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## **Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 3: 20th September 2019**

### **Message from Mrs Jones:**

We've taken opportunity to be out and about in the sunshine enjoying our school grounds and opportunities offered to us. Years 4 and 5 were invited by Clifton College to walk to the Redgrave theatre on Monday afternoon to listen to a talk given by the author Cressida Cowell (How to Train Your Dragon books) - it was an inspirational event. The Year 6 Bikeability group went out on the roads around our school to practice their stopping and signalling skills. A significant number of our KS2 children participated in the Cross Country event at Ashton Park secondary school on Wednesday.

Groundworks to our new **outside classroom** are nearly complete we are just waiting for the contractor to lay the rubber bonded mulch surface.

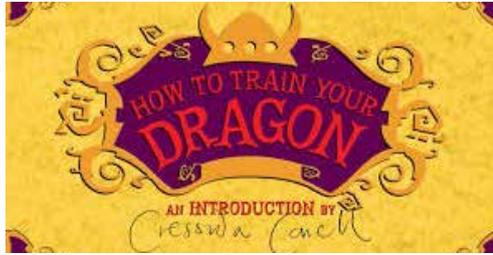
We welcome Mr John Ford to our team as our new **premises manager**. John joins us with engineering experience; he lives locally and is keen to support our school community. Please do say hello to him if you see him in the playground in the morning.

Next week, we are looking forward to having our annual **prayer space** and taking time to 'get to know you,' in our classes. Please see the separate letter which explains both activities further and how you can participate.

Our Reception children are settling well and will start to stay for school lunch next week. New parents/carers you should have received your login information to activate your **parentpay** account and then book meals for your children. Reception school meals need to be booked even though there is no cost. Please ask the school office if you require assistance with parentpay.

Next Saturday 28th September is our **PTA fun run**, which is another popular school event. Do try and support this event and raise some invaluable funds for our outside classroom.

## Yr 4&5 meet Cressida Cowell



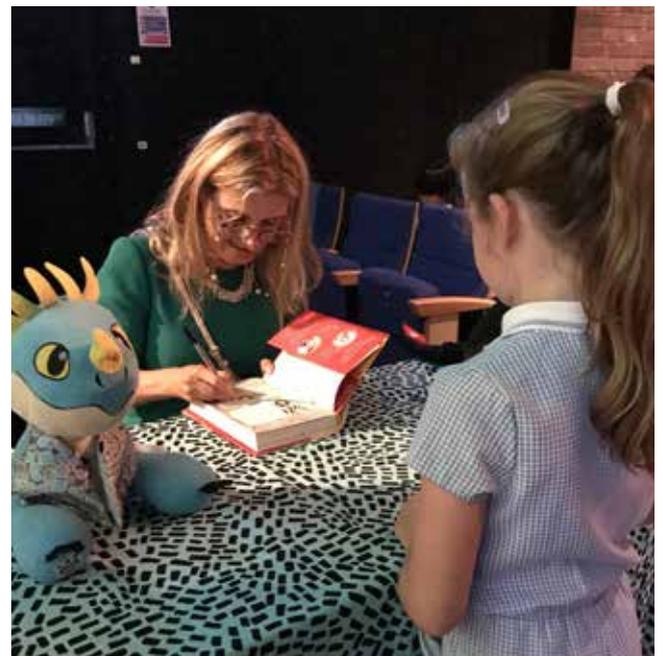
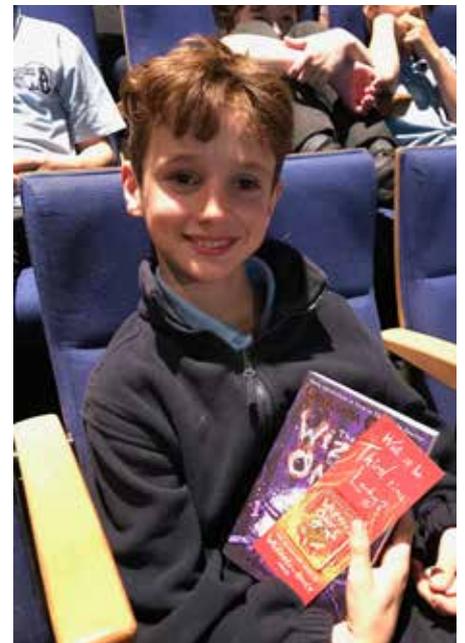
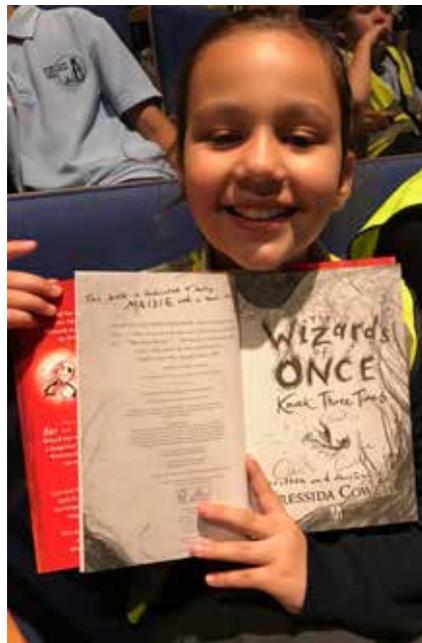
On Monday year 4 and 5 were invited to go to the Redgrave Theatre to see Cressida Cowell, the author of 'How to train your dragon' and 'The wizards of once'. She gave us the most inspirational talk about how she writes her book series and how she grew up writing them. She inspired us with facts about dragons, writing stories and drawing her illustrations.

