



Excellence Confidence Enriched Nurtured Happy

Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 26: 20th April 2018

Message from Mrs Jones:

When did you last step out of your comfort zone? How did it feel? Was there someone to help or encourage you? These are questions we have been reflecting upon this week.

Our Reception classes made their first visit to Beggar Bush activity centre where many of the children may have tried or experienced something for the first time. Please see the account of their day later in the newsletter.

Thank you to those parents who attended the talk by Katherine Hill, Left to their own devices held at school on Thursday evening. Katherine led an overview of the issues surrounding life in the digital age for our children and ourselves as parents. This opportunity was provided by our Church so a big thank you for facilitating this for us. Katherine is also willing to run a parenting course called Parentalk, if there is sufficient interest, we will write with further details in due course.



It's only when you step out of your comfort zone that you GROW, Bear Grylls

Two people are better than one...If one person falls, the other can reach out to help.

Ecclesiastes 4.9-10

'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1.9

What a busy week Reception have had!.....



Reception trip to Beggar Bush

What a spectacular day for Reception to experience their first trip to Beggar Bush! The sun was shining brightly as we excitedly boarded the coach looking the part in our shades, wellies and sun cream. We were met by the friendly staff Rob, Rachel and Ash who set out the forest school rules and then off we went into our three groups.

We had great fun exploring and climbing using the value of cooperation to manoeuvre the biggest stick and respect for the nature in the woods and our wonderful adult helpers.

Groups showed honesty when saying how many 'fairy doors' they had found walking in the woods and how many biscuits they had munched at snack time! Both classes realised the responsibility they had to keep the grass area tidy from litter after lunch time and displayed kindness to each other when sharing water and food. Everybody aspired to do their best especially around the fire at base camp and to be safe and enjoy eating a toasted marshmallow!

We used all the school values today on our trip which is why we all had so much fun together- learning through play.



Reception trip to Pizza Express

On Tuesday RRP went to Pizza Express to learn how to make pizza. The children for the whole trip demonstrated the value of **Respect** showing excellent manners to both the manager and chef at the restaurant and to our very kind parent helpers who gave up the morning to help. Thank you we are very grateful for your time.

The children listened and watched brilliantly as the chef talked about making the dough. One of the children even guessed the secret ingredient of yeast. They had to work very hard to turn the ball of dough into their pizza base and very carefully managed to balance the dough on one hand to flip it over! All the children were determined to succeed and again demonstrated our school value of **Aspiration**.

The pizzas bases all looked fantastic and the children then enjoyed adding the cheese and tomato before they went into the oven. Once they were cooked they were boxed up and we walked back to school for lunch. The smell in the classroom for the rest of the day was delicious. We took our pizzas home at the end of the day to enjoy with our families.



Thank you to Pizza Express on Regent Street for a lovely morning.

*"I ate all of mine but did give my mummy some. It was delicious"
Demi*

"Mine was delicious. Daddy didn't get any but I did give my sister one piece" Evan

"It was delicious" Jorja

"I enjoyed being the sou chef. The cheese was my name" Alfie

Reception trip to Reg the Veg

Reception visited Reg the Veg to learn about fruit and vegetables. Sylvie taught the children the names of different fruit and vegetables, explained what was in season and let the children taste peas, different types of carrots including purple carrots and beetroot that was purple and white striped inside. Mrs Richardson saw Sylvie yesterday to say sales of peas had gone up since Christ Church visited last week! The peas were definitely a big hit. Throughout the trip the children demonstrated the value of respect. Well done reception it was a pleasure taking you out on your first trip of Term 5.



Reception workshop with Spiny Lobster

On Tuesday RVG were visited by the lovely staff from 'The Spiny Lobster', a local fishmonger. We learnt all about different types of fish and even learnt how fish breathe! We saw a real John Dory and a Mackerel. Then we got to meet a live lobster and a crab! The fishmonger told us that fresh fish shouldn't be smelly so there was no need to hold our noses! Finally, 'Lucy Lobster' came to very kindly give us some fish games to take home. Our favourite fact was that eating fish can help to keep your brain healthy and improve your memory so there may be some requests of fish for tea!

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Reception Yoga

Reception had their first weekly yoga session with Carolyn on Monday and throughout the session they demonstrated four of our school values these were Aspiration, Responsibility, Respect and Co-operation.

The children learnt three new poses, listened to some instruments and suggested what real life things they made them think of. These included rain, the sea, shells in a bucket and many other super ideas! To end the session the children all enjoyed their calm and still time.



4AF Class Assembly - Romans

4AF delivered a most fabulous and entertaining assembly that encompassed some of the brilliant work the children produced last term. We learned from them all about the Romans and how they lived, ate, fought, partied and bathed! We were treated to a funky uplifting song about the Romans and then saw some Roman projects that 4AF had created. We heard some of their literacy work surrounding fairy tales and watched stop motion animations the children had made based on their own fairy tales. We ended the assembly with a mini mindfulness session. 4AF should be very proud of themselves.



