



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #22

Whole School Information

We have launched our new lunchtime hall expectations this week linked to our core school rules of ready, respectful and responsible. We are so proud of the children for showing us that they can more than meet these expectations, helping every member of the CCH family to enjoy safe, respectful and positive lunchtimes (please see below for more information). With March now upon us, we have started practising the songs for our Easter Service and the children are already showing just how much we flourish with music at CCH. Finally, we are all very excited about CCH English Week which begins on Monday. There is a huge amount planned for our children to promote and develop a love of reading. We hope to share this love with you on Tuesday morning for our Family Books and Breakfast event.

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **This week's whole school attendance is 95.2%.** We still have improvements to make but this is better than last week.

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
EYFS	95.7%	Eva Ibbotson	94.0%
Jill Murphy	92.5%	Michael Morpurgo	98.3%
Oliver Jeffers	98.2%	Berlie Doherty	92.1%
Emily Gravett	95.0%	Malorie Blackman	95.7%
Cressida Cowell	92.1%	William Shakespeare	98.0%

Well done to the classes in green for exceeding our target of 97%.

Requests for absence

We have received some communication over the last few weeks requesting that we approve absence for sporting events. Whilst we hugely value sports and active lifestyles, we are unable to authorise absences for sporting events which are not organised by us as a school.

The DfE's stance on term time absence remains unchanged:

"Only exceptional circumstances warrant a leave of absence. Schools should consider each application individually taking into account the specific facts and circumstances and relevant background context behind the request. If a leave of absence is granted, it is for the headteacher to determine the length of the time the pupil can be away from school. As head teachers should only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances it is unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purposes of a family holiday." *Working Together to Improve School Attendance, DfE, May 2022*

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Our view is that children need to be in school every day unless they are too unwell to attend. This is consistent with the stance of the local authority and the Department for Education.

The national guidance includes reference to approved **educational activity** that may take place during the school day. Authorised absence would include events such as attending a taster day at a secondary school or undertaking an entrance exam. Taking part in a sporting activity can only be authorised if it has been **“approved by the school.”** The DfE’s guidance goes on to make it clear that approved sporting activity **“must be supervised by a person authorised by the school.”** As such, we would only ever be able to approve sporting absences where we have arranged the activity, or in an exceptional circumstance such as a child participating in an elite competition at regional or national level.

Attendance Matters

Our focus and high expectations for attendance are because we know that children have the best chance of growing and flourishing when they are in school each and every day. Although, we continue to work on improving our overall school attendance, we are pleased to share two recent success stories for CCH.

Firstly, the Local Authority have recognised our efforts in ensuring strong attendance. **We were ranked 21st out of 95 schools** in terms of attendance based on our autumn term figure of 96%. Secondly, we received a certificate from the Fischer Family Trust, an organisation that collects school data from across the country. We were recognised for **being in the top 25% of all schools nationally** for our attendance in the autumn term.



A huge thank you to Miss Weldrake and Mrs Pope who lead our attendance strategy. We look forward to continue working in partnership with each and every one of our families in order to ensure attendance remains high and our children are able to flourish!

PE Kit

Thank you for your support in ensuring that children come to school in the correct PE kit. We have noticed a significant improvement over the last two weeks. However, we are still noticing children wearing white or coloured trainers. **Trainers need to be black and plain.** We understand that we all still face financial pressures but, as with most schools, we have a policy of plain black trainers, as these are usually cheaper and easier to source. We kindly ask that you support us with ensuring our policy is adhered to.

