



Our **Vision** is to be a...

**Caring Community,
Courageously Learning,
Inspired to Live Life to the Full.**



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Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

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Dates for Term 5

Week beg. Mon 19th May – Wonder Week (Junk Orchestra, Spiritual Spaces, Clay art project with CCJ and Birds of Prey visit)

Thu 22nd May – 3.10-4pm Art Gallery at CCD for children and pupils

Fri 23rd May – Last day of T5, Hot Chocolate awards, enrichment session

Initial dates for Term 6

Term 6 starts on Monday 2nd June

Fri 13th June – CCI Maths Day

Tue 17th June 9am - Parent Council & Percussion workshops

Thu 19th June – Y2 MAD Olympiad at Pomphrey Hill (see permission letter)

Fri 20th June – INSET Day

Week beg. 23rd June – new class lists shared

Fri 27th June – Y2 Move Up Day to CCJ

Week beg. 30th June CCI Sports week – non-PE sports clothing all week

Fri 4th July - Sports Day (Y1/2 9-11.30am & EYFS 1.30-3pm) & Summer Social 4.30-6.30pm

Thu 10th July – 2.45pm EYFS parents invited in for food stalls/3.10-4.20pm - Y2 Leavers Disco

Mon 14th & 18th July – Basketball coaching for all classes

1.30pm 16th July - Y2 Leavers production and assembly at Christ Church (CCD)

12-1pm Tue 22nd July - Picnic for all children & families at CCJ

1.30pm Tue 22nd July – school ends for CCI & CCJ (film in hall for any children at CCI who cannot go home – CCJ will have a similar plan)

New EYFS dates:

Welcome sessions – 3.45pm 18th or 25th June

Stay and plays – 9.15am 8th & 11th July

CCI Y1 & 2 class visits

3rd & 7th July

CCJ Y2 transition dates – separate letter From CCJ coming out soon.

Weekly message from Anna Martin

It is at this time in the year when we really start to notice that our EYFS children thrive in their independent learning, needing a little less help from the adults in school. Here are some brilliant examples of this independence as children made homes for animals as part of their enquiry 'How can I care for pets?'



We were delighted to appoint a new temporary teacher this week who will cover for Mrs Perry in September as she will be enjoying her maternity leave at home with her new baby. We have appointed Miss Griffin, who was a trainee teacher in Panda Class earlier this year. She has a wonderful set of values and will fit right in with our team here.



Christ Church Schools' Partnership



To continue the shared working across both schools and our learning journey together, a CCI Foundation Governor joined CCJ's Ethos Committee last week to look at how we can strengthen our shared vision, values and ethos.

Both schools adopted the same method for gathering friendship choices from the children ready for the move to their classes next year and we hope this has provided consistency for families.

The last day of Term 2 will be a non-uniform day for both schools (no fancy dress please!) and both schools are asking for tombola donations of a bottle for the summer social events rather than donations this year please.

Collective Worship

Monday – We had a very informative visit from Janet Bacon, who is a member of Christ Church and volunteer for Mission Direct. She talked to the children about the inspirational work that her charity does in Kumi in Uganda. The children decided that they'd like to have a 'break the rule day' in Term 6 to raise money for the children in the schools there to all have porridge every day as currently lots go without anything to eat all day.

Tuesday – Miss Perry told the children the story of 'Gratitude is my Superpower', helping the children to think what showing thanks and gratitude can do for others.

Wednesday – We celebrated children and staff who have been living out the values and our wonderful readers who won the raffle this week

Thursday – Mr. Jones talked to the children about counting their blessings and feeling thankful for what they have.

Friday – The children learnt about 'beyond' this week in their weekly Spirituality worship and thought about prayer and how and why people with a faith pray to their God.



Bikes and scooters

Please can we ask again that children do not play on any bikes and scooters on the playground before or after school. This is unsafe as families are trying to pass through the playground.

If children are travelling to and from school on bikes and scooters then they must get off these at the gates please.

The bikes and scooters stored under the wooden shelter are for school use only. You will see a sign reminding people of these rules so please follow them.

If this does not improve, we will need to review whether the school site can be used after school for stay and plays.

Mrs. Doman's Retirement

We are very sad to tell you that Mrs. Doman, our Higher-Level Teaching Assistant in Tiger Class, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. Mrs. Doman has been at the school for 23 years so this will be a very big change for us all but we plan to really enjoy our last term with her and celebrate how brilliant she is.

Living the Values

In school the children's award go to Isaac E in Panda Class. I saw him thank an adult that he didn't know as they moved aside to let him through a doorway – what a polite young person you are Isaac!

The staff award goes to Mr. Jones for showing thankfulness to our wonderful artist for painting our new mural. He even got the whole school to show their thanks through a lovely round of applause!

At home the values awards go to;

Isla in Cheetahs for showing thankfulness to her parents for making her bedroom lovely, her Nanny for childcare and for her teachers helping her with learning.

Ellie in Cheetahs and Libby in Tigers for showing thankfulness at home with lovely manners and by helping out and showing appreciation.

Ariyon in Lions for showing thankfulness to his Mummy and Daddy for cooking him lovely meals.

Carys in Pandas for showing thankfulness to God for her lovely meals with her family.

Grace in Giraffes for showing thankfulness to a friend who had shown her kindness by making a thank you card.

Parent Council feedback

Thank you to the parents who joined me this week for a really useful parent council discussion. It was so helpful to gather the views of our families so thank you also to those who sent feedback and queries in via email. Here are some brief notes about our discussion points;

One page report changes

We agreed to rearrange the parents' meetings and reports so verbal feedback is given first to provide context about the whole child, rather than reporting on academic progress.

Microsoft forms for friendships

Felt by all that this is a better system.

Use of technology at CCI

We discussed the use of technology, and particularly screens, at CCI and the council felt it is appropriate and balanced here but that they'd appreciate some information for the wider parent body about what is used and how. This will be on next week's newsletter.

Reading Policy and policy reviews

We discussed whether parents should have input into school policies and it was felt that this was strategic and should be managed by staff and governors. Parent Council is a good way to discuss any queries about school policies but it would be to gather input rather than to make changes. We also suggested a change to the reading policy to include explaining why a screen on the interactive whiteboard may very occasionally be used to share a story.

Information about learning in new year groups

We usually run face to face sessions for families to learn about what changes in Y1 and 2 once children move up through the school, but attendance at these has been falling. So that everyone can access this we have decided to create an online presentation that you at any time.

Premier Sport Education

John Cahill came to canvass what families need from Premier Education to make sure that they are meeting the needs of the community as best as they can.

Y2 picnic end of term arrangements

CCI will host a film afternoon for any CCI children who cannot be collected from school at 1.30pm, after the picnic at CCJ, on Tue 22nd July. A letter will come out about this in term 6.

Out of School Achievements



Marcos is very proud to have taken part in the AJ Bell Bristol Junior Run. He really enjoyed running through the city, especially around College Green. He ran alongside his sister, Laura, and they both had a great time.

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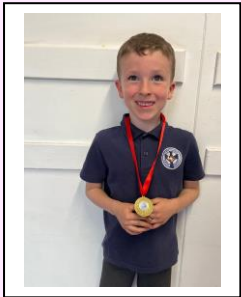
Matteo was successful in his taekwondo exam and he moved up to the next level - purple belt now!



Amazing achievement at Gymnastics Coco,



Well done Cassius, amazing swimming



Well Done Sawyer for earning a medal in Gymnastics.

Pesky Pirates

Downend Library

Friday 30th May

10:30 - 11:30

Free drop in craft activity most suitable for primary school aged children.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

