



Christ Church CE VC Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

Have you listened to the “Fabulous Christ Church Radio” yet? If not, this is the link <http://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk/for-pupils/radio-station/>. This has been an amazing project. Thank you FOCCS for raising the money, Mrs Hann-Perkins for her skill in teaching the children how to use the equipment and finally to the children whose enthusiasm brings the broadcast alive. Each broadcast, which is live, gets better and better.

Whilst on the subject of fundraising I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jane Pengelly and Sabrina Goddard for their hard work and commitment as FOCCS chair. As I have said publically on many occasions if it weren't for FOCCS and the support you as parents give to the school, Christ Church would be a very different place. Thank you.

The next project for FOCCS is a grounds development programme. How do you think we can improve our grounds? At the parent/teacher consultations there will be a display and photographs of the grounds. Please add your comments to the boards. Yours and the children's comments will then be collated and a planned schedule of works proposed. The sheets were beautifully prepared by Lynch Robertson Landscape Architects. I would like to thank the company for their support.

Last week we said thank you and farewell to two members of staff—Mrs Solveig Laren-Barker who has been a Learning Support Assistant for 13 years and to Mrs Gill Skidmore who has been a cleaner at Christ Church for 26 years. We wish them well in their new business and retirement. Mrs Mandy Morris has replace Mrs Larsen-Baker in Foundation and we welcome her to our staff.

Today is the Harvest Festival. Thank you for your gifts which will go to the Bradford on Avon Hub. If you still wish to donate, we are hoping the goods will be collected tomorrow afternoon.

The term continues in its business and the children remain focussed on their work. The ELLI focus is in Independence—it might be worth asking your child how this focus translates into their classroom.

Neil Baker
Headteacher

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Dates for your diary



Term 1 Friday 1 September - Wednesday 18 October 2017

Monday 9 October	Harvest Festival - service in Christ Church (pupils only)
Tuesday 10 October	Parent Consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
Thursday 12 October	Parent Consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
Tuesday 17 October	Open Afternoon and Evening for Foundation parents starting September 2018 2.00pm or 7.00pm
Wednesday 18 October	End of Term 1 End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)
Saturday 31 October	Closing Date for Secondary School applications - September 2018

Term 2 Monday 30 October - Wednesday 20 December 2017

Monday 30 October	INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
Tuesday 31 October	INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
Wednesday 1 November	Term 2 begins - children return to school Start of Anti-Bullying month
Wednesday 8 November	Year 6/7 tea party
Friday 10 November	Collective Worship for 6AD
Friday 17 November	Photographer in school for individual & family photographs
Thursday 23 November	FOCCS Open Meeting 8.00pm in school
Friday 1 December	Mufti day for Christmas Fayre donations Collective Worship for 3SGCS House Day
Saturday 2 December	Christmas Fayre
Friday 8 December	Open Afternoon to public and all parents from 1.30pm Collective Worship for 5GT
Tuesday 12 December	FS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents/carers at 2.00pm
Wednesday 13 December	FS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents/carers at 2.00pm
Thursday 14 December	FS & KS1 Nativity performance to parents/carers at 2.00pm
Friday 15 December	Year 4 Nativity to their parents
Tuesday 19 December	Christmas Lunch
Wednesday 20 December	End of Term 2 End of Term service in Christ Church lead by Year 4

The challenge is on again!

During Term 1 send in your photos of you reading under extreme conditions to admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk by Monday 16 October 2017.

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Winners will be announced at the start of Term 2.

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Celebrating Children's Achievements

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Music

Congratulations to Ellen Ingrey-Counter (5AH) who has recently passed her Grade 1 Piano exam. Well done Ellen!

Congratulations also to Molly Weston (4DH) who has passed her Grade 1 Piano exam with a distinction. Well done to you too Molly!

Gymnastics

Maya Jakubowski (5AH) took part in the South West Level 4 Gymnastics Championships. Maya placed third in this competition and will now represent the South West at the National Finals in Guilford in November. Congratulations Maya!

Please let Sarah Jones in the school office have any details of achievements that you would like to share with everyone. You can email admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk or drop in a note to the school office.

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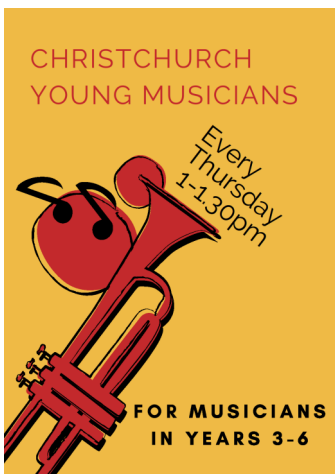
Lunchtime Music Clubs

So lovely to see children coming along to our lunchtime music clubs. These clubs are a great opportunity to build confidence, develop skills, work towards performances and have fun. For this to happen effectively, children (particularly in mini singers) cannot come in and out of the session as and when they please as it disrupts the rehearsal and is unfair to others. They are very much a team effort and as such, they require a degree of commitment. Particularly impressed with the new year 1's who've managed to remember to come each week, well done!

One other point to note is that for this term orchestra is open to all children who are currently having instrumental lessons and who their teacher feels is ready to play in an ensemble. Whilst it has been really encouraging to see so many enthusiastic newcomers, we need a little more balance. With this in mind, we'll be offering an alternative group in the Spring to which other young musicians would be most welcome.

Many thanks for your understanding and support.

Sara Taylor
Music Co-ordinator



Christ Church Radio Station

Our radio station is now up and running, we are doing weekly shows, where we broadcast to the whole school at 2.50 on a Friday afternoon. The shows are then uploaded to the school website page for everyone to listen to. The shows are completely written by the children, each week we have some children who experts they have done a couple of shows, as well as some new broadcasters who are broadcasting for the first time. As well as our weekly show we are also doing special whole class shows which are linked to the class topic. 6JD were the first class to do this and their show is also on the website.

If you would like the children to read our a special message then you can email them at radio@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk. The children will look forward to hearing from you.

Please do tune and listen to the shows they have created, they are the school website, pupils, radio station.

