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Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 7: 20th October 2017

Message from Mrs Jones:

Our Harvest celebration at the Church was a wonderful way to gather together at the end of Term 1. It has been an extremely busy and successful start to our school year and we are all ready for an Autumnal interlude to recharge and refresh ready for Term 2.

Year 5 recited a poem about the calm, quiet strength of a tree and it is these qualities that our school community has shown this term. A huge thank you to the entire staff team who have moved seamlessly from one event to the next with enthusiasm and drive to achieve the best with the children.

We are delighted with the outcome of our OFSTED visit as it reflects the spirit and aspiration of our school whilst recognising the constant drive to improve. A letter was sent home in book bags and via email.

Our Arts trail was very well attended and we received lots of positive comments from visitors who were impressed with the standard of the children's work. If you were unable to visit over the weekend, part of the exhibition will be in the library area to view during parents evenings. There are many events already in the diary for Term 2, please see the calendar at the end of the newsletter.



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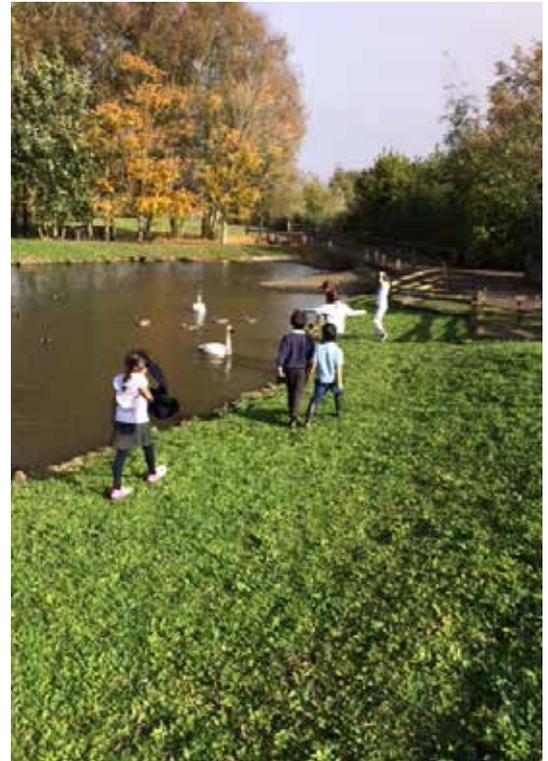
Year 2 Slimbridge



Year 2 had a fantastic trip to Slimbridge on Monday, linking to our topic about habitats.

We had a chance to meet a variety of birds, amphibians and other wetland creatures, many that we have learnt about in our story *One Night Far From Here*.

Hurricane Ophelia did not put us off, we had a super workshop looking closely at the habitat and life of a beaver and had our own personal feed of Slimbridge's Otter. Thank you to all the parent helpers for making this trip possible!



Yr 2 Apple Pies!

Clover and her Mummy spotted some fallen apples from our Bramley tree in the garden and gave Year 2 a great idea to make apple pies for today's harvest festival. To accompany the apple pie, Year 2 learnt a poem about the process.



Arts Trail

Our school hall was awash with amazing pottery, sculpture, painting, pastels, embroidery etc for the Bristol West Arts Trail last weekend. The event was really well attended by both Christ Church School parents and children and the local community alike. The children's work will remain on display in the Learning Resource Centre - please take a look when you visit for Parents Evening in November.



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KS2 Swimming Gala

Our Year 5 and 6 swimming team returned victorious yesterday from the gala at Hengrove Leisure Centre. The swimmers competed brilliantly in all events (both individual and relay races). Christ Church have retained the trophy for a second year, and we look forward to defending it in 2018.



Yr 5/6 Rugby League

Super effort and behaviour from our Year 5 and Year 6 Rugby teams representing our school in the Ashton Park Rugby League. Both teams played in the upper league and it was wonderful to see the improvement over the 5 weeks.



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Harvest Celebration

Our Harvest celebration at the Church was a lovely way to finish what has been a really busy term! Please look at our website for more photos and videos of the performances by each year group, as well as the Community Choir and Worship Council. Thank you for all the donations to the food bank, and we musn't forget Mr Ashcroft and his MARROW!



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Children in Need

50th Anniversary of Disney's The Jungle Book film

On Friday 17th November we are going to be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of The Jungle Book film. We would like the children to come to school dressed as a character from the classic Disney film. They might dress up as Baloo, King Louie, Kaa or one of the other characters/animals from the film. This does not need to be a complicated costume - over half term why not make some ears, or a tail.

As part of the day the children will learn about the English Author Rudyard Kipling who in 1894 wrote a The Jungle Book, a collection of stories that were fables using animals.

