



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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Friday 8 December 2023



CCH Weekly Bulletin #13

Whole School Information

One week to go until the Christmas holidays. This week has been fantastic with our usual learning continuing in amongst rehearsals for our Christmas celebrations. A special well done to our amazing EYFS children who performed their Nativity with huge confidence, skill and enthusiasm.

Next week is even more action-packed with our KS1 Nativities, KS2 Church Service, Christmas lunches, Christmas jumpers and a few other surprises 😊

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **This week's whole school attendance is 94.9%**- this is a significant decline from last week. We understand that children are more likely to pick up colds and illnesses at this time of year. However, please ensure your child is in school each day unless they are too unwell to manage this. Let us see if we can end 2023 strongly!

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
EYFS	97.4%	Eva Ibbotson	93.6%
Jill Murphy	96.5%	Michael Morpurgo	90.8%
Oliver Jeffers	92.0%	Berlie Doherty	96.8%
Emily Gravett	94.8%	Malorie Blackman	94.3%
Cressida Cowell	97.2%	William Shakespeare	94.0%

Well done to EYFS and Cressida Cowell Class for exceeding our attendance goal this week!

Christmas Post Box

The CCH Christmas Post Box will be in the playground before school up until Thursday 14th December. If your child would like to send a Christmas card to their friends and/or teacher, they can use our Christmas post service. Please ensure envelopes are clearly labelled with the recipient's name and class/ year group. The post box will be emptied and cards delivered daily.



KS2 Church Service

Our Key Stage Two Christmas Celebration takes place on **Thursday 14th December at 10.00am**. We will be leaving school around 9.30am. Please let the office know if you can support us with walking to and from church on this day.



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Starting School in September 2024

The deadline for applying for a school place for your child to start Reception in September 2024 is Monday 15th January.

Residents of South Gloucestershire click [here](#) to apply for your child's primary school place

Residents of Bristol, click [here](#) to apply for your child's primary school place

Staffing updates

Miss Georgia Windsor will be saying farewell to CCH at the end of this term. We know the children and families of Jill Murphy Class will miss her. We would like to thank Georgia for being part of Team CCH and wish her well in the next part of her journey.

Dates for your diary

Please make a note of the many Christmas events and dates:



- **Saturday 9th December- CCH Christmas Fayre, 10.30am to 1.00pm**
- **Monday 11th December- KS1 Nativity @2.15pm** (CCH Friends will be selling refreshments; please bring cash)
- **Tuesday 12th December- Christmas lunch for EYFS to Year 3 and Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Wednesday 13th December- Christmas lunch for Years 4 to 6 and Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Wednesday 13th December- KS1 Nativity @9.30am** (CCH Friends will be selling refreshments; please bring cash)
- **Thursday 14th December- KS2 Christmas Service @10.00am** (CCH Friends will be selling refreshments; please bring cash)

Other key dates:

- Monday 11th December- Year 5 to Christmas Celebration at The Bath Forum
- Friday 15th December- last day of term
- Tuesday 2nd January 2024- INSET #3
- Wednesday 3rd January- First day of term for pupils

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Friends of CCH

TOMORROW FROM 10.30AM



The Friends of CCH Christmas Fayre Info

Timings

10.30am - Gates open
10.30am - Live entertainment - Zoie and Des
11.30am - Choir
12.30pm - Raffle draw
1.00pm - home time

Please bring cash to shop, play & eat

Activities

Grotto and write a letter to Santa, Nativity Photo Opportunity, Christmas Crafts, Raffle, 3 Tombolas - Bottle, Chocolate and Teddy, Games - Santa's Socks, Splat the Elf, Unlock the Cage, Tin Can Snowmen, Candy Cane Game, Guess the Weight of the Cake, Face Painting, Glitter Tattoos & SNOW - weather permitting!

Shopping

- Heards Heavenly Fudge
- Caleb Creations- gorgeous handmade decoupage items
- Handmade gifts - candles, Hot choc reindeers, cookie mix, Choc santa sleighs plus more
- 2nd hand uniform and Xmas jumpers
- New and nearly new children's and adult gifts
- Pocket Money stall
- Christmas shop

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year!

Holidays are coming and the 'Friends' Elves have been working their stockings off to make this year's Christmas Fayre the best EVER!

