

Science at CCJ

We were delighted to receive a grant for CCJ of £850 for a full day of inspirational science through the Royal Institute (Ri). Nerys did an hour workshop for each of the bands where there were so many screams, gasps, bangs and laughs that I kept leaving my office to see what was happening next! She focussed on energy and shared a huge amount of knowledge and experiments with us. I certainly believe that children felt inspired by it all.

After school, Nerys ran a staff meeting to help us bring more 'wow' and curiosity into our science lessons and to share resources with the teachers. Finally, we had over 100 people for our free family show in the evening and had a brilliant time learning rocket science which concluded with three spectacular launches! It also raised £112 for science resources from donations.

As always, you can see more of what we have been doing in school on our X feed - [@CCJDownend](#) (was Twitter). It's also on the bottom of our webpage but you need to be logged in to see the recent posts. A huge thank you too to all of the parents who have been emailing comments of appreciation for the staff – they have loved reading them today. Thank you so much!

Mrs Osborne



CCJ on 'X'



Christ Church Junior School @CCJDownend · 7m

We have covered both sides of the corridor with all the amazing comments of thanks and appreciation to our wonderful staff ... and the emails keep coming!! So proud of our wonderful team and thanks to everyone who has emailed 🥰



Christ Church Junior School @CCJDownend · 1s

Thank you so much to the Royal Institution @RI_Science for an incredible day of science at CCJ. The children loved the workshops, the staff had a great CPD session and the family show had over 100 people come for more! What a brilliant day :-)



Christmas Bazaar

Wednesday 13th December, 3:20 until 5:00

Come and join us at Christmas Bazaar next week. Pop along to enjoy a wonderful Christmassy family event – everyone is welcome! Our year 5 and year 6 children take the lead in organizing the Bazaar and have been busy making decorations, creating games and sweet treats to buy as Christmas gifts. There will also be a range of games designed by our year 6s, a bottle tombola, cake sale, hot food, and even a cinema with popcorn! Please note that all children must be accompanied by an adult.

XMAS BAGS OF KINDNESS

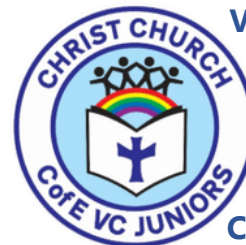
As always, we like to help families that may be struggling financially, especially at this time of year. We have very kindly received Christmas food bags from Grace Church, that we will be distributing to our families in need.

We would like to say a huge thank you to Grace Church for their very kind donation. We know what a difference this will make to our families and we are very grateful!

If you are one of our families that may find this Christmas difficult then please do contact Mrs Osborne, as we really would like to help everyone have a lovely Christmas.

Through the Keyhole – Year 3

Our Year 3s have been given an exciting opportunity to visit Pendennis Good News Church next week (Thursday 14th December). They will be stepping back in time, visiting the homes of key characters in the Nativity story. This interactive trail: 'Through the Keyhole', will provide our children with a deeper understanding of the different characters' perspectives and their part in the lead up to the birth of baby Jesus. Look out for photos on X (formerly Twitter) of our children exploring the trail.



Take Ten Wellbeing Posters



This week I wanted to share with you 2 more lovely posters the children made in school.

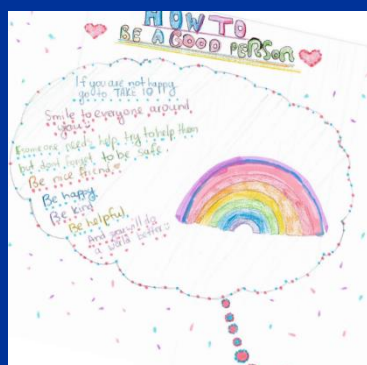
How to be a good person:

- If you are not happy, go to TAKE 10
- Smile to everyone around you
- If someone needs help, try to help them but don't forget to be safe.
- Be a nice friend,
- Be happy,
- Be kind,
- Be helpful and you will do the world better

At CCJ we are:

- Kind to others
- Listen to others
- Have good manners
- We share
- We show forgiveness
- We are courageous
- We show generosity

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Eatwell



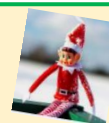
Christmas Post Box



We now have a Christmas post box in reception for children to post cards to their friends from Monday 4th - Wednesday 13th December. Please ensure that the recipient's full name and class are on the envelope.



Christmas at CCJ



Christmas Nativity

Monday 11th and Wednesday 13th December

Lower Band nativity this year will again be held at Christ Church, Downend. Places can be booked via the [this link](#). Due to the limited space, we will only be able to host 130 adults at each of the two performances – places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis and are limited to a maximum of 2 seats per family. This will take place during normal school hours.

Christmas Bazaar

Wednesday 13th December - from 3:20 until 5:00

Children in year 5 and 6 will be working hard on creating Christmas treats that we will be selling in the hall after school has finished.