As it is also Children in Need that day we thought in the afternoon we would show the original Disney film to the children in KS1 and to the older the children the 2016 version of The Jungle Book. We just ask that they bring £1 to watch the film.

Further details and a reminder will be sent nearer the time but wanted you to know in advance for the dressing up costume!

Reading Volunteers

Thank you for the offers of help, it is not too late and any help with reading is greatly received. Please do contact the school office if you can help. Mrs Richardson will contact all parents in week 1 to arrange the class, day and time to come in and start hearing our wonderful children read. Thank you again the support is invaluable.



Reception Toy Requests

If you are having a half term clear out please remember reception... we need superhero toys, toy cars, trains. Balance bikes and scooters. We really appreciate these donations but please ensure anything you donate is in good condition and working order.



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New Caterers

We are delighted to welcome our new caterer, AiP, to Christ Church School for the beginning of Term 2. AiP are aiming for the Food for Life 'Gold level' at our school. We hope that they will bring a fresh approach to our lunchtimes and we look forward to working with them also on various healthy eating initiatives over the rest of the year.

You will have opportunity to meet AiP and sample their food on various occasions coming up. They will have a presence at the Weds 1st November parents evening, and at some of our Christmas events.

The procedure for booking lunchtime meals will remain the same – please log onto ParentPay to pre book a hot or cold meal. New menus have been sent home with children.

If your child has any allergies that the school don't currently know of, please inform the school office as soon as possible so that they can pass this information onto the new caterers.

We look forward to delicious autumn lunchtimes!

Governors

We are delighted to welcome the following new members to our Governing Body:

- Reverend Neil Shepherd, curate at Christ Church - Foundation Governor
- Sarah Blakeston – Parent Governor
- Tom Skirrow – Parent Governor
- Georgina Harford – Community Governor
- Elizabeth Gray – Local Authority Governor

To find out more about what the Governors do, please visit our page on the school website

PTA news

Well done to everyone who was involved in organising and taking part in the first ever Christ Church PTA Fun Run. Amazingly, the event raised over £2,400! The House with the most Fun Run participants was Kestrels and the two winners for the most sponsorship money raised were Lucy Watts - 2KH and Indira Bardolf Smith - 5RR. Well done!

Next PTA meeting - Wednesday 8th November 7.30-9.00pm at School. All welcome. This will be a short meeting and then split into Christmas Fayre and Christmas Party sub committee groups - please come along if you would like to be involved with either of these events.

We are still looking for a new Chair and Vice Chair for the PTA, there is no expectation that these people will organise our events, it is more to chair the meetings, have an overview events and liaise a couple of times a term with the school - in fact we already have people happy to lead all the PTA events for this coming year. If you are interested, please speak to Mrs Jones or your Class Rep.

Letters home this week

Year 5 Spring Camp
Year 6 Summer Camp
EYFS Voluntary Craft Contribution
Years 1-6 Voluntary Craft Contribution
EYFS – Reading books at Christ Church Primary School
Parent/Teacher consultation form (pre parent/teacher meeting)
Letter from Chair of Governor enclosing Ofsted report
New Caterer Info pack
Year 5 Dance Workshop
EYFS - Nuffield Early Language intervention study
Roving Bookshop



Term 1 2017/18 Dates

Term 2:

October:

Mon 30th Beginning of Term 2
Dance workshop 5RR, pm - PE kit required

November:

Weds 1st & Thurs 2nd Parents evenings
Weds 1st Roving Bookshop in school
Mon 6th Dance workshop 5WB, pm - PE kit required
Weds 8th PTA meeting, 7.30pm at school
Thurs 9th & Tues 14th Reception intake 2018 tours
Thurs 9th Maths learning together - Reception parents/ carers - 9am
1AS Tea Afternoon
Thurs 16th 2KH Tea Afternoon
Fri 17th Children in Need
w/c 20th Road safety week activities
Thurs 23rd 3KA Tea Afternoon
Fri 24th Non-uniform day - donations requested for Christmas fayre
Sun 26th PTA Christmas Fayre pm
Mon 27th Education Lifebus on site - letter to follow next week
thurs 30th 4SB Tea Afternoon

December:

Mon 4th Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance, 5.30pm (children arrive 4.45pm)
Tues 5th Whole School Redgrave Theatre trip 'the Wizard of Oz' (KS2 late return 4.30pm)
Weds 6th Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance, 2pm
KS2 Choir Christmas Concert, St Georges, 7.30pm
Thurs 7th Reception Christmas Play, 10am
5WB Tea Afternoon
Fri 8th Reception Christmas Play, 10am
PTA party for parents/ carers
Thurs 14th 6ED Tea Afternoon
Whole School Christmas Church service 10am, all welcome
Fri 15th End of Term 2

Term 3 starts Weds 3rd January (Tues 2nd Jan is an INSET day)

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