Friday 1st March 2024 - N°22





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World Book Day

We are very much looking forward to Thursday 7th March when we will be celebrating World Book Day at CCJ. Amazingly, this celebration for the joy of reading was first celebrated in 1997 and since then has given millions of children the opportunity to have a special edition World Book Day story, or an option to have £1 off a book. This is helping to provide all children in the UK with something that they enjoy reading. This year's theme is all about finding your 'Reading Superpower' so children will be able to explore what this means, as well as sharing books that they like and having a read. Please see the details of the day later in the newsletter.

We will also be having a stay and play and book sale after school thanks to the CCJ Friends, so if you have any books that your family do not read so much anymore, please keep us in mind as we are always accepting donations for our library and classrooms. Please do join us on Thursday after school!

Happy Reading, Mrs Davis

CAKE SALE Friday 8th March, 3:20pm

Our lovely Wellbeing Bee's are raising money for new books to help our CCJ children deal with worries, feel better and boost their mood. We would love to buy books recommended on the list at reading-well.org.uk/children. If you can support, please can you bring in cakes on the morning of the 8th March for our wellbeing bee's to sell. Thank you.



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	Zain
Swallows	Bella
Woodpeckers	Connor
Robins	Рорру
Wagtails	Míhaela
Jays	Ellie
Puffins	Harry
Kingfishers	Joash
Kestrels	Matthew
Falcons	Huey

Take Ten

One of the best things we can do for our children is ensure that we are looking after our own wellbeing in order to be able to care fully for theirs. Here is a breathing exercise for you and your child/children to try...

Waves of breath: Notice how your breath moves in and out like waves on the shore. Your breath is always with you and it is a great place to rest your attention to help you feel calm. Try imagining your breath moving like smooth waves rolling in and out at the beach. Keep the picture of the ocean in your mind and watch the waves come in and go out. Match each breath you take with the waves in your mind. As you breathe in, imagine the waves washing in and as you breath out, watch them retreat. Try taking one bigger-than-usual breath with the next wave coming in. Imagine this wave going further out than the smaller waves before it. When you breathe normally, you only inhale or exhale about 10 percent of the space in your lungs. This increases when you exercise or take a big breath. Why not give it a go?

> Have a lovely weekend Mrs Eatwell























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Friends of CCJ Events

Second Hand Book Sale 7th March

We will be holding a second-hand book sale on World Book Day. Jay Class will be selling books at breaktime and Friends of CCJ will be selling them in the playground at a stay and play after school along with selling various tuck. Book prices will be priced at 30p, 50p, £1 and £1.50. We would be very grateful for any book donations!

Mother Day Raffle

We have collected some lovely raffle prizes and hope you can help support our effort to raise funds for school by purchasing a £1 ticket. The draw will take place on Friday 8th March and prizes will be taken home to give to mum on Mother's Day. You can buy more than one ticket to support our school if you wish. This is available on Parent Pay until Wednesday 6th March.

Mother's Day Gifts

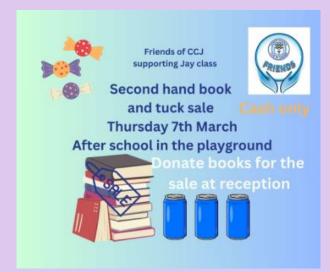
You can purchase a potted flower gift for £3, your child will have the opportunity to chooses their plant, decorate a bag for the plant and then **bring it home on Friday 8th**March in time for Mother's Day.

Parent Pay has been set up to allow more than one purchase and there is a space for notes so you can let us know if this is for Nanny, Mum or Betty next door. **This is available on Parent Pay until Wednesday 6th March**

Smarties Tubes

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Smartie Challenge! A fantastic £624.85 was raised! The class to contribute the most with their Smartie tubes were Jay Class who raised a total of £132.25! This is being used on new sports equipment including badminton sets.

Well done to all!







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Organized by Friends of CCJ



















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Y5 Starburst Concert, St George's, 6th March

We are delighted to be taking the whole of Year 5 to perform at St George's Bristol next week
We will be taking the children by coach to the venue, leaving after they have eaten their lunch. (They will need
to book a school dinner or bring a packed lunch as usual.) As there is a break of 90 minutes between the
rehearsal and performance so we are going to give all the children a **packed tea** and sweet cone and hopefully
(weather dependent!) have a play and explore in Brandon Park. *This packed tea has already been included in the*cost of the trip.

