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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 11: 23rd November 2018

Message from Mr Campbell:

As always, it has been a super busy week here at school. Frost arrived this week; this did not halt our netballers, who were out on court practising in the bitter conditions. We welcomed prospective Reception parents (to start September 2019) to school on Thursday in our final tour. It was brilliant to walk around and see the school in action and share with our visitors.

Our Eco Team had a wonderful opportunity on Thursday to take part in a day dedicated to Arctic Exploration, at Clifton High. Our pupils had a super time.

Although it is still November, Christmas is very much in the air here at Christ Church. Year 2's rehearsals are in full swing and Reception have been singing their hearts out. We are looking forward to seeing the finished performances.

It has been lovely to see the pupil leadership around the school; Year 5 are now running play activities for the younger pupils in the school. Our Year 6s, who helped brilliantly with Reception pupils in the hall, are now taking up the role of corridor monitors.

I have been lucky enough to read some fantastic work from Year 5 pupils, who have been writing about the Vikings – some super links between Literacy and History. This was matched by the 'Writing Awards' given out in our Celebration Assembly today.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the PTA Christmas Fayre!



** Christ Church Christmas Fair, THIS Sunday 25th November 2018, 1-4pm **



Thank you for all your bottle, book and lucky jar donations for the school Christmas Fair!

You can still buy raffle tickets at the Fair. The prize draw will be at 1530 on Sunday 25th November. The House of Fraser luxury beauty hamper and Tony Hawk skateboard are just some of the many amazing gifts to be won!

Please remember to come with plenty of small change for all the food, gifts and games!

There will be a small buggy park but for safety reasons we can't allow buggies into the hall.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you at the Fair!



Amazing Raffle Prizes!



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Yr 5 Poppies

Each Year 5 pupil made beautiful clay poppies to commemorate the centenary of the First World War.



Yr 3 Literacy

This week in Year 3 we have been writing diary entries in Literacy. We have been focusing on exploring thoughts and feelings. To help us, in our PE lesson we used interpretive dance to explore different feelings. We listened to classical music, funky music and pop music. After each one, we spoke about how the music made us feel. We came up with some amazing words to help us in our writing! Enjoy looking at the pictures of us dancing like no one is watching!



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Yr 1 Maths and Literacy

In year 1 we have been busy learning all about 2D and 3D shapes. We explored the properties of shape and sorted them into groups by using the correct mathematical language including sides, corners, edges and faces. We even went on a shape hunt around the classroom and have begun to recognise shapes in everyday objects.



In Year 1, we're really enjoying our topic on The Jolly Postman. We went on a hunt to find the Jolly Postman's lost letters and we've been busy writing diaries about a day in his life.



Eco Team Arctic Workshop

The Eco Team had a fantastic visit to Clifton High on Thursday to take part in a day exploring the Arctic. We had workshops on reusing and recycling plastic, exploring the arctic through street dance and even had a chance to meet a real life Arctic explorer and hear from him about the effects of climate change on this polar region. Do look at the photos below and check out the size of a baby mammoths molar tooth!



Yr 2 Le Bonhomme de pain

Year 2 studied the story Le bonhomme de pain d'épice (Gingerbread Man) in French. They learnt to recall the story by saying the names of animals in French and doing the actions. On Monday, they really enjoyed rolling and cutting gingerbread men.



Yr 5/6 Basketball League



The Y5/6 basketball teams did another fantastic job this week when they attended the Ashton Park Sports Partnership basketball league at Hengrove Leisure Centre. This week gave them the opportunity to play against different schools to last week but Team B remain undefeated. The pace was fast, the skill level high and enjoyment was obvious by the smiles on all the players' faces. It was lovely to see all the players shaking hands with their opponents at the end of each match and offering encouraging words to one another before the next game began. We're eagerly awaiting to find out if we've made it to the finals. Watch this space!



Christ Church Christmas Market - Saturday 24th November, 10am-4pm

We have 35 stalls selling locally handmade gifts and crafts, the Spire coffee shop will be open and selling lunches. We are featuring Alfie Walker's Gingerbread bags, as well as James Newbold's ceramics, and Nouna's kitchen (Maisy's dad and Malak and Lianne's mum)

There will be live festive music throughout the day, raffle, kids craft and facepainting too. All welcome!



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**** SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ADULT'S CHRISTMAS PARTY ****

Friday 14th December @ Christ Church School, Parents, carers and teachers all welcome. Bubbles, curry, showtime, disco and much more....!

Christ Church Community Choir Needs You!

Come along on Tuesday after school, 3.30-4, for a sing song. We are a group of parents, carers and teachers who sing for the love of singing. No auditions, no experience needed. Just a smile and a voice!



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/>

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

EYFS – Christmas Play Ticket letter

KS1 – Christmas Play Ticket Letter

Year 4 Mosque Visit

Year 1 Cathedral Visit



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:

November:

Sun 25th PTA Christmas Fayre, 1-4pm
Tues 27th EYFS & KS1 Donkey's Tail performance at school
Weds 28th Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Thurs 29th Yr 5/6 Sportshall Athletics, Ashton Park School, 4-5.45pm
1AN Tea Afternoon

December:

Mon 3rd Yr 3 to Christ Church, Christmas Experience
Tues 4th KS2 Trip to Redgrave Theatre, The Railway Children, TBC pick up time from school
Weds 5th Yr 1 to Cathedral for Christmas workshop
Choir concert at St Georges, Brandon Hill, time TBC
Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Thurs 6th 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 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)