CCH English Week

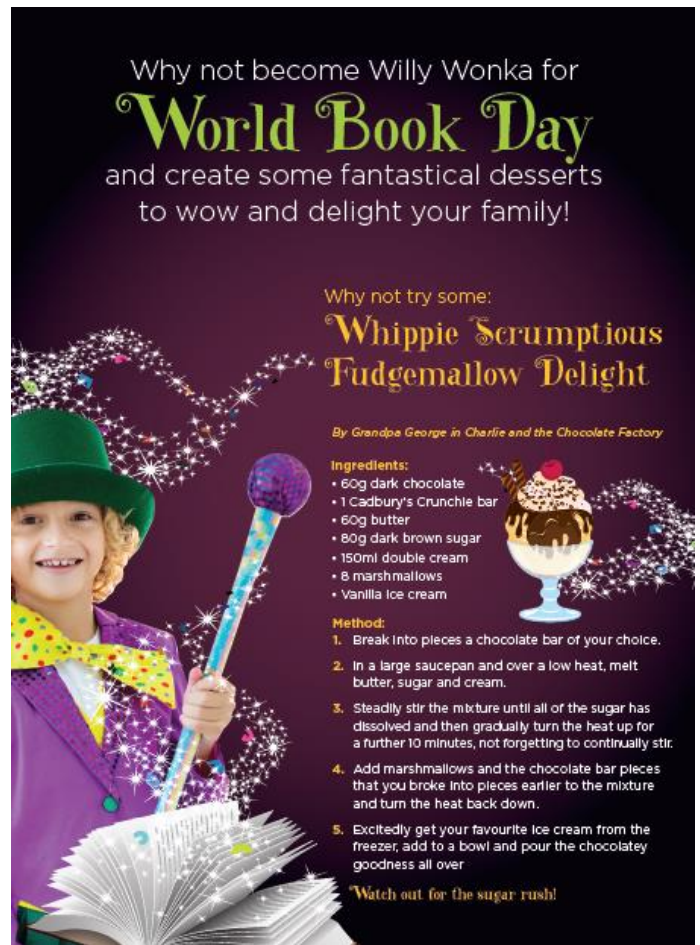
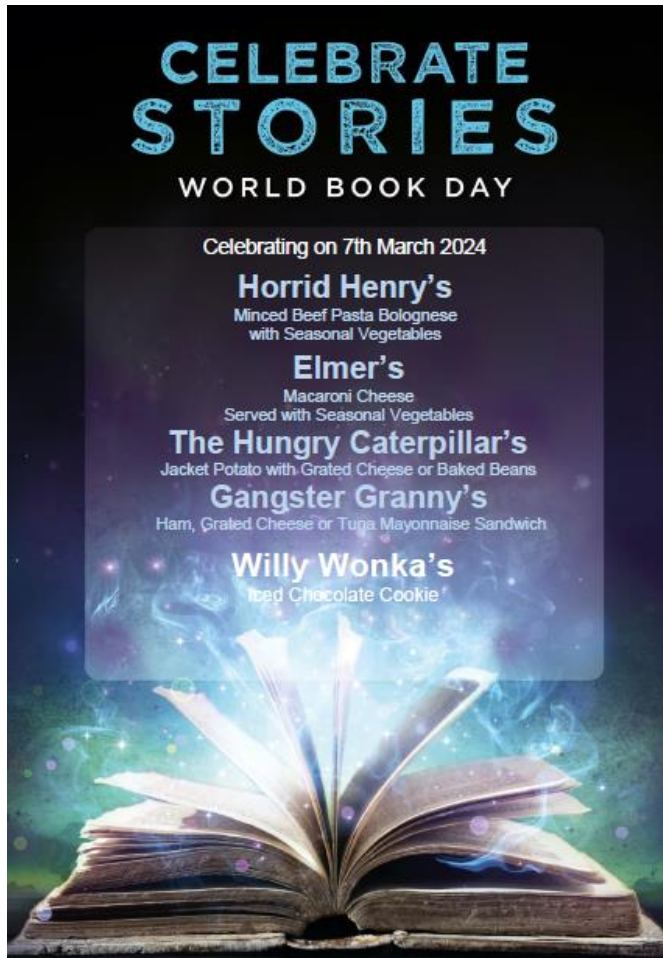
We have an amazing week planned for our annual English Week. Key dates for you to be aware of are:

- Tuesday 5th March- Family Books and Breakfast @8.25am. Please join us to enjoy breakfast and a book together.
- Thursday 7th March- World Book Day: dress as a favourite book character or wear comfy clothes suitable for enjoying a good book!



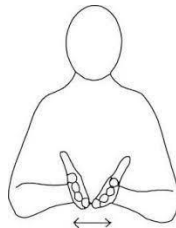
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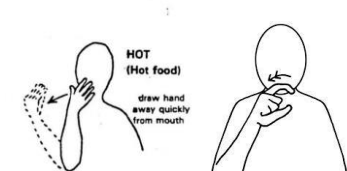


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Our new sign for this week is **book**.



Please encourage your child to recall and practise the signs below which we have learned so far this term.



Hot chocolate

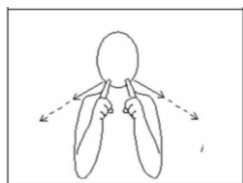


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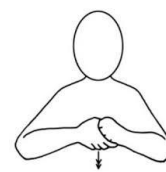
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Tesco Stronger Starts



We have been successful in applying for a place in Tesco's Stronger Starts campaign. We are aiming to secure a grant from Tesco to help us further develop our school grounds through the development of a CCH Growing Garden where children will be able to plant food and vegetation and take part in gardening activities.

To secure a grant, we need everyone to pop into one or more of the Tesco stores listed below between January and March and put a blue token into the voting counter!

