



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #15

Whole School Information

Happy New Year! It has been wonderful to welcome our children back this week. Learning has picked up from where we finished in December and our children have easily readjusted to school life. This week, we used a wonderful short story called 'The Dot' to think about stepping out of our comfort zone and challenging ourselves to be brave and try something new. Each class has set a goal for this term and we have asked every child to set their own goal or challenge, demonstrating an 'I can' attitude. Please discuss this with your child at home.

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. Our whole school attendance for the autumn term was 96%. This is an improvement on the previous year but is still not as high as we would like it to be.

Remember- the best way for children to learn and flourish is by being in school every day. Let us see if we can all rise to the CCH challenge of reaching 97% attendance this term!

CCH Democracy Week 2024

You will have received a letter outlining our plans for Democracy Week next week. This annual event provides our children with the opportunity to stand for election to one, or more, of our pupil leadership teams. This is a key part of our school culture and we are looking forward to seeing as many children as possible challenge themselves and stand for election so that they can make decisions and lead changes in their school!



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. Please remind friends or family members to complete their application on time and tell them that CCH has spaces for 2024.

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

CCH Parent Support

Please see, below, another exciting opportunity of this term for CCH families. This is free of charge and designed to meet the needs of our school family. We hope to see many of you at this event:

✉ Office@christchurchhanham.org.uk
🐦 [@CCHPri](https://twitter.com/CCHPri)
🌐 www.christchurchhanhamprimaryschool.co.uk



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1. South Glos Parents Carers Coffee Support Session: Anxiety and Difficulties Attending School- Thursday 18th January @9.00am

We are pleased to welcome back the South Glos Parents Carers team for a Coffee Support Session on Thursday 18th January. SGPC are a fantastic group who offer a range of support to families with SEND (diagnosed or undiagnosed). South Glos Parent Carers (sgpc.org.uk).

Census Day Special Menu

On **Thursday 18th January**, the kitchen will be putting on a special American themed menu for Census Day.

A key part of the information collected is the number of children who have a school lunch on this date. This information is used by the DfE to allocate funding for universal free school meals. **It is especially important that any child who is in EYFS and Key Stage 1, and those who are in receipt of income-related free school meals, take a school lunch on this date.**

The more children that have a school lunch on this date, the more funding we will receive into our budget in order to cover the costs of providing every child in Reception, Year 1 and 2 with a universal free school meal whenever this is required. **We therefore please ask that you book your child in for a school meal on Thursday 18th January** so that we will receive the available funding allocation.

Given the current financial climate and the impact upon school budgets, we will be ordering a school hot meal for every pupil in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2. It would be fantastic to have all children trying a school lunch on this day but, please feel free, to send your child in with a packed lunch if you feel that they will not eat the school lunch option.

School meals can be booked via ParentPay. **Please remember that there is no charge for children in EYFS, year 1 and year 2.**

Dates for your diary

- Monday 8th January- CCH Democracy Week and Pupil Parliament elections
- Thursday 18th January- SGPC Coffee Support Session: Anxiety and Difficulties attending school @9.00am
- Wednesday 10th January- Y3 trip to Stonehenge
- Tuesday 23rd January- CCH Choir to Young Voices Concert, Birmingham
- Monday 5th February- CCH Anti-Bullying and Online Safety Week
- Friday 9th February- last day of term 3



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Friends of CCH

What a fantastic effort from our wonderful Friends of CCH and all of our amazing families during the autumn term. Thanks to your continued dedication and support, the Friends have raised a whopping £6,977.49!

This is superb and will enable us to provide more exciting resources and experiences for all of our children. Look out for information about how we will be spending this money.

Thank you!



Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Proformance Sports Clubs Letter	Whole School	3 rd January 2024
Height/Weight/Vision Screening Letter	EYFS	3 rd January 2024
Democracy Week Letter	Whole School	4 th January 2024
Wrap Around Care changes letter	Whole School	Attached to this email

Community Information

Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher

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