



## Christ Church CE VC Primary School

NEWSLETTER  
April 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy term of runaway gingerbread people (who have now been caught by the Year 1 children), Tudor banquets, being shipwrecked on islands or being incredible superheroes as well as lots more amazing learning. We have finished the term with a fantastic Arts Week organised by Mrs Steggall and I would like to thank her for all her hard work. The theme has been rhythm and reflection and has incorporated music, art and dance. The week was kicked off by Jamma de Samba doing workshops with Years 5 and 2 who all thoroughly enjoyed the experience and it was great to hear the Samba rhythms all around the school. The children have also enjoyed dance workshops, artists and other musical workshops. Thank you to all those parent volunteers and workshop leaders who have supported us this week.

A big thank you to FOCCS and all the many volunteers who have helped at recent events for all their hard work, as their contributions to Arts Week have allowed so many children to experience some inspiring workshops. We are all now looking forward to the Easter Egg Hunt (Saturday 6 April at school) and the May Fayre.

We would like to welcome Mrs Rachel Martin who will be starting as our new receptionist after the Easter break and she will be supporting the rest of the admin team every morning.

Mr Baker is continuing his work in supporting another school and this is going to be until the end of the academic year. Therefore, I will be continuing as Interim Head until the end of the year. Mr Baker continues to support Christ Church School strategically and is onsite two days a week.

After Easter we will be using Parent Pay to pay for school trips and visits. You will be receiving a sign up letter today so you can register for this service. We hope we will be able to roll this out to pay for school dinner money too and we will be working with Sodexo so this can happen in September.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and hope you enjoy the Easter Break.

Claire Hann-Perkins  
Interim Headteacher

### **House Points at the end of Term 4**

**Unicorn 2150 Gryphon 2090 Dragon 2160 Pegasus 2410**

**Term 5 begins on Tuesday 23 April 2019**

### **School contact details**

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## Dates for your diary .....



### Term 5 Monday Tuesday 23 April - Friday 24 May 2019

Tuesday 23 April	Term 5 begins - children return to school
Friday 3 May	Muftie Day for May Fayre
Monday 6 May	May Fayre - organised by FOCCS
	Bank Holiday - school closed to children
Tuesday 7 May	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 9 May	FOCCS Meeting 8.00pm in school
13-16 May	KS2 SATs week - NO MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL
Friday 17 May	Collective Worship for Year 3 (Joint)
Tuesday 21 May	Foundation Open Classroom for Parents
Thursday 23 May	Foundation Open Classroom for Parents
Friday 24 May	Collective Worship for Badgers class (Year 1)
	End of Term 5
	End of Term service in Christ Church (pupils only)

### Term 6 Monday 3 June - Thursday 25 July 2019

Monday 3 June	Term 6 begins - children return to school
7 - 10 June	Year 6 Residential trip
Tuesday 11 June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Wednesday 12 June	Foundation Induction Meeting for September 2019 7.00pm
Friday 14 June	FOCCS School Disco (KS1 & KS2)
	Year 6 Quiz Night
Monday 17 June	Competitive track races - year groups and times to be advised
<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>	<b>INSET Day - SCHOOL IS CLOSED</b>
Friday 21 June	Sports Day (House Day) - Parents invited for the afternoon - NO MUSIC LESSONS IN SCHOOL
Tuesday 25 June	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
Wednesday 26 June	Parents consultations 4.00 - 7.00pm <i>sign up sheets will be put up the week before</i>
Thursday 27 June	Year 6 Taster Day at St. Laurence (1 of 2) Year 6 Parents evening at St. Laurence School
Friday 28 June	Collective Worship for Woodpecker Class (Year 2)
Wednesday 3 July	Foundation Induction Meeting for September 2019 7.00pm
Thursday 5 July	Whole School Taster Day Year 6 Taster Day at St. Laurence (2 of 2)
Tuesday 9 July	Welcome meeting for Year 1 (2019) - 7.00pm Welcome meeting for Year 2 (2019) - 7.00pm
Wednesday 10 July	Welcome meeting for Year 3 (2019) - 7.00pm Welcome meeting for Year 4 (2019) - 7.00pm
Thursday 11 July	Welcome meeting for Year 5 (2019) - 7.00pm Welcome meeting for Year 6 (2019) - 7.00pm
Friday 12 July	Collective Worship for 3SGCS
Tuesday 16 July	Year 6 Production to parents and carers
Wednesday 17 July	Year 6 Production to parents and carers
Friday 19 July	Collective Worship for 4HR
Thursday 25 July	Leavers service in Christ Church - Year 6 parents/carers are invited to attend End of Term 6

