



Excellence Confidence Enriched Nurtured Happy

Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 20: 15th February 2019

Message from Mrs Jones:

The curriculum on offer at our school has brightened the January term. Curiosity, creativity and co-operation have been in abundance, indoors and outside. This newsletter reflects some of the activities and experiences the children participated in, alongside the STEM focus week. This morning's celebration assembly was full of success; both academic and social achievements. Our Reception children are beginning to receive their Red badges as they are now half way through their first year at school.

Please note the dates for next term. We have our parents' evenings and also there are dates to share information with parents/carers about the statutory assessments that are carried out annually in term 5.

At the beginning of term 4 we will be informing you of our revised Attendance Policy in line with Bristol City Council's strategy to improve pupil attendance across the city. Term time absence requests will continue to be unauthorised but could lead to Fixed Penalty Notice or Prosecution. We will be writing to you to provide the detail and what this means operationally for our school, tracking and monitoring attendance.

We have already seen positive strides towards the expectation that all children should be school every day unless for an authorised reason such as illness. In fact one class managed 100% attendance during STEM week.

You should have received your parents evening appointment slips via book bags. We have noticed that some children do not have a school bag. Reading books should be coming daily between home and school. Organising a school bag daily is a skill continued into secondary school. Some bags need a Spring clean i.e. are full of unnecessary items that take up far too much room on coat pegs. Please check all uniform is named especially if new items are bought during half term.

Let's hope the bright skies we have enjoyed at the end of term stay with us during half term so we can recharge and refresh ready to learn in term 4.

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Year 1@ The Zoo

Year 1 had a great time at Bristol Zoo. We toured the zoo and saw lots of wonderful animals including the Lions and Gorillas. We learned about desert habitats and contrasted this with a rain forest habitat. We then found out which species of animals live in each place. Amazingly we had the opportunity to meet Madagascan cockroaches which some of us held! The trip wouldn't have been complete without a visit to the Meerkats which we were especially excited about as we know lots about them from our power of reading book 'Meerkat Mail'. We watched them being fed and had the opportunity to ask all of our questions. It certainly was a fantastic day out.



Yr Dance Fest - 'We Know the Way' and 'Try Everything'

For several weeks both 2KH and 2KF have been learning the routines to a dance for this year's Dance Festival, once again organised by Ashton Park School. This year the theme was Lights, Camera, Action! 2KH performed a sea themed dance to the song 'We Know the Way' from the film Moana. The complex choreography didn't phase them and they did incredibly well. 2KF performed a really upbeat dance with an inspiring message to the song 'Try Everything' from the film Zootopia, again, performing brilliantly. Miss Holland and Mrs Fowler were extremely proud of each and every one of them. We hope you enjoy watching the performances on the website.



Reception Lemonade



As part of the food topic reception made lemonade by squeezing lemons and mixing the fresh lemon with fizzy water and sugar. The best part was definitely the tasting! The children described the lemonade as “delicious, superb, sour, amazing and scrumptious!



Spiny Lobster visit Reception



On Tuesday the reception children had a visit from the fishmongers at the Spiny Lobster. The children learnt about fish and the different types of fish you can get. They were taught about the importance of eating fish and how it is important for our brain development and keeping healthy.

The children saw a mackerel, plaice and bream. They were also very excited to see a live crab and lobster. The children found it very funny when the crab went back into the box and was making the box actually move!

The children learnt lots on Tuesday and we were very grateful to the Spiny Lobster for coming and sharing the fish and facts with us.



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Reception Chinese New Year

On Tuesday 5th February the reception children celebrated Chinese New Year. They were taught about the celebration by three of the reception mummies. They heard a beautiful story and learnt that this year it is the year of the 'Pig'. They were treated to traditional Chinese food, the children enjoyed prawn crackers, dumplings and spring rolls. The children made cards and worked on various craft activities to help them learn about the celebration. At the end of the afternoon they were all given a red envelope with a gold coin. This is a traditional Chinese gift given at new year. The red colour symbolises good luck and happiness.

The children had such an informative afternoon and really enjoyed the activities.

Thank you to the three mummies that helped.



A Doctor Visits Reception

To help with our learning on keeping healthy and healthy bodies we had a visit from Dr Rowell. We enjoyed learning about all the ways doctors check our bodies when we are unwell. We listened to our heartbeats and found our pulses. We compared a healthy and unhealthy diet and talked about what happens to our bodies when our diet is too unhealthy. We compared diets and found Everywhere Bear had a healthy diet and Bunny had an unhealthy diet and was unwell because he had an unhealthy diet.

