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## Christ Church CE Primary Newsletter 12: 1st December 2017

### Message From Mrs Jones

School is bustling with Christmas Cheer which began last Sunday with a most successful PTA Christmas Fayre. A huge **thank you** to everyone for their hard work and support especially the Fayre committee and their children who were in school for seven hours on Sunday ensuring that the festive fundraising went smoothly.

Next week every day has a 'special event' (or two or three!), whether it is a performance or a trip. Please follow the details outlined in the newsletter.

We wish Miss Barsby well as she begins her maternity leave. We are looking forward to hearing her exciting news. We will welcome Miss Jenny Halton on Monday who will teach in 4SB.



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# LifeBus



Every class enjoyed a visit to the Life Bus this week learning about areas of the PSHE (personal social health education) curriculum. Pete and Jeanette, the Life Bus team, commented on the knowledge and exemplary behaviour of our children.



## Yr 6 Maths Competition

Our Year 6 team got through to the second stage of the Maths competition. They enjoyed themselves and thought they did well, so we are crossing fingers that they might get all the way to the finals at Cambridge University!



## Yr 4 Underfall Yard

On an icy cold but gloriously sunny Thursday, Year 4 donned their woolly scarves and hats and trooped down to Bristol Harbour to explore the Underfall Yard.

We learned about the fascinating history of Bristol's floating harbour, why it is called the Underfall Yard and how the Harbour Master and all the workers at the Yard keep Bristol from flooding through a brilliantly designed system of sluices, thanks to Bristol's hero, Brunel. We were privileged to be able to see the room with the mechanisms that power the sluices and the entrances to the tunnels that run underneath Bristol so that the sluices can function properly.

We were then introduced to the Visitors' centre where we were able to see all of Bristol and its river system from above, and we had the chance to use interactive devices and games to understand it in more depth.

The big hit of the day was the Human Accumulator where the weight of our bodies simulated the weight needed to create water pressure that pushes up the sluice gate, but for more details on this you'll have to ask the children in year 4!



## Yr 5 & 6 Basketball League



Our Yr 5 & 6 basketball teams have now run, slid, dribbled and shot baskets for 4 weeks at Hengrove Leisure Centre. It has been a joy to watch them grow in confidence, skill and team working. Both teams did fantastically and represented the school superbly. Christ Church Team A finished 'King Of their Court'! Well done everyone! Please our website for videos of the action!



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## Christmas Plays/ Concerts and Theatre! **Pick up**

We have a fun packed week next week - 2 plays, a theatre trip, a concert, sportshall athletics and finishing up with the parent and staff Christmas party!

Please could we ask you to look again at the letters that you have received with regards to what the children are doing each day and arrangements over **pick up** (summarised below):

**Mon 4th - KS1 play** 5.30pm. KS1 children to be dropped at school at 4.45pm - please come into school via the Landsdown Road gate and take your child to their classroom door. They will also need to be picked up from the classroom door after the play finishes (around 6.30-6.45pm). Entry for those watching the play will be via the Community Entrance - *please remember your tickets!*

If your child is attending Shine 1st session before the play, a member of school staff will collect them from Shine for the play.

As the KS1 play will be in the hall, **Shine** will be operating out of the Year 5 classrooms on Mon 5th. Collection after 1st session at 4.45pm will be from the playground doors between 5RR and 4SB; collection from second session will also be from these playground doors.

**Tues 5th - Redgrave Theatre 'Wizard of Oz' trip.** **KS1 and 3KA** will attend in the morning, **KS2** will attend in the afternoon and arrive back to school in time for pick up at 5pm - again please come into school via the Landsdown Road gate and collect your child from their classroom door.

**Weds 6th - KS2 choir** at St Georges Concert - afternoon performance, please collect your child from St.Georges Church on Brandon Hill.

**Thurs 7th - KS1 Athletics** at Ashton Park Secondary School - please make your own arrangements for transporting your child to and from the event.

## Reminders

Please remember to go online and give your consent and voluntary contribution to the Redgrave Theatre Trip

**Christmas Lunch** will be Thursday 14th December - the kitchen need numbers in good time, so please go onto ParentPay and pre book this by **Friday 8th December**.



## PTA News

**“A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Christ Church Christmas Fayre last weekend. It was a fabulous, festive event which raised £3,700 for the school”.**

Along with the Fun Run which raised £2,500 and the Christmas Cards which raised £1000, this gives a total to date this year of **£7,250**, which is enough for a class set of 30 I-pads! Please also continue to use ‘The Giving Machine’ when buying online for Christmas for that little extra that goes to the school each time!

### One last chance to win the Tony Hawk Skateboard!

One of our top raffle prizes, the much sought after Tony Hawk skateboard, has generously been donated back to the school (the original winner is not a skateboarder!).

For a last chance to win, children can bring £1 on **Tuesday 12th December** to be entered into a draw on Wednesday 13th December.

1 go per child.

£1 to be given to the class teacher either at registration or end of school day



## PTA Christmas Party

Reminder for the PTA parent and staff Christmas party next **Friday 8th December.**

Tickets cost £17.50 (which includes a glass of Prosecco on arrival, thereafter paid bar)

Tickets can be bought from class reps, or through returning the Booking form to the school office with cheque (paid to CCSA), cash or online payment to : Lloyds Bank, 30-99-08, 22086268, Ref: family name.

**See you all there.....**

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CHRIST CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL  
**Christmas PARTY**  
FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2017  
7.30pm – Doors Open  
8.00pm – Dinner Served  
9.30pm – The Big Show  
10.00pm – Disco  
12.30am – Hometime  
Booking forms will be coming home with more info  
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## Book reviews

### What is your favourite book?

#### Does your family have a favourite book?

#### Is it a favourite author you have?

Remember to give in or email to the school office your 'favourite book' review and photos of the book/ you reading the book - deadline **Friday 8th December**.

This will really help our school community in being able to recommend good books to each other! Thank you



## Letters home this week

3KA change of time for Theatre Visit  
Miss Barsby Leaving (4SB only)

## Term 1 2017/18 Dates

### Term 2:

#### 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 (except 3KA) late return from Theatre - 5pm) Yr 3 Church Christmas experience, am
Weds 6th	Yrs 1 & 2 Christmas Performance, 2pm KS2 Choir Christmas Concert, St Georges, concert 1.30pm ( <b>note time change</b> )
Thurs 7th	Reception Christmas Play, 10am Yr 3 Church Christmas experience, am KS1 Sportshall Athletics, after school 5WB Tea Afternoon
Fri 8th	Reception Christmas Play, 10am Yr 5 Cathedral Carol Concert, pm (during school day) PTA party for parents/ carers
Tues 12th	Bring in £1 for last chance draw for Tony Hawk Skateboard
Thurs 14th	6ED Tea Afternoon Whole School Christmas Church service 10am, all welcome School Christmas Lunch - book by Fri 8th Dec
Fri 15th	Christmas Jumper Day End of Term 2

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

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