## 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.



## Celebrating Children's Achievements



### My Science Fair 2019

Mae Campbell (6AH) won the Year 6 category at the My Science Fair 2019. Her science experiment was called 'Fantastic Flood Defences'. Congratulations Mae!



Bethany Acres (Owls) was awarded the Music and Science Prize at the My Science Fair for her project looking at 'Can you make music with water?' Well done Bethany!

### Swimming

Barnaby Squire (5JD) swam 1500m in the recent sponsored Swimathon event. He completed this in a little over 40 minutes and has currently raised almost £200 for cancer charities. Well done Barnaby!

### Mid Somerset Festival Success

James Hubbard (5JD) did well at the recent Mid Somerset festival. He received a Merit in the grade 2 Piano class and he was commended and a winner in the Piano duet class—congratulations James!

### Scouts Cooking Competition

Back in our January newsletter we reported on the success of Sebastian Masero (6AD), Luke Wester (6AD) and Ollie Clack (6AH) at the local level of this competition. In February they went on to compete in the Wiltshire County Competition and won again! This time Sebastian and Olly were supported by two former Christ church pupils, Sammy and Seth Couch, as Luke was not well enough to take part. The boys then took their 3 course meal for 4 people representing scout jamboree past, present and future on to the regional final in March. They came 5th out of 11 teams in the SW Regional Finals, including a team from the Channel Islands. They got 240 out of 280 points and were only 11 points off 3rd place and 262 would have got them top spot so not much in it. This is a very impressive result as they have been by far the youngest entrants throughout the competition. They are already thinking about next year's competition when the theme is the Olympics! Congratulations boys!



### Drama

Danna Hoskins (Woodpeckers) is taking part in her first production with the Curtain Up Theatre School. The production is My Son Pinocchio Jr at the Julian Slade Theatre, Prior Park College in Bath on Sunday 7 April. Good luck Danna!

### Thoughtfulness

Well done to Emily Gan (5JD) who has taken the initiative to make some 'care packages' for homeless people.

### Netball

The Bradford on Avon cluster schools tournament we had two teams. The A Team finished third, narrowly losing 3-2 to Fitzmaurice School in the game to decide who went through to the West Wilts Finals. Thank you to Mrs Swinney for running the club.

### Tag Rugby

This week the Christ Church Tag Rugby team finished unbeaten at the West Wiltshire Tag Rugby tournament. Despite scoring 20 tries they missed out on the semi final by one try. A full report will appear on our website soon.

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.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
**Saturday 6th April 2019**  
 Christ Church School Grounds at 1-3pm

**Find the clues & solve the Easter puzzle!**  
 KS1 and KS2 Hunt - still only £2 entry!\*

**Come and meet the Easter Bunny!**

**Easter Hat Competition**  
 Decorate a hat, bonnet or cap with an Easter theme. **Free Entry!**  
 Prizes for Pre-school, Key Stage 1 & Key Stage 2 children.

**Bunny Café**  
 will be open for tea, coffee and plenty of cake!

Collect your entry form  
 in Berryfield Hall.



**FOCCS** Friends of Christ Church School  
 A Big thanks to Bradford on Avon Lions  
 who donated the chocolate eggs.

\*One entry per child. If your child has an allergy or intolerance to chocolate please contact: chair@foccs.org.uk so we can arrange an alternative or please bring your own. Non-edible prizes will be available.