There is something for all ages and activities start from 50p. Our Santa's Grotto still has a few spaces left but please book through our website before 10am on Friday, or purchase early at the fayre to avoid disappointment.

Don't forget to return your raffle tickets - we will also be selling these at the fayre until 12pm. Prizes include £200 cash, A full Car service, West Midlands Safari Park tickets, Cotswold Wildlife Park tickets, £50 Amazon voucher, Hampers, Noah's Ark Zoo Farm Tickets, Meal Vouchers, Active Membership & lots more!

The fayre is open to all, so invite your friends and family and have a morning of festive fun.

Ho Ho Hope to see you on Saturday to help us raise money for our wonderful school!

Food & Drink

Hot dogs, Fancy hot choc, Tea & coffee, cold cans and still drinks, Handmade cakes, Mince pies, Candy floss, Sweet cones and Pringles

Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Christmas Lunch booking information	Whole School	5 th December 2023

Community Information

Holiday Activities and Food Programme from South Gloucestershire

Fully funded provision is for those children and young people that are eligible for benefits-related free school meals.

The **Holiday activities and Food (HAF)** programme is running again during the winter holidays for children and young people in South Glos.

Dates are generally between Monday 18 December and Friday 22 December but will vary by provider.

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The HAF programme is for **children and young people aged 5 to 16 who receive benefits-related free school meals**. Before booking funded HAF places, you need to have successfully applied for free school meals at

www.southglos.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Children receiving universal free school meals, automatically offered in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 without needing to apply, do not qualify for funded HAF place unless they have completed a successful application.

Please follow these steps:

- Visit www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF for full information on the HAF programme and further support available to families.
- Click on **'book a space for your child now'** – this will take you directly to our booking platform with full listings of all the available activities and clubs.
- You will need to **register your child on this system** unless they attended a HAF programme over the summer holidays – in which case you will already have an account, so you will simply need to book the dates.
- The system will run an eligibility check to ensure that your child is registered on our benefits-related free school meals list. The list is kept up to date on a weekly basis, so it's best to build in time to apply for benefits-related free school meals ahead of booking HAF places.
- The booking system is mobile friendly so should be accessible to most families.

If you do not have online access, you will need to contact the HAF club provider directly to book places for you.

Nativity workshop

Drama/Singing/Dance



Wed 20th of December
2.00-4.00pm @ Christ Church
practising to perform at the
Nativity 24th Dec 4pm

Aged 8+/max 30 places/all leaders DBS checked. To book a place: Email: officechristchurchhanham@gmail.com or text/WhatsApp 07753383063

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C.C.A warmly invite you to our count down to Christmas special...

Christingle Service

Sunday Dec 10th

3.30pm to make your Christingle in the hall.

4pm Service in the Church.



Christ Church in the Afternoon
Sharing everyday life and faith together...

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Christ Church Cathedral School
Boys' Prep School with co-ed Nursery



Register for our 'Be a Chorister for an Afternoon' for boys in current Years 2, 3, 4 & 5. All Cathedral Choristers receive generous bursaries.

Christ Church Cathedral School

Would your son like to join our world-famous choir?



Saturday 13th January 2024, 2.30 - 7.00 pm

Boys, currently aged between 7 to 10, are invited to come and see what it's like to sing with our current Cathedral Choristers for an afternoon. No prior choral experience is needed.

Potential choristers can join a choir rehearsal led by CCCS' Director of Music, followed by refreshments, and then sing with our internationally acclaimed choristers at Evensong. The afternoon provides a great opportunity for boys to have first-hand experience of what it's like to be a chorister at Christ Church Cathedral School.

Being a Cathedral Chorister is a life-changing opportunity. Boys learn: self-discipline, social skills, a sense of responsibility and teamwork, as well as outstanding musical and vocal skills.

All Cathedral Choristers receive a bursary equivalent to two-thirds of fees to support their education at CCCS and means-tested fee remission may be available up to 100%. In the last 5 years, all of our Cathedral Choristers have won music awards to leading senior schools.

To participate, please complete our online registration form:
www.cccs.org.uk/visitus or for more information, please contact our Registrar, Laura Kemp, email: registrar@cccs.org.uk

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

18th Dec 2023 - 4-6pm

HANHAM METHODIST CHURCH

RSVP to Jessica 07506892442
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GAMES - DISCO - TUCK SHOP



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Yours faithfully,

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