We know many parents are coming to the performance and you are welcome to take your child directly from St George's at 7:30pm, but they will have a space on the coach back which we estimate to arrive back at CCJ at 8.15pm.

Please complete this form to choose choices for the packed tea and to let us know where you would like to collect your child after the performance. https://forms.office.com/e/7Z2fWTw8LM

If you haven't completed this form please do so **ASAP**. We look forward to year 5's amazing performance!

School Dinners

As we are still experiencing a high volume of children requesting a school meal at morning registration, the kitchen have decided that from Wednesday 28th February they will only offer the choice of a sandwich, plus salad cart and a dessert at the cost of £2.40 to any child that has not been pre-booked a school meal or does not have a packed lunch.

Please remember that if you wish your child to have a school meal it is your responsibility to book their lunch via Parent Pay, even if they qualify for free school meals. Bookings can be made, amended and cancelled up until 11pm the night before. We also recommend that you discuss the menu with your child before booking any meals as the kitchen cannot change meals that you have booked.

If you have any issues when trying to book meals, please contact the school office asap.

Year 5 Shepton Mallet Prison Trip

An email has gone out this week regarding the upcoming trip for year 5 children to Shepton Mallet Prison.

This school trip is on Friday, 22nd March and is within school hours so children will arrive at the normal time and be back before the end of the school day, depending on traffic.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and requires a school packed lunch for this trip, you must contact the school office by Friday 8th March.

Lower Band Roman Museum Trip

An email has gone out this week regarding Lower Band's trip to the National Roman Legion Museum. If you haven't received this letter please contact the school office.

Children will need to arrive at school at the normal time, wearing school uniform (including suitable clothing such as hats or coats) and need to bring a packed lunch.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and you require a packed lunch for this day you must contact the school office by Monday 4th March.



















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World Book Day, Thurs 7th March

What to wear?

As a school, we are exploring the book 'The Day the Crayons Quit' and each class have a designated colour to wear. This means children can dress up in their class colour. This does not have to be a bought costume, anything in the wardrobe will be fine as long as it is suitable for school. Please see the attached flyer to see which colour crayon your child's class will be representing.

If your child has already picked out their outfit to dress as a character from their favourite book, they can come to school dressed in any costume that links to a book. We would love to see and hear about the book they have decided to dress up as.

What to eat?

Our CCJ kitchen will be cooking and preparing a special World Book Day brunch as well as jacket potatoes and sandwiches. This can be booked on ParentPay as usual if wanted. Please see the attached flyer for more information. The kitchen will also be running a competition and giving prizes to any child who finds a gold sticker on their plate!!

What to do?

During school - each class will be joining in with different activities all about books, and our year 6 students will be going over to share some books with the Infants school too.

After school - CCJ friends and Jay class will be having a stay and play, as well as a book sale, so come along and get some book bargains. This will be straight after school on the playground.

At home - each child will be given a Book Token, which can either be used to get £1 off a book, or you can go to participating book stores and get a special edition book with your token.

Red Nose Day Friday 15th March

More information to follow next week:

CCJ School Trips

March

Wed 6th – Year 5 St George's Concert Mon 11th – Lower Band Roman Trip (Woodpecker, Swallows & Starling) Thurs 14th – Lower Band Roman Trip (Robins & Wagtails) Fri 22nd – Year 5 Shepton Mallet Prison

Wed 5th - Fri 7th - Year 6 Deanfield Residential

CCJ dates for your diary

March

Wed 6th – St George's Concert (Y5) Thurs 7th – World Book Day

Fri 8th – Wellbeing Bees Cake Sale, 3:20pm

Mon 11th – Roman Trip (Woodpecker, Swallows & Starling)

Tues 12th – Cross Country Festival

Thurs 14th – Roman Trip (Robins & Wagtails)

Fri 15th – Red Nose Day

Fri 22nd – Shepton Mallet Prison Trip (Y5)

Mon 25th – Easter Service

Thurs 28th - INSET DAY

Thurs 28th - End of Term 4

April

Mon 15th - Start of Term 5

