**LIONS CLUB OF BRADFORD ON AVON**

**Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Bonnet Competition**  
 at the Victory Field, Bradford on Avon

**Easter Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2019**

**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!



Don't forget to check out the podcasts of our latest radio broadcasts on our website at <https://www.christchurch.wilts.sch.uk/for-pupils/radio-station/>

If you have a birthday over the Easter holidays remember to listen to yesterday's show as you may get a birthday mention!



**Parking**

Please note that there is no parking permitted for parents on the school site at either entrance. FUNdays parents should note that this also applies to them and you should not park in the carparks in the morning or afternoon for dropping off and picking up.

The limited number of parking spaces means that we can only allow parking for staff at all times.

Thank you

Claire Hann-Perkins  
 Interim Headteacher

**After School Clubs for terms 5 & 6**

Please note that it will be necessary to re-apply for after school clubs next term. The forms will come out in the first week of term 5 so please watch out for them.

**Christ Church  
 Good Friday Workshop  
 19 April 2019  
 10.00—12.00**

There will be arts and crafts, hot cross buns, singing and making an Easter garden.  
 All ages are welcome



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 Bradford on Avon  
 & Villages

## News from Year 2

### A Visit from a Tortoise

On Tuesday 12th February Mrs Heard came in with her tortoise called Blue. Blue has a brown, bumpy shell that he sometimes hides in when he is scared. Blue's legs are very pointy. We all had a turn of feeling his beautiful, patterned shell.

Next we found out what Blue likes to eat. Blue likes strawberries, cucumber, dandelions, kale and lettuce, but he can't have too much calcium.

Finally we found out where Blue lives. Blue lives in an aquarium. In the summer, Blue goes in the garden but he has to go in a rabbit hutch to stop him digging under fences. We hope to see you again Blue!

By Theo, Rabbits Class

### A Visit from a Tortoise

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February Enzo brought his pet tortoise into Year 2. It was an African spurred tortoise and its name is Blue. Blue's shell is a bit bumpy. When it is born its shell is soft and delicate so that means that predators can easily break the shell. This is dangerous for the tortoise. Now let's get going with the nice bit! It's cute because it is one year old. They don't really know if it is a boy or a girl. Enzo thinks that it is a girl and I think that too.

Enzo's Mum told us what Blue will eat. Blue eats strawberries, cucumbers, dandelions, kale, lettuce and grass. When Blue sleeps, she sleeps in a hut and when Blue is awake she stays in an aquarium.

My favourite part was feeling Blue. I hope I can see Blue again.

By Isla J, Woodpeckers Class

### Creating a Healthy Dessert

We have been learning about keeping healthy this term. This week we made little jelly desserts with fruit in them. My partner was Freyja. Before we did anything, we tasted some fruits to see if we liked them. I liked the sweet peaches. I was not sure about the pineapple but I couldn't wait for the jelly. When the jelly was handed out I was so excited! I loved all the jellies but I loved the cherry jelly the most.

A few days later, we chopped up our fruit into chunks and then put them into a pattern. After we made the pattern, the grown-ups poured the jelly in and then Miss Bowyer put them in the fridge. The next day when Miss Bowyer gave us the bowls I was about to burst with excitement because I knew we were going to eat them!

By Poppy, Rabbits Class

### Creating a Healthy Dessert

This week we made fruity jellies because we are learning about food. First we tasted the fruit which were peaches, pineapples, pears and oranges. My favourite was the peaches. Next was jelly and the options were strawberry, cherry and orange. My favourite was tasty cherry because I liked the taste.

Finally we got to make the jellies. My choice was pear and pineapple with strawberry jelly. I was so excited when the jelly came out of the fridge. It didn't look very good but it was very tasty so I gobbled it up. When I'd finished I was full. I hope we can make jelly again.

By Oliver, Woodpeckers Class.

### Toys in School

Please can we remind you that children in Foundation and KS1 (Years 1 and 2) should not be bringing toys into school unless requested by a class teacher for a special occasion. Often toys are taken out at playtimes and then lost.

Thank you for your support with this.

Stacey Farrell

Phase Leader  
Foundation & KS1





This is a small sample of the fabulous work that has gone on this week for Arts Week.