Dylan: The thing I enjoyed the most was how she gave us some very detailed badges

Ruby: I really liked hearing about when she was little and growing up on the island which inspired her writing.

Malak: I enjoyed the way Cressida wrote her books – I think she is really good.

Bobby: Cressida was really enthusiastic and truly inspirational.



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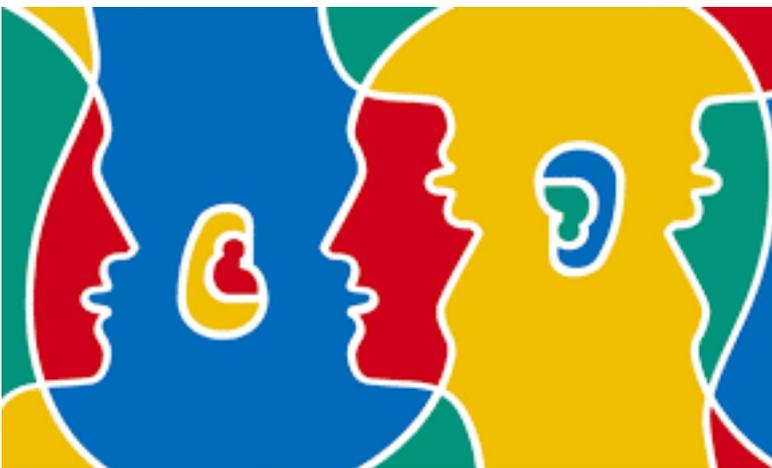


## Year 6 French Drama

Year 6 enjoyed out acting a dialogue in French. They prepared a scene from Learning French with Luc and Sophie, the mother is trying to wake the sleeping children up. They performed the story in front of the class. The children had a lot of fun!



## European Languages Day, Thursday 26th September



For the European Day of Languages on Thursday 26th September, we are celebrating all the languages from around the world spoken at Christchurch.

We are inviting parents to come in school the week starting on 23rd September to share their language, culture, food (no nut), information about their country of origin. Please talk to your child class teacher to arrange a time.

To start the celebration on Thursday 26th September, there will be french pastry tasting in playground from 8.40am



## Ks2 Cross Country

The sun was shining brightly on Wednesday evening for this year's cross country event at Ashton Park Secondary School. We turned out a large team of 50 Year 3 to Year 6 children. Children competed both individually and as part of a team, where their scores were combined and the lowest scoring teams were awarded medals. All children ran fantastically well, encouraging each other to complete the race in the hot weather! As the medals were dished out, we were delighted to be awarded Gold for our Year 6 girls, and Joab gained the Bronze in the individuals (especially impressive when considering it was out of roughly 150 children). Well done to all who took part - we are really proud of you all.