Yr 3 Cookery workshop with Warburtons

As part of our DT topic this term, Year 3 have been learning about Healthy Eating. We invited Warburtons into school to complete a workshop with the children focussing on these objectives.

The children had the opportunity to learn more about the different food groups as well as create their own healthy sandwich! Before the sandwich making could commence the children learnt about food hygiene. We wore hair nets and washed our hands thoroughly before food preparation commenced! The children could combine two proteins and two vegetables in their sandwich and we had some delicious flavour combinations! Thank you to our wonderful Warburtons visitors for such a hands on workshop. We all enjoyed it enormously!



Yr 5&6 Girls Football

There was another super night of action at South Bristol Sports Centre in the girls' football league. There was more skill, determination and pride from the Royal Blues of Christ Church. In total our two teams played ten games and were defeated only one solitary time. Thanks to family and friends for coming along to support the girls and thanks to Mr Curry for giving up his time to coach one of our teams.



Yr 9 Reading Volunteers from QEH

Our volunteers returned on Thursday afternoon to support a selection of Year 4 pupils with their reading. We also heard what the helpers favourite books were.



Yr 4 Active Maths!

Maths became super active in the baking sunshine on Thursday. The pupils linked measure and decimals. One child performed a standing long jump, their partner then measured the length; as a partnership they converted from cm to m, with a decimal number as their result. Some pupils extended their maths skills by rounding their jumps and calculating their average scores.



Invitations



Tues 24th April, Clifton College chapel, concert 6.30-7.30pm, drinks from 5.15pm

April 23rd 1:30 – 3:00 Rehearsal at Clifton College.
Returning to school for pickup.

This is a plea for parental help both for the Mon 23rd April 1-3pm rehearsal and the Tues 24th April final rehearsal (1-6.15pm). We need parent/carer helpers to walk with us to the venue and also to help out at Clifton College. If you are available and would like to help out please contact the school office. Many thanks



Katharine Hill, author of “Left to Their Own Devices”.

Thank you to Katharine and the Church for a lovely and interesting evening - we were so lucky with the weather; a lovely balmy Spring evening welcomed parents in through the front of the school for refreshments and a chance to catch up. We then grouped in the Learning Resource Centre amidst all our children’s amazing artwork, to hear Katharine share her wisdom around parenting and tablet devices. There was a chance to discuss experiences and thoughts amongst ourselves and to buy Katharine’s book ‘Left to Their Own Devices’.

PTA News

Save the date - Friday 18th May at school - **PTA Race / Auction Night**, - book the babysitter, bring a friend!

Next PTA meeting - 7.30pm Wednesday 25th April, At school, **All welcome!**

Save the date - weekend of Friday 13th -Sunday 15th July - PTA Campfest

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Letters home

Year 3 Warburton's Workshop (allergen info)
Year 4 Clifton College Activity Centre Visit
Joint Schools Concert – Final Details
KS2 Aquathon @ Clifton College
Year 3 RWA workshops



Contact details:

If your contact details have changed, please ensure that you let the school office know as soon as possible. Please ensure that we have up to date **email addresses** for you so that we can communicate efficiently with you.

Contacting the school:

If you would like to raise issues or ideas with the school, you can do this through emailing the school office (christ.church.p@bristol-schools.uk) or emailing the school governors (gcp@bristol-schools.uk).

Term 5, 2018 Dates

April:

Mon 23rd	Yr 6 SATS drop in session, 9.10am Clifton College Concert rehearsal, 1.30-3pm 3TC RWA trip, pm
Tues 24th	Yr 2 SATS drop in session, 9.10am RRP Spiny Lobster workshop in school Yr 5 & KS2 concert at Clifton College, evening
Weds 25th	PTA meeting, 7.30pm at school 3KA RWA trip, pm
Thurs 26th	Yr 4 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip 6ED Tea Afternoon
Fri 27th	KS2 Aquathon at Clifton College

May:

Tues 1st May	RVG visit to Pizza Express
Thurs 3rd	Yr 5 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip RVG Tea Afternoon
Mon 7th	Bank holiday - school closed
Thurs 10th	Yr 2 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip RRP Tea Afternoon
Mon 14th-Fri 18th	Y6 SATS week
Weds 16th May	Yr 5 Ancient Greek Day
Thurs 17th	Yr 3 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip 1ZH Tea Afternoon
Fri 18th	PTA Race Night
Tues 22nd May	Yr 6 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip
Thurs 24th	Yr 1 Beggar Bush Activity Centre Trip Y6 Police workshop 2KF Tea Afternoon
Fri 25th	Last day of term 5 INSET - children not in school

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Mon 4th June - first day Term 6

INSET days - Mon 23rd, Tues 24th July (children not in school)

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