



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

### NEWSLETTER March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

What an amazing week! Walking around the school and spending time in the classroom with our visitors has been a real privilege. STEM week proves itself to be another successful venture. Around the school we have experienced liquid nitrogen, been into space, built bridges, made robots, tested river water for pollution, made paper aeroplanes and been part of a PhD project. I would like to thank all of the adults who have volunteered and supported our STEM week: Dr Fenner; Dr Shermer; Mr Revill; Mrs Kirtley; Dr Olivier; Mrs Moyser & Mrs Goddard; Mr Hubbard & Amelia Hubbard; Mr Weston & Mr Squire; Mrs Thomas; Mr Warner, Loopy Computing; GBM computers; Wessex Water; Blood Hound Car team; Build a Bot; the Science Team at St. Laurence School; Bath University; and the Bristol University team led by Dr Hinton aka Mrs Pick.

Last Friday the school had a visit from our local MP Michelle Donelan. She came initially to discuss the poor outcomes of Wiltshire Schools following the announcement of the National Funding Formula. For those who were following the issue, Wiltshire will still remain on the funding floor especially for those pupils with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. However, Michelle Donelan also spoke with the Year 6 pupils about democracy and explained how parliament worked. As part of this session she offered a 15 minute question and answer session. Our Year 6's were brilliant. They asked some very searching questions about both local and national topics. The session overran by 20 minutes! You can hear then interview on the Christ Church Radio (<http://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk/for-pupils/radio-station/>). Michelle Donelan wanted me to pass on her feedback to the Year 6's who she said were incredibly polite, well mannered and well informed. Not only did they ask searching questions but listened intently to the answers. Well done Year 6.

Earlier this month there was the Spring Concert organised by Mrs Sara Taylor, Music Teacher. This was in two parts, with the Mini Singers performing in the afternoon and the CC Singers, Beat Band, Boys Choir, drumming ensemble and individual performers entertaining us wonderfully in the evening. Mrs Taylor is leaving Christ Church today to take up a new post and we wish her all the very best for the future. After the Easter break we will be welcoming Mrs Nicola Screen to Christ Church to teach Music and we will have more information at the start of next term about the clubs that Mrs Screen will be running at lunchtimes.

We have also had our fabulous Foundation Moosical this term, There's a Sunflower in my Supper! The children all performed brilliantly. We were very impressed with their skills in singing, dancing and acting and we hope their parents enjoyed it too.

During the holidays Miss Gwen Thomas will be marrying Mr Ben Abbott and so after the holidays she will be known as Mrs Abbott. We wish them all the very best for their future together.

It just remains for me to wish you all a Happy Easter and welcome you all back on Monday 16 April 2018.

Neil Baker  
Headteacher

### House Points at the end of Term 3

**Unicorn 2560 Gryphon 2510 Dragon 2330 Pegasus 2240**

### School contact details

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## Dates for your diary .....



### Term 5 Monday 16 April - Friday 25 May 2018

Monday 16 April	Term 5 begins - children return to school
Friday 27 April	Collective Worship for Hedgehog Class (Foundation)
Friday 4 May	Muftie Day for May Fayre
Monday 7 May	May Fayre - organised by FOCCS
	Bank Holiday - school closed to children
Friday 11 May	Collective Worship for Badgers class (Year 1)
14-18 May	KS2 SATs week - NO MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 15 May	FOCCS Open Meeting 8.00pm
18-21 May	Year 6 Residential trip
Friday 25 May	End of Term 5
	End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)

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### Term 6 Monday 4 June - Wednesday 25 July 2018

Monday 4 June	Term 6 begins - children return to school
Wednesday 6 June	Foundation Induction Meeting for September 2018 7.00pm
Friday 8 June	Collective Worship for 3LM
Friday 15 June	Collective Worship for Woodpeckers class (Year 2)
	FOCCS School Disco (KS1 & KS2)
Monday 18 June	Competitive track races - year groups and times to be advised
Wednesday 20 June	INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED
Friday 22 June	Sports Day (House Day) - Parents invited from 1.30pm - NO MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL
Wednesday 27 June	Foundation Induction Meeting for September 2018 7.00pm
Thursday 28 June	Year 6 Taster Day at St. Laurence (1 of 2)
	Year 6 Parents evening at St. Laurence School
Tuesday 3 July	Year 5 Taster Day at St. Laurence
	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm
	<i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
Wednesday 4 July	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm
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Thursday 5 July	Whole School Taster Day
	Year 6 Taster Day at St. Laurence (2 of 2)
Friday 6 July	FOCCS Open Meeting 9.00am at school

### **Telephone system and reporting absence from school**

To report your child's absence from school call 01225 863444 and press 1 to leave a message. Alternatively you can hold to speak to the school office from 8.00am onwards or send an email to [absence@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:absence@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk). The message still needs to be received before 8.50 am which is when the registers close.