Thank you to Miss Barsby for organising it all and staying until 630pm until the medal ceremony had finished. Thanks go also to family and friends for coming along to support the children, and also for helping with transport.



## Yr 5 & 6 Tag Rugby League



'The tag rugby started in style with our team of Year 5 players remaining undefeated over their 4 matches. A brilliant beginning in the first session of matches. Stay posted next week to find out how they get on in session number two. Thank you to Mr Curry for giving up his time after school to coach the team, as well as his early morning coaching sessions.'

## Big Book Boost



We have just signed up to the Big Book Boost. It is The Book People's brand new fundraising scheme. Every time you place an order with The Book People over £10, they will donate £1 to us to spend on books! The focus this year at Christ Church is for us to update our library area with new books and the £1 donations will really help with this.

The Book People have a website (<https://www.thebookpeople.co.uk>) and sell many different types of books.

Please always choose Christ Church Primary School when you order online.

Thank you

Mrs Richardson.



## Reception

### Reception resource requests

The reception team would be grateful for any contributions of the following please.

Dressing up clothes, hats, bags, beads and jewellery and scarves for the role play area

Towels and any old sheets for den building and for water play

Any herb cuttings that we could plant in our mud kitchen raised beds

Transformers, cars and superheroes and Barbie style dolls that your children have outgrown

Any balance bikes, bikes or scooters and helmets we can use in our outdoor area

### Reading volunteers

We really value the support of our parent helpers. If you are able to offer some time on a weekly basis to hear readers please can you email the school office with the subject 'Mrs Richardson' with the day and time that works to offer help. Mrs Richardson can then construct a timetable and let the class teachers know who is helping and when. We would then look at starting the reading support the week beginning 30th September.

## Home School Agreement

The annual Home School Agreement information and Google form came out to parents last week (and Reception parents this week). Please do take the time to read this important 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

- School Meals Info
- "Getting to know you"
- KS1&KS2 Voluntary Contribution
- ParentPay Info – Reception Parents/Carers
- Welcome Letter – Reception Parents/Carers
- Youth Climate Strike Info
- Yr5 We the Curious Trip

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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!

### PTA Fun Run - Saturday 28th September, New Fields

Saturday 28th September 2019,  
Clifton College New Fields (where Sports Day is held)  
10.00am Arrival \*\* 10:15am Warm Up \*\* 10:30am Fun Run Begins

This is open to all Christ Church pupils and siblings who register. All money raised will go to help fund the new outdoor classroom. Entry to the Fun Run is free. Fancy dress is optional. Running, walking, hopping... you decide!

Come Join us at The Christ Church  
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Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2019

- All Children receive a medal after competing!
- Prize for the most sponsorship money raised!
- All welcome to come and support the children!

## 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)



**Welcome to all Christ Church Reception families** - Fri 4th October, 9am, Christ Church Spire cafe

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## 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.



## Term 1&2 2019 Dates

### September:

Mon 23rd	Prayer Space in school all week Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby League, Broad Plain Rugby Club, 4-5.45pm
Tues 24th	Level 2 Yr 5/6 Bike it session
Weds 25th	Level 2 Yr 5/6 Bike it session
Thurs 26th	EYFS parent meeting, 9am, school hall European Languages Day, french pastry tasting in playground from 8.40am 3HR Bake Sale, 3.15pm in playground
Fri 27th	Level 1 Yr 3/4 Bike it session Girls Tag Rugby Festival, Broad Plain Rugby Club, 9.30am-1pm
Sat 28th	PTA Fun Run, Clifton College New Fields
Mon 30th	Yr 5/6 Tag Rugby League, Broad Plain Rugby Club, 4-5.45pm

### October:

Thurs 3rd	6ED Bake Sale, 3.15pm in playground
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
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