



Excellence Confidence Enriched Nurtured Happy

Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 6: 12th October 2018

Message from Mrs Jones:

We began the week with a whole school assembly reminding ourselves to be thankful for our wonderful world, friends and family. We enjoyed the story of Pumpkin Soup by Helen Cooper which reflects upon the needs of others and how we need to nurture and look after friendships. The children thought quietly to themselves at the end of assembly about 3 things they are thankful for. Perhaps you could think about these together over the weekend.

We are thankful for the large group of parents who came to the PTA AGM and social on Wednesday evening. Our PTA raised £14K last year which supported with the purchases of the Reception mud kitchen, coaches to Beggar Bush, Athletics subscription, chrome books and ipads.

The **PTA** have an exciting year ahead already planned and underway. Dates for your diary and events not to be missed so far are below, more information will follow but please note the dates:

- * Christmas Fayre Sunday 25th November 1-4pm in the school hall
- * Parents and friends Christmas Party Friday, 14th December-find a babysitter now!
- * The children have all designed a Christmas card and information will be sent home soon about how to order your cards and other items.

Attendance and punctuality

Good attendance and punctuality are essential life skills to learn. Our school alongside all schools in Bristol and nationally will be joining the drive to ensure our children receive their statutory entitlement to attend school every day. Bristol City Council is launching their attendance policy and our school is attending the training and dissemination of this. Once we are in a position to share this with you we will, but in the meantime please ensure your children are attending school unless for an authorised reason such as illness.

If your child regularly arrive late in the morning you will be receiving a letter home shortly to address this with you. Lateness is disrupting to the start of the day when other children have begun their learning.

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Parents evenings

Appointment times were sent home via bookbags on Thursday. If for any reason you are unable to attend please inform your child's class teacher.

Christmas dates

We are confirming our calendar for Christmas and will let you have the dates before half term. We have booked to take KS2 (years 3-6) to the Redgrave theatre on Tuesday, 4th December to see The Railway Children- a letter will be sent home next week with the details and payment request.

Harvest

The whole school will walk to Church on Thursday, 25th October for our harvest celebration at 10am. Our theme this Harvest is Bread. Children come to school as normal on that day and walk with their class to Church. Parents and guests are invited for coffee prior to the celebration from 9am in the Spire café at the Church.

We will be supporting the **North West Bristol Foodbank** and donations are invited to be brought into school during the week commencing 22nd October. Please see the list of items needed by the foodbank-no fresh produce please.



- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Coffee
- UHT Fruit Juice
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Soup
- Cereal
- Tinned Meat
- Size 5 & 6 Nappies
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Tea bags
- Biscuits
- Ketchup
- Treats-Chocolate etc
- Tinned Fruit
- Sponge Puddings
- Rice
- Instant Mash
- Toiletries

BBC Big Sing

Last Friday our 56 strong choir marched down to the Colston Hall and absolutely excelled in our performances of "I'm Still Standing", featuring the wonderful Angus, "Sing" and "Blame it on the Boogie", which was led by the funky and infinitely enthusiastic ensemble group consisting of Cara, Hannah, Aaliyah, Erin, Julia, Bella and Tabitha. We were singing as part of the BBC Big Sing Day and we loved every minute of it!



Yr 6 Maths

Yr 6 have risen to the challenge of KS3 maths this week with a particularly tricky University of Cambridge NRich maths challenge about multiplication.

A small group of children worked in class and at lunchtimes to solve a puzzle that had only one digit as a clue. Ros was the first person to solve it and she shared her understanding with the rest of the group.

Wish us luck for our trip to Explore learning as part of the South West regional maths competition. Watch this space.