We really enjoyed listening to Dr Rowell and finding out about the different instruments Doctors use and what different instruments are used for.



ICT in Reception

In Reception we have been learning to use a mouse and learning about keeping safe on the internet. We enjoyed visiting the ICT suite and using the Chrome Books this week.



Year 4 Science Experiments

Year 4 finished STEM week with a bang! We were incredibly lucky to meet actual scientists from Plymouth University. They told us all about what it is like to study at university. They said they have lots of exams and coursework but that it's all worth it as they have loads fun doing cool experiments in labs and have even been abroad to study plants in Portugal! We have set up an experiment with celery and food colouring (which looked like blood!) to leave over the weekend. When we get back to school on Monday we will be able to check whether the ink has moved up the tubes inside. After that we took part in a quiz which had lots of microscopic images. We had to match the large image with what we thought it would look like under a microscope – some of them were really hard.

Following this, the students set up two experiments. One was to look a dough – we used our hands and water to separate the gluten from the starch. It was even messier than slime and we got a bit carried away (sorry Mums and Dads if our jumpers are a bit mucky!). The other experiment looked at lung capacity. We filled a large bottle with water and turned it upside down in a bucket of water. The student then fed a tube into the bottle and we blew as hard as we could! We then measured how much water we had pushed through and calculated our lung capacity using a special mathematical formula!

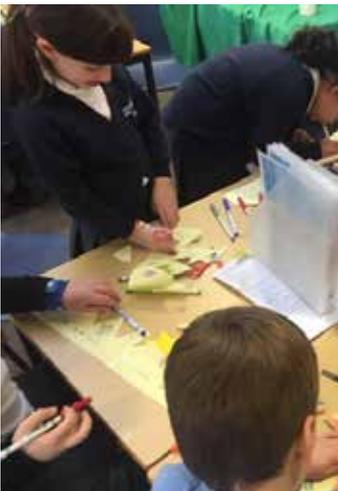
We all LOVED STEM week!!



Galette des Rois



During January, each class from Reception to Year 6 have enjoyed sharing la galette des rois. 14 galettes were made by Ms Maurier with French children. All the students were very excited to make crowns and to experience the French tradition which gave them the chance to be king or queen for the day!



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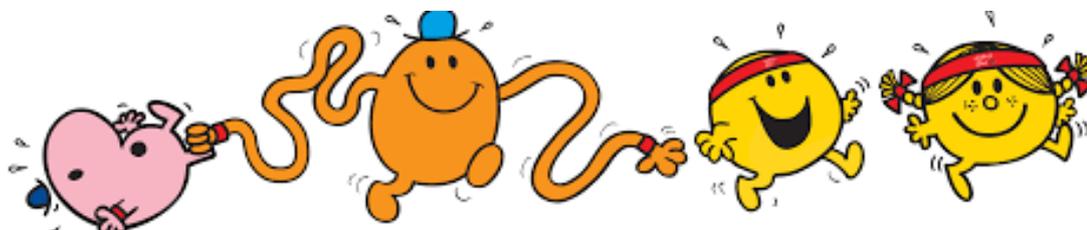
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Yr 3/4 Football League

Two teams of Y3/4 footballers made the journey to Merchants'Academy to represent the school in the first of three league sessions. They played with tenacity, enthusiasm and pride. There were victories, draws and defeats, but most importantly, there was fun. Thank you to Mr Curry for giving up his time to come along, and also thank you to family and friends for supporting the teams. We will see you again on the first Thursday back (28th February) after half term.





World Book Day - Thu 7th March

We will be celebrating World Book day on Thu 7th March with a theme this year of the Mr Men and Little Miss stories by Roger Hargreaves. We would like the children to come to school dressed as a character from one of the Mr Men or Little Miss stories - this can be a handmade costume or a related prop, we don't expect people to buy costumes.

The day will start with an assembly where the teachers will share their favourite Mr Men and Little Miss stories. The children will then have the opportunity to take part in a range of writing and creative activities.

On Wednesday 6th March we would like to invite the children back to school from 4.45-5.15pm for milk, cookies and a bedtime story. They can dress in their own clothes including pyjamas/ onesies if they would like.

As part of World Book Day, we will be running a 'Book in a Jar' competition - a model in a jar with a label on the front telling us what the book is called and who the author is. Entries need to be in by Thu 7th March and Waterstones Clifton Village will be coming into school on Mon 11th March to judge the jars and the winning jars will be displayed in the Clifton Village Store.