If you wish to report an absence from the FUNdays morning club or the FUNdays after school club **please contact FUNdays directly** on 07874222782. The school will not pass on absence calls to FUNdays. They wish you to call directly. This is the only correspondence that should be sent to this address.

If you think your child is late you must sign them in at the school office and book their school dinner as they will have missed that register as well.

## Year 2 Charity Day reviews

### Our Charity Day

At the end of term three, we were trying to decide how to use money. In the end we decided to raise money for a charity. There were loads of different charities to choose , from the RSPCA to Dorothy House. The one we chose was the World Wildlife Fund. We chose that charity because we wanted to know why people were trying to kill the animals which are endangered.

We decided to have a dressing up day for a bit of fun, as well as raising money. At the time our topic was Fairy Tales and Castles. We decided we could either dress up as a fairy tale character, a Medieval person or an animal. I dressed up as a fluffy little penguin so I could make my feet look like flippers. Other people came as a scary wolf, a white snow leopard, a brave knight and a black gorilla but my favourite was a dragon costume.

We each brought a donation in and by the time we had got everyone's in we had £250.55! We couldn't believe it! We are sure it will get to the World Wildlife Fund in time.

By Ned Weston  
Woodpeckers class

### Our Charity Day

Last term, Year 2 decided to raise some money so we all voted and the winning vote was the WWF.

Then we had to vote again so we voted again and the winning activity was dressing up as a Medieval person, a fairy tale character or an animal.

On the 8<sup>th</sup> February, I came to school dressed up as Peter Pan. Preston came to school as Peter Pan too, but he had a different design than mine. My favourite character was Felix, the king.

On the dressing up day, we all brought in some money and we raised £250.55 to go to the WWF.

By Iris Mountain  
Rabbits class



**World Wide Fund for Nature**

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## Celebrating Children's Achievements

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### Music

Millie Martin (4HR) has passed her Grade 1 Flute exam with a merit. Congratulations Millie!

Ned Weston (Woodpeckers) has recently competed in the Midsomerset Festival Grade 1 Piano competition and he received a commended award. Well done Ned!

### Swimming

Edie Norton (3SGCS) has passed her level 5 swimming badge and has now moved on to Level 6 and is swimming lots of lengths! Well done Edie.

### Martial Arts

Erik Charles (5AH) has passed his Martial Arts grading and has achieved his Deputy Black Belt. Congratulations Erik!

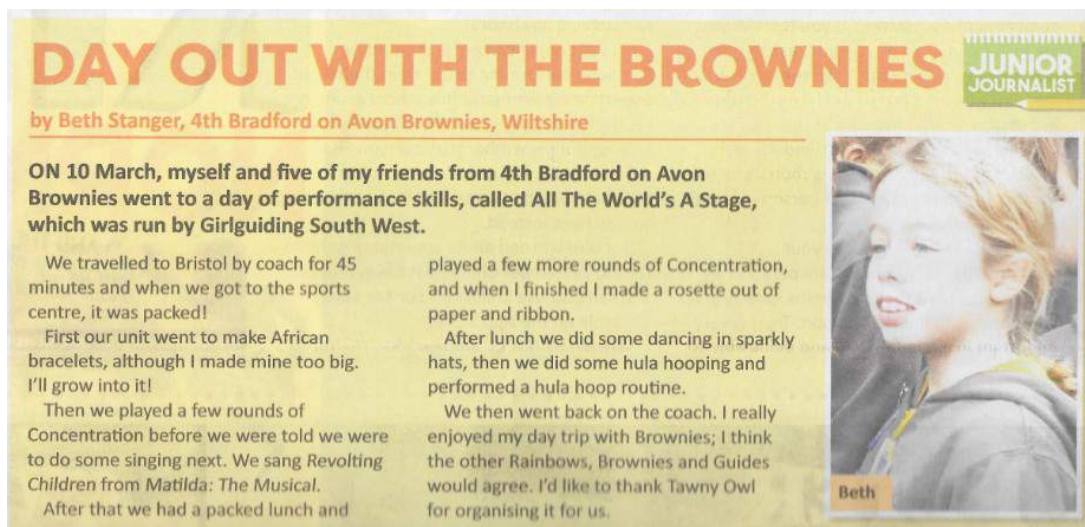
### Trampoline

Ava Snow (3LM) has passed her level 4 Trampoline award. Congratulations Ava!

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](mailto:admin@christchurch.wilts.sch.uk) or drop in a note to the school office.

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Beth Stanger, 4DH, has just had an article published in First News, the schools newspaper and you can read it below.



**DAY OUT WITH THE BROWNIES** JUNIOR JOURNALIST

by Beth Stanger, 4th Bradford on Avon Brownies, Wiltshire

**ON 10 March, myself and five of my friends from 4th Bradford on Avon Brownies went to a day of performance skills, called All The World's A Stage, which was run by Girlguiding South West.**

We travelled to Bristol by coach for 45 minutes and when we got to the sports centre, it was packed!

First our unit went to make African bracelets, although I made mine too big. I'll grow into it!