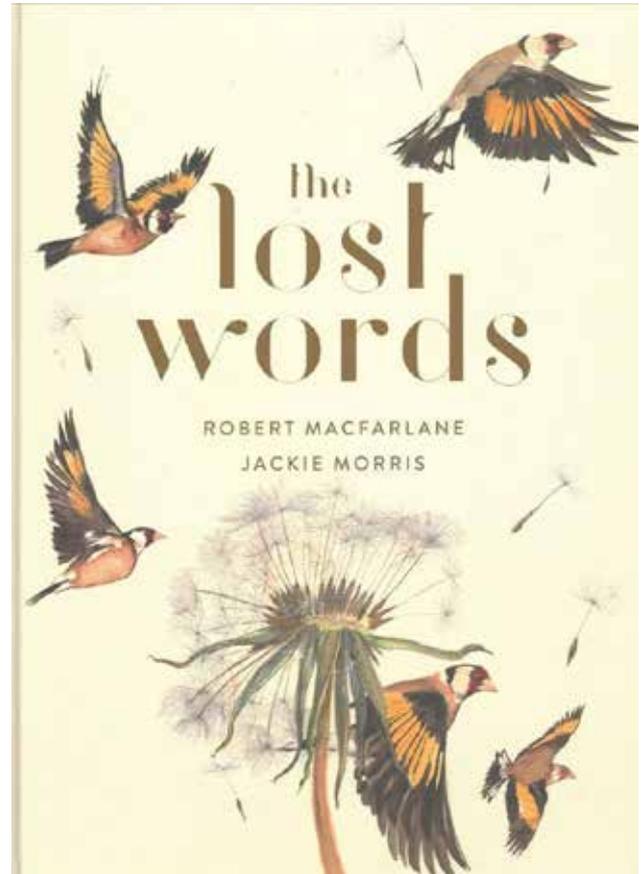
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National Poetry Day

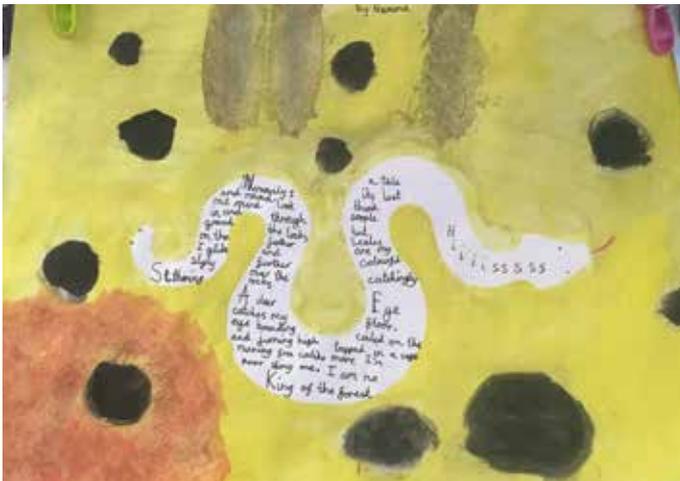
Reception have been working on a still life picture of Brambles after being inspired by the Brambles Spell; after reading the spell and tasting blackberries, they used pastels to create their picture.



National Poetry Day



Using the Lost Words as inspiration, the children in Year 4 cut out a shape of a snake or an owl, then used water colours to create a 'negative image' of the animal. The children then produced an acrostic poem about the animal and wrote it into the negative image.



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Yr 5/6 Rugby



Friday morning Rugby training with Mr Curry and Mr Gascoyne has clearly played off as our Christ Church Tag Rugby A team flew down the pitches of Broad Plain Rugby club on Monday night, scoring enough tries to finish in Silver Medal position in their league! The Christ Church Tag Rugby B Team did amazingly with a reduced team, every player having to work for 2! The team work and clear enjoyment of the game throughout the league has been clear to see and we are Very proud of our year 5&6 players - you are real ambassadors of our school!



Coming soon ... KS2 Swimming Gala and Yr 5/6 Basketball - watch this space!

Cooking apples request:

Reception will be making apple and blackberry crumble as part of their learning about Harvest. If you have any cooking apples spare, Reception would be very grateful to have them by Wednesday 24th Oct to use in their cooking. Thank you

Reception cake sale:

Thank you to all Reception parents and carers for the fantastic baking and help at the cake sale yesterday. Also a big thank you to the whole school community for supporting the cake sale and making it such a success. We raised approx. £170 which we will be using to buy resources for our amazing new mud kitchen – photos of the children using the mud kitchen to follow soon.

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NSPCC at Christ Church



It has been brilliant to welcome the NSPCC and their wonderful mascot Buddy into school this week. The NSPCC's **Speak Out.Stay Safe** programme is visiting our school to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse.

