30-7.00pm  
 Thurs 7th Parents evening, 3.30-5.30pm  
 Thurs 14th Reception 2020 tour, 9.30am

### December:

Thurs 19th Christmas Service at Christ Church, 10am, all welcome  
 Fri 20th End of Term 2

### INSET & ACADEMY DAYS:

Monday 6th January 2020  
 Friday 22nd May 2020  
 Mon 20th July 2020  
 One further day to be arranged  
 Tues 1st & Weds 2nd September 2020