Then we played a few rounds of Concentration before we were told we were to do some singing next. We sang *Revolution Children* from *Matilda: The Musical*.

After that we had a packed lunch and

played a few more rounds of Concentration, and when I finished I made a rosette out of paper and ribbon.

After lunch we did some dancing in sparkly hats, then we did some hula hooping and performed a hula hoop routine.

We then went back on the coach. I really enjoyed my day trip with Brownies; I think the other Rainbows, Brownies and Guides would agree. I'd like to thank Tawny Owl for organising it for us.

Beth

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### Book Bingo Challenge

We are proud to announce that the Book Bingo Challenge has raised an amazing £3,400 to support Literacy in school. On her recent visit, Michelle Donelan MP presented a cheque to the school for the final total. This money will go towards books for the classrooms and au-visits such as those we had for World Book Day when David Solomons and Jennifer Killick came into school.

This challenge would not have been possible without the fantastic support of the parent body and all the sponsors and we are very grateful. The challenge was organised by Jonathon Douglass, Subject Leader for Reading, with the support of FOCCS who have all done a wonderful job.

Foundation were the winning year group of the challenge raising the most money and they were treated, as promised in earlier correspondence, to a party where Mr Douglass read them some fabulous stories and I believe they had cake! A very good time was had by all.

Neil Baker  
Headteacher

The Rugby  
Tournament  
26th March  
2018



Christ Church came 4th  
Well Done



Great  
Team  
Work

PIC•COLLAGE

### A big thank you to good Samaritans

A lady called the school office this week to ask that we say a big "Thank you" to a very kind family who helped her on the afternoon of Thursday 22 March.

The lady had fallen over outside the school and this family were leaving school as she fell. The mum helped her up and then the dad took the lady home in the car. She was very grateful and just wanted to make sure that the family knew that.

She is hoping you will know who you are as she didn't manage to get any names in all the confusion.

Sarah Jones  
Senior Admin Officer



Term 5 begins on Monday 16 April 2018



## LIONS CLUB OF BRADFORD ON AVON

### Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Competition

at the Victory Field, Bradford on Avon

Easter Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2018

Bonnet Judging at 10.00am Egg Hunt at 1015. Free to take part

Open to all children under 12

Hunt for tokens to exchange for cream eggs

Why not enter our Easter Bonnet competition!

Cash prizes and large eggs for the three best Bonnets  
Small eggs for all other Bonnet entrants

Come and join us and have fun!



## Exhibition: Bradford on Avon

# Millennium Embroidery

Created by local people to celebrate  
1000 yrs of history in the town.



B on A Library Meeting room

Weds March 28th until Sat April 28th

During Library opening hours

**Ever thought about volunteering?**

Wiltshire's Independent Visitor Scheme is looking for people who can spare a couple of hours of their time every 3-4 weeks.

**Volunteers are needed across Wiltshire** to befriend children in care. Young people living away from their families often really value having a consistent independent person who can take a special interest in their lives.

Wiltshire Independent Visitor Scheme is looking to take on more independent visitors to fulfil this valuable and rewarding role. Volunteers are needed who can communicate well with young people, share in their interests and who have regular time to spare.

If you are interested in knowing more please contact the scheme on **01225 713961** or **IVScheme@wiltshire.gov.uk**

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*"My IV is awesome and lots of fun; he makes me happy."*  
Young Person

**The Great Christ Church Writing Contest...**

The contest is open to all Christ Church children with prizes for winning entries in KS1, LKS2, UKS2 and an overall winner! Explore your imagination and show us the result. The only rules are that it must be your own writing and it can't be more than two pages of A4.

Closing Date: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April – entries to Mr Hardwick or Mr Douglass

mystery  
historical  
poem  
myth comedy fable  
fairytale story  
legend  
action narrative  
fiction science  
fantasy adventure

## Bradford on Avon Lifesaving Club are looking for some new members!

This is a great way for children to have fun, improve their swimming and to learn essential lifesaving skills all in one go.

The club takes children from 5 years up to adults.

The club runs from 5pm every Saturday at Bradford pool, with lifesaving skills being taught until 5.45pm with a fun swim until 6pm afterwards.

It is free for your first trial session. It then costs £3 a session for the first three sessions so you can try it out and see if you would like to join, after that you are asked to pay a monthly fee of £9.

This is a fantastic Bradford club which is run by committed volunteers, adults are also welcome to the adult life-saving session.

Please see <http://www.boalsc.org.uk> for more info or come along and try it out.



**BRADFORD ON AVON  
LIFE SAVING  
CLUB UK**

## Dogs on the school site

Can we please ask again that you do not bring your dogs on to the school site. If you need to tie your dog up by the school gate can we ask that you do not leave them for too long. Our neighbours are concerned about the noise of the dogs that howl and bark whilst left tied up. If you know your dog will do this please do not bring them to school.

We would also ask that you discourage your children from approaching any dogs that are tied to the fence. The dogs may look friendly but you just cannot trust that they won't bite.

Neil Baker

Headteacher