This is a nationwide programme for every primary-school-aged child in the UK. With the help of Buddy, they presented an assembly to the children. Year 5 and Year 6 will have a workshop on Tuesday 23rd October, to look deeper into the programme.

As a charity, the NSPCC can only provide these vital resources thanks to the financial support and generosity of their supporters. Christ Church has chosen to support the valuable work of the NSPCC by taking part in **THE CIRCUIT**; this started last year and gives our children the opportunity to run, jog or walk around the perimeter of the school building. Each year group has fifteen minutes to complete their laps.

Friday 26th October, 2018

On the morning of Friday 26th October, there will be a box in each class to post any donations that you could offer this great charity. Please can **children to wear their sports clothes / PE kits to school on Friday 26th October.**



What is the Speak Out. Stay Safe programme?

Through child-friendly, interactive assemblies and workshops their specially trained staff and volunteers will give our children information about how to keep themselves safe from harm and how to get help if they have any worries, sensitively discussing issues like bullying and sexual abuse, without using scary words or adult language.

The NSPCC have studied the content of the materials and heard from other schools who have participated and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. We're convinced that working with the NSPCC will help our pupils feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe.

If you would like any more information about the NSPCC Speak Out. Stay Safe. programme, including frequently asked questions, you can find it on the NSPCC website nspcc.org.uk/schools.

Talking about the Underwear Rule with your children

The NSPCC's work in schools will help encourage conversations about staying safe – and they have a number of child-friendly materials to help you carry on the conversation afterwards. That includes 'The Underwear Rule', a simple way for parents to help keep children safe from sexual abuse – without using scary words or even mentioning sex.

The guide uses the rules of PANTS to teach children that their body belongs to them and them alone. You can find out more and download the free resources at nspcc.org.uk/pants

If you'd like to know more about the NSPCC's work, or take a look at the wide range of information and advice which is available for parents and carers, please visit their website nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/

Yr 2 Slimbridge Trip

Year 2 had a brilliant day at Slimbridge. We were each given a big bag of seed to feed all the hungry ducks, geese, flamingos and lots of other birds. Whilst there we had a workshop learning all about otters and beavers. We were then entertained by the greedy otters as they were fed their lunch of fish. It was a great day and from the smiles and excited voices on the coach coming home, I think everyone would agree.



Safety for children at drop off and pick up:

Please do not use the school car park for drop off or pick up; it is a private car park for school use only. Driving in and out at drop off or pick up endangers children entering or leaving school in the same part of the school site. Please also think about vehicular movement around the outside of the school - some parents have reported concerns about cars, especially at pick up time, reversing around corners towards children.

Thank you for your support.



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

Year 5/6 Swimming Gala – Google Form

Year 5 Spring Camp

Year 6 Summer Camp

Term 1 & 2, 2018 Dates

Term 1:

October:

Mon 15th	Reception & Yr 1 Yoga starts (weekly session until Dec) Yr 5/6 Rugby League, Broad Plain Rugby Club, 4-5.45pm (only if reach finals)
Thurs 18th	KS2 Swimming Gala, Hengrove Leisure Centre, through school day 5WB Tea Afternoon
Thurs 25th	Harvest Celebration at the Church, 10am, all welcome 2KF Tea Afternoon
Fri 26th	End of Term 1

Mon 29th Oct - Fri 2nd Nov HALF TERM

Term 2:

November:

Mon 5th	Term starts
Weds 7th	Parents eve - 7pm
Thurs 8th	Parents eve - 5.30pm
Tues 13th	Flu vaccinations R-Yr5
Weds 14th	Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Thurs 15th	Sept 2019 Reception intake tour, 9.30am & 5.30pm
Fri 16th	Children in need
Weds 21st	Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Thurs 22nd	Sept 2019 Reception intake tour, 9.30am
Weds 28th	Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm

December:

Tues 4th	KS2 Trip to Redgrave Theatre, The Railway Children, TBC pick up time from school
Weds 5th	Basketball League, Hengrove Leisure Centre, 3.30-5.15pm
Fri 7th	Yr 5 Cathedral
Thurs 20th	Christmas Church Service, 10 am all welcome
Fri 21st	End of Term 2