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School Newsletter



Weds 22nd Jan – Yr5 Synagogue visit

Tues 28th Jan – Yr 2 Hazel trip to Gurdwara

Weds 29th Jan – Yr 2 Acer trip to Gurdwara

Tues 4th Feb – Yr 1 trip to Mosque

Weds 5th Feb – Yr 6 parent workshop 2.15pm (English)

Thurs 6th Feb – TRAINING DAY – children not in school

Weds 12th Feb – Y2 DT workshop 9.30am

Weds 12th Feb – Yr5 Synagogue visit

Mon 17th Feb – HALF TERM

Mon 24th Feb – Children return to school

Tues 25th Feb – Reception – Church visits



To continue to develop our outdoor learning opportunities, can we ask that children bring in a pair of wellington boots with their name on in a carrier bag so we can remain active outdoors whatever the weather!



On our training day (6th February) all of our staff will receive 'Muddy Puddle' teacher accredited training to further inspire them to develop learning outside the classroom!



As part of our mission to enrich the children's vocabulary and build enjoyment around discovering new words, we will be holding a 'Dress as a word' day at Christ Church on Friday 31st January.



Please don't forget to keep your winter reading challenge entries coming in!

Entries can be handed in until the 31st January.

Important News...

Missed Appointments

Thank you to all those who attended the recent parents' appointments. We hope you found the targets and email of concerns system useful. We thought we would share the missed appointments information below. As you can appreciate taking teachers away from the class is costly and when parents don't attend it is an ineffective use of teacher time. If you are unable to attend your appointment please call ahead to cancel – unfortunately not all appointments can be rearranged when there are so many.

Appointments missed: EYFS – 8 Year 1 – 7 Year 2 – 8 Year 3 – 7 Year 4 – 6 Year 5 – 16

Parking

Thank you to all those parents who are concerned about illegal and dangerous parking around the school entrance and have taken steps to park away from the school. Unfortunately, some are still putting children's lives at risk by selfishly pulling up and parking in front of the school. Information will be shared with the council. The children are playing their part in trying to make Christ Church a safer place, having taken part in a special assembly. They are now working on making posters with the council.



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Class Noticeboard

Nursery	<p>Welcome back to Nursery and welcome to our new starters. We have been learning the story of Snow White and some children were able to watch the pantomime in school. Our new topic is Fairy tales and our next story will be Goldilocks. Please keep up the good work by reading with your children and completing the reviews. Well done to the children who have already had the pleasure of taking Benny Bear home.</p> <p>We look forward to a fabulous half term!</p>
Reception	<p>Over the next few weeks, our work in Reception will be focused around the topic of 'Into The Winter Woods'. We will explore many different aspects of winter, winter and woodland environments and share stories with woodland settings.</p> <p>In literacy we have already begun retelling the story Stick Man by acting out scenes and creating story maps. Next, we will explore the story 'Be Brave Little Penguin' where we will predict what's going to happen and have a go at creating our own versions of the story. In mathematics, we will be wrapping up warm ready to go outside in our own little winter woodland area, to explore practical addition and subtraction using natural resources.</p> <p>Home learning is very important and helps children progress even further. Please continue to encourage your child to read every day as well as completing an activity in their learning log once per week. Finally, please note that Reception P.E. sessions will continue to take place every Monday - please ensure your child has their kit in school.</p>
Year 1	<p>We have now started our new topic in year 1 – Our local area. Our learning challenge is 'What is it like in this place around us? Can we explore Oldbury?' We have been focusing on creating and reading maps, the history of transport and creating our own cityscape artworks. In maths, we are exploring subtraction to 20 using number lines and practical equipment. During guided reading, we are developing our comprehension skills and widening our vocabulary.</p>
Year 2	<p>This term, Year 2 will be comparing and contrasting life in China to life in the UK. We will be celebrating Chinese New Year, sampling foods, visiting Compton Verney Art Gallery to learn more about the Shang Dynasty and we will be creating our very own Chinese vessels. In English, we will be writing non-chronological reports about China and writing letters to the giant pandas at Edinburgh Zoo. In maths, we will be learning about multiplication and division. Please help your child learn their 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables at home so they can recall facts like 5x2 and 11x5. To help with our DT sessions, we would like to invite you to our big sewing lesson where we will be making our very own puppets! Date to be confirmed and will follow.</p>



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Year 3	<p>This term the children will be learning about natural disasters both past and present. They will be exploring what happened at Pompeii and learning about the rise of the Roman Empire. In English we are moving onto writing non-chronological reports. In maths we are learning different methods for multiplication and division. A text has been sent out inviting your child to take part in a times tables club before school. It is a great opportunity for extra practice before the test in year 4. If your child can not make their assigned day, please come see us as there is a chance to swap it round.</p>
Year 4	<p>Welcome back Year 4 ! This term we will be learning about Europe, in preparation for our European restaurant that we will put on for our parents and guardians; this will include food, music and artwork made by the children and promises to be a wonderful event! More details will follow about the restaurant event in the coming weeks.</p> <p>In our English lessons over the next few weeks, we are learning about legends, including the legend of St George. We hope to get inspiration for writing our own legends, including lots of lovely description. In maths, we have been exploring different ways of partitioning numbers multiplying, dividing and factor pairs. We are encouraging the children to practise their timetables as much as possible as this provides the scaffolding they require to be successful mathematicians.</p>
Year 5	<p>This term year 5 are learning about The Rainforest. In English lessons, children have been reading 'The Jungle Book' and discussing language features in the text. Children have explored settings and characters and will be writing their own version of the story. Please talk to your child about the book and ask them to tell you significant events that occur in the text. In maths, children have been using written methods to multiply numbers, please encourage your child to practise these methods at home. Just a reminder that Beech class are going to the Synagogue on Wednesday 22nd January, children will need to arrive at 8:30 and will need a packet lunch. Thank you for your support.</p>
Year 6	<p>Year 6 have started their learning challenge focusing on 'Dreams and Aspirations'. This will look at inspirational people from the past and present, to discover strengths and challenges we all face trying to achieve goals. In English, we will be reading and writing biographies to extend this focus, Reading comprehension is a huge focus for this term, so please encourage your child to read regularly (10 minutes every night would be exceptionally helpful) and complete all homework set to secure their new skills. In maths, reasoning is the focus for this half term, including developing protractor skills, problem solving and extended calculations.</p>



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Focus Provision

Happy New Year all!

In Focus Provision this half term our focus is the Amazon Rainforest. We will be exploring and researching the different layers of the rainforest and what animals live there. There will be a focus on one animal per week, weeks one and three will be the tiger, weeks two and four will be the snake and weeks three and six will be the orang-utan/monkey.

Through English we will be looking at a character each week from a book.

One group will be reading 'Jungle Book', throughout the half term, focusing on Shere Khan, Kaa and King Louie. The other group will read 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea', 'The Greedy Python' and 'Day Monkey, Night Monkey'.

In maths we will be focusing on number. Friday will continue to be our life skills day, with our cooking focus being chocolate (yummy). Please enjoy your treats - if they make it home!