Please see World Book Day letter which came home this week with more details of the day.

PTA News

School Disco - Fri 1st March

The School Disco is back! All year groups invited to come along and boogie to the beat and help raise funds for the PTA, cost £3.

KS1 3.30-4.30pm

KS2 5.00-6.00pm



Please bring pocket money for glow sticks, face glitter, tattoos and sweets. Children can bring party clothes to change into for the disco if they wish.

Please see the letter home for details of drop off and pick up as it is different for Reception, KS1 and KS2 Children will need to be signed in and out. Reception children will need to be accompanied by a parent/carer throughout.

Attendance slips have come home with the children this week - please fill in and return in an envelope with £3 to the DISCO BOX outside the school office by Wednesday 27th February.

PTAQuizNight@ChristChurchSchool - come along and flex your brain power - Fri 29th March, 7.30pm. More details to follow

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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:

Times:-

3/4 Football is 4-5.45pm Merchants Academy
U10's Netball @ Clifton High – 1-4 (pick up from Clifton High)
Yr5/6 Netball League @ Ashton Park 4-5.45pm
Yr5 Camp Meeting – Weds 27th Feb 3.30pm

Letters Out:-

Parent/Carer Meeting appointment times
Yr4 Bath Trip
Yr5 Kilve Camp Meeting
Yr5 Kilve Camp Kit List
PTA Disco
Yr 1 Phonics meeting
Yr 2 SATs meeting
Yr 6 SATS meeting

Google Forms:

Reception Visits to Waterstones
Reception Visits to Pizza Express
U10's Netball Tournament @ Clifton High



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

School Lunches

If you have not pre booked a lunch and your child asks for a school lunch, they will be given a cheese sandwich and a piece of fruit and your account will be charged. To avoid this, please pre book your child's lunch, even if they are free school meals.

Thank you

Following the snow 2 weeks ago, spring has sprung at school - we hope that the sun continues to shine through half term next week. Look forward to seeing you all on Monday 25th February



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Term 4, 2019 Dates

Term 4:

February:

Mon 25th Term 4 starts
Tues 26th Yr 5/6 Netball League starts, Ashton Park Secondary School, 4-5.45pm
Weds 27th Yr 5 Camp meeting, 3.30pm
Thur 28th Yr 3/4 Boys football league, Merchants Academy, 4-5.45pm
RRP Tea Afternoon

March:

Fri 1st Yr 5 Netball tournament, pick up at from Clifton High School @ 4pm
KS2 Swimming Gala, pick up from Easton Leisure Centre @ 3.30pm
PTA Disco, KS1 3.30-4.30pm, KS2 5.00-6.00pm
Mon 4th RRP to Waterstones
Tues 5th RRP to Pizza Express
RVA to Waterstones
Yr 5/6 Netball League, Ashton Park Secondary School, 4-5.45pm
Yr 6 SATS meeting, 9am
Weds 6th Yr 4 Puppetry Workshop
Bedtime story @ school, 4.45-5.15pm
Thur 7th World Book Day - Mr Men and Little Miss theme
Yr 3/4 Boys Football League, Merchants Academy, 4-5.45pm
5WB Tea Afternoon
Mon 11th Waterstones assembly
Tues 12th NW24 Bake Off
Yr 5/6 Netball League, Ashton Park Secondary School, 4-5.45pm
Weds 13th Parents Evening, 3.30-7.00pm
Thurs 14th Parents Evening, 3.30-5.00pm
5RB Tea Afternoon
Fri 15th Comic Relief and Christ Church Circuit
Mon 18th - 20th Yr 5 Camp, Kilve Court
Tues 19th Yr 5/6 Netball League, Ashton Park Secondary School, 4-5.45pm
Weds 20th Yr 5 return from camp
Yr 1 Phonics meeting, 9am
Thur 21st Yr 4 to Roman Baths
Yr 2 SATS meeting, 9am
6CE Tea Afternoon
Mon 25th 6CE Easter experience at the Church
Weds 27th Yr 3 to Pizza Express
Yr 6 Clifton High School Maths Workshop
Thur 28th Yr 4 Roman Day in school
6ED Tea Afternoon
Fri 29th 6ED Easter experience at the Church
PTA Quiz Night @ School, 7.30pm

April:

Tues 2nd Yr 3 to Pizza Express
RVA to Pizza Express
Thur 4th Easter service at the church, 10am, all welcome
1AN Tea Afternoon
Fri 5th April Term 4 ends