X-Mas Factor

Friday 15th December – talent contest (PM)

Our annual talent contest. Children who are successful in the audition process will perform during the talent contest held in the morning along with the usual fun challenges devised by Mrs Osborne!

Class Parties

Thursday 14th December (PM)

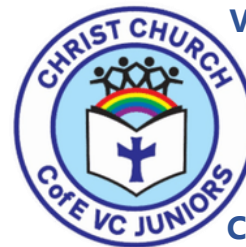
Class parties will take place during the afternoon. The afternoon will begin with fun and games, and then end with a Christmas movie!

Secret Santa

Friday 15th December (PM)

One tradition at CCJ is the children's **Secret Santa**. Each teacher has secretly given each child the name of another child in the class to make or buy a small gift for. These need to be brought into school by **Mon 11th December** at the latest.

There is a £3 spending limit.



Weekly Celebration Certificate



Each week, one pupil from each class is awarded a celebration certificate for going above and beyond.

This week's winners are:

Starlings	Logan
Swallows	Drew
Woodpeckers	Carlos
Robins	Elí
Wagtails	Antonio
Jays	Alana
Puffins	Ayda
Kingfishers	Sam
Kestrels	Eva
Falcons	Xavi

Christmas Bazaar Stalls

It's not too late to book a table! This year we are renting tables out at our Christmas Bazaar, for £10. If you would like to book a table to sell christmas gifts/cards/crafts etc. then please contact the school office on christchurchjuniors@sgmail.org.uk If you know of someone who may like one, please pass our details on.

Premier Holiday Camps

December holidays are fast approaching! Premier are holding multi-sport holiday camps. For more information or to book a place go to their website www.premier-education.com or scan the QR code.



CCJ dates for your diary

December

Mon 11th – Secret Santa Gifts Deadline

Mon 11th – LB Nativity 1 for Years 3, 4 & 5 at Christ Church Downend *Doors open at 9:45am*

Mon 11th - AM Y6 Dogs' Trust Assembly & Workshops

Mon 11th - PM Y3 & 4 Dogs' Trust Assembly

Tue 12th – CCJ Choir at William Court

Wed 13th – LB Nativity 2 for Years 3, 4 & 6 at Christ Church Downend *Doors open at 9:45am*

Wed 13th – Y5 Dogs' Trust Workshops

Wed 13th – Christmas Bazaar, 3:20pm – 5:00pm

Thurs 14th – Y3 Christmas Through the Keyhole at Good News Church, Pendennis Road

Thurs 14th – Class Parties (PM)

Thurs 14th – Secret Santa Gifts Handed Out

Fri 15th – Dress Down

Fri 15th – CCJ University (AM)

Fri 15th – Xmas Factor (PM)

Fri 15th – End of Term 2

January

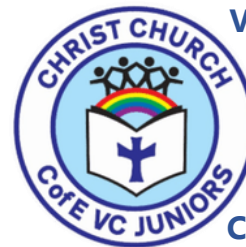
Tue 2nd – INSET DAY

Wed 3rd – Children back to school

BLESS US LORD
THIS CHRISTMAS
ALWAYS STAY
HUMBLE
AND
KIND

Friday 8th December 2023 – N°13

CCJ Newsletter



Value
Engage
Inspire
Create

Our value this term: Humility

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CCJ University Lunchtime Club

Come and earn a sticker!

This runs every lunchtime - everyone is welcome! Next week's activity will be making 2D & 3D Snowflakes! Christmas colouring will also be available to do!



Home Activity!

Are you going to see any light displays, choir concerts, making wreaths, going ice skating or visiting any Christmas grottos?

Ask your child to tell their teacher all about their festive event for them to earn a sticker for their booklet. Have fun! 😊

Next week every class will be getting out their CCJ University booklet to update. Please talk to your child about activities they have done outside of school so that their booklet can be up to date.

Christmas in our community....

Baby Bank Network | BRISTOL

Santa's Sack APPEAL

Helping families in Bristol

The Big Give #ChristmasChallenge

between
28 November - 5 December
and see your donation doubled!

ONE donation, TWICE the impact!

CHRISTMAS CAFE CHURCH

Family, food, fun and festive carols!

Sunday 10th December at 4pm
Quakers Road
Church Centre BS16 6NH

Christmas Week
at Christ Church Downend

Sunday 17th December
6.30pm Carols by Candlelight with mulled wine and mince pies

Wednesday 20th December
10am Messy Christmas family fun with craft, singing and dressing up!

Sunday 24th December
4pm Crib Service retelling the Christmas story
11pm Midnight Communion

Monday 25th December
10.30am All-age Christmas Celebration Service

Free! MESSY Christmas!

Wednesday 20th December
at Christ Church Downend
10-11.30 am

Christmas craft, dressing up, singing and refreshments

Not long till Christmas!