



Excellence Confidence Enriched Nurtured Happy

Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 18: 26th January 2018

Message From Mrs Jones:

We have been reflecting this week about Trust, and the children in assembly on Monday thought about people around school in whom we place trust. We discussed our friends and the importance of having someone to talk to in whom you can trust with your thoughts and feelings, confident that they will not share information that isn't theirs to share.

We also spoke about how we trust our children to behave when they are out and about representing our school, for example, whether it is out on a school trip or at a sports event.

**A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy person keeps a secret.
Proverbs 11.13**

"Ginny!" said Mr. Weasley, flabbergasted. "Haven't I taught you anything? What have I always told you? Never trust anything that can think for itself if you can't see where it keeps its brain?"

J.K. Rowling, Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets

Being able to conduct yourself appropriately in a variety of settings is a key life skill and we are always reminding the children about how to do this; we are therefore very proud of them when they do this well. This week's newsletter shows the opportunities our children have to work with other adults and children in and out of school.



From Clifton Down Shopping Centre

*****Due to popular demand, and all the great feedback on our wonderful Refresh Your Footprint project in partnership with Christ Church C of E Primary School, we have decided to keep the giant footprints on display here at Clifton Down for another week! Here until Friday 2nd Feb!*****

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'Refresh Your Footprint' Launch at Clifton Down



Making Art not Rubbish!

Last Friday we were very excited to attend the Clifton Down Shopping Centre launch of their 'Refresh Your Footprint' project. Year groups Reception, Year 2 and Year 5 had been asked to 'make art not rubbish' Footprints showing lots of different ways in which we can make a difference to our environment. The Footprints looked even better than we had hoped - full of recycled materials and striking messages. Clifton Down are delighted with them and have extended the display period. Lots of children, parents and carers were at the launch, as well as the Bristol Post and Cliff the Cat, who the children were delighted to see again after the assembly he had come to a couple of weeks ago.

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Reception Zoo Visit



We had such a great time and were lucky enough to see all seven of the gorilla's and the baby called Ayana. We loved seeing the butterflies and learnt that moths don't only come out at night. We tried to see if we could spot any penguin eggs as it is breeding season but sadly we didn't. We visited the seals and RRP certainly saw more than they expected to see. They literally after learning the 'oo' sound saw 'oo poo at the zoo'.

We heard the lions and RVG met both Kamran and Ketan. We learnt that they are boys and both born in Bristol Zoo. They played tricks with RRP and every time we went to look they disappeared, eventually we did see one of them.

We had a lovely morning and Mrs Richardson and Miss Grigg were really proud of our attitude to learning and behaviour.

Thank you also to our parents that very kindly came with us and made the trip possible.

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On Tuesday we excitedly arrived at school wearing our waterproofs and wellingtons for our trip to Bristol Zoo (luckily we didn't actually need them). We had planned our route and voted for the top 6 animals we wanted to see. These included flamingos, meerkats, gorillas and hippos and a tour of the aquarium and reptile house. We left with Everywhere Bear, our class bear to learn about animals and answer some questions.



5RR Assembly



Class 5RR led assembly on Thursday. The children shared their knowledge of the Vikings. They had made models of viking longboats, written diary entries and their finale was 'Loki the Joker', a rousing Viking song!

Yr 5 Maths Competition

On Thursday, Trinnie, Paul, Nathan and Isabelle from Year 5 attended the annual maths competition held at Bristol Grammar School. The children were brilliant and got stuck straight into the different challenges which had been laid out for them. The delicious tea served at the end of the competition was a well deserved end to a great afternoon.



Messages and Requests

Please can reception have milk bottle tops. We are only collecting them until Thursday. We will be setting up a recycling station outside the reception classrooms from Monday for you to empty them into.



Invitations



Do you worry about the effect screen time has on your child? Does the phrase, "Everyone else is allowed more screen time than me", ring any bells? Have you read the scare stories in the press about the negative impact of social media on teenagers?

If so, you are not alone!

We would like to invite all parents (Reception to Year 6) to an evening at the school with

Katharine Hill, author of "Left to Their Own Devices".

Based on her latest book, she will explore the impact the digital age has on our children, giving practical advice on screen time, social media, and consumer culture as well as how to tackle some of our serious current online issues.

Katharine has worked for the charity, Care for the Family, for over 20 years; she is an international speaker and a regular guest on radio and television programmes.

Come and hear Katharine speak on **Thursday 1st March in the school hall**. Refreshments from **7.30pm** with a chance to ask any questions you may have later.

RSVP the school office - christ.church.p@bristol-schools.uk



Parents Praying for School

All parents/grand-parents welcome, no commitment. Open to all! Wednesdays term time: meet Helena by the gate on Royal Park 9am or at Jacobs Well within Christ Church at 9.05, finish @ 9:30am

Further info : helena.whitwell@gmail.com

Christ Church Community Choir Welcomes New Members

Do you like singing along to the radio? Or in the shower? Then you are just who we're looking for!

Come along and join us in the Christ Church Community Choir. We are a group of parents, carers and teachers who meet once a week straight after to school to sing for the joy of singing. No auditions, no pressure, just fun. Come along on Tuesdays 3.30-4.00pm, in the KS1 zone. Don't be shy.

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Reminders

We are finding that the bike shelter at the front of the school is getting very full of both adult's and children's bikes - the bike shelter at the front is intended for staff and visitors; please use the bike shelter in the playground for children's bike - there is much more space in this bike shelter.

Classroom doors are open from 8.45-8.55am; school starts at 8.55am - if you child is not in school by this point they will be marked as Late. We still have a number of children who regularly arrive after 9am - attendance is monitored by local and central government - please support us by getting your child into school on time.

Thank you.

PTA news - more details to come but please put these dates in your diary:

School Disco - Friday 23rd February
Reception & KS1 – 3.30-4.30pm, KS2 5-6pm

Quiz night - 9th March



Term 3&4 2018 Dates

Term 3:

January:

Mon 29th Yr 1 Zoo Trip
Yr 6 Red Cross Awareness session

February:

Thurs 1st 5WB Class Assembly, 9.10am
NW24 Bake Off
3TC Tea afternoon
Yr 5/6 Football League, Merchants Academy, 4.00-5.45pm
Tues 6th Yr 2 Dance Festival, Ashton Park School, 10.00-11.30am
Yr 6 Red Cross Awareness session
Thurs 8th RRP Class Assembly, 9.10am
4AF Tea Afternoon
Fri 9th End of Term 3

Term 4 starts on Monday 19th February

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

Academy day - Fri 25th May (school data day - children not in school)