2912	Longwell Green Exp	BS30 9DF
6293	Keynsham	BS31 2BA
6337	Saltford Bath Rd Exp	BS31 3HQ

Dates for your diary

- w/b 4th March- CCH English Week
- Tuesday 5th March- Family Breakfast and Books @8.25am. Please join us to enjoy breakfast and a book together.
- Thursday 7th March- World Book Day: dress as a favourite book character or wear comfy clothes suitable for enjoying a good book!
- Friday 15th March- Red Nose Day
- Monday 18th March- EYFS Phonics Workshop for parents/ carers @5.00pm
- Wednesday 20th March (pm)- KS2 children to walk to church for Easter rehearsal (parent helpers required for walking)
- Friday 22nd March- Year 1 and 2 to WEMA Hear My Voice Singing Festival
- Monday 25th March- Year 5 and 6 to Hanham Woods to watch Legally Blonde
- **Monday 25th March- EYFS to Year 6 Parent-Teacher Consultations** (details to follow)
- Tuesday 26th March- CCH Choir singing at Abbeyfield Care Home
- **Wednesday 27th March- EYFS to Year 6 Parent-Teacher Consultations** (details to follow)



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- Thursday 28th March- Easter Service: EYFS/KS1 @9.30am and KS2 @10.15am
- Thursday 28th March- last day of term 4
- Monday 15th April- INSET #4- school closed to pupils
- Tuesday 16th April- start of term 5
- w/b 13th May- Year SATs Week
- w/b 20th May- CCH Sports' Week
- Wednesday 22nd May- Sports' Day

Friends of CCH



Following the success of last year, we are keen to take an even larger CCH team to run the Bristol 10K in May.

Open to all staff, parents, carers and wider CCH family, let us make this year even bigger and help us to raise even more money for our children.



Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
School Trip Letter	Year 1	Friday 1 st March
Phonics Workshop Letter	EYFS	Weds 28 th February
Tales of the Road – Road Safety Info	Year 5 & 6	Friday 1 st March



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Community Information



HANHAM PARISH COUNCIL



Hanham Abbots
PARISH COUNCIL

Free Funded Football Tournament

Dear parents / Carers,

I am writing to give details of an exciting opportunity and invite you to attend a football tournament, which is being offered **FREE OF CHARGE** to pupils in years 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Hanham and Hanham Abbots Parish Councils are working in conjunction with Swift Sports Coaching to run a free football tournament to promote physical well being, exercise and a healthy lifestyle for children living within the local area. There is no charge for children to participate as Hanham and Hanham Abbots Parish Councils have very kindly funded the tournament, which includes the use of bibs for teams, medals for the winning team and a trophy for one lucky player of the day.

In order to raise the profile of the area, we have organised a football tournament for children who attend local schools within the parish area to take part.

Date: 2nd, 3rd, 10th and 11th

Venue: Hanham Common playing fields, BS15 3LJ

Times: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Price: Free of charge

Children will need to be dropped off at 10:00am for registration and **parents / carers** will need to sign them in on the day. All children will need to bring shin pads, boots, trainers, suitable outdoor clothing and a pack lunch with a refillable water bottle. The coaches at the tournament have been provided by Swift Sports Coaching, a sports coaching company working with schools throughout South Gloucestershire and Bristol. All coaches are DBS checked, 1st aid qualified and fully insured.

The days are limited to 48 participants and this will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to take this fantastic opportunity, please read the instructions below;

How to Book

Bookings will be made available on Sunday 10th of March from 10am, bookings can **only** be made via our online booking system <https://bookwhen.com/swiftsportscoaching-parish> Bookings are allocated on a first come, first serve basis and bookings will close once spaces have exceeded 48 participants. You will be notified by email with confirmation of your booking, if you miss out on a place you can join the waiting list using the same link.



TEL: 07537 991 991

EMAIL: bookings@swiftsportscoaching.co.uk

WEB: www.swiftsportscoaching.co.uk

EASTER HOLIDAY CAMP

TUESDAY 2ND TO FRIDAY 5TH APRIL
& MONDAY 8TH TO FRIDAY 12TH APRIL

OPEN 8:30/10:00 TO 3:30
@MANGOTSFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, BS16 7EY
FOR CHILDREN IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

Early bird 10% discount code: **EBDEASTER24**

Code expires Sunday 10th March - book now!

Ofsted

Scan QR code to book or visit:
<https://www.sportingchurches.co.uk/events/2024/04/02/easter-holiday-camp>

ALL BOOKINGS INCLUDE OUR CREATE AND EXPLORE AFTERNOON ALTERNATIVE.
CHILDREN SIMPLY DECIDE ON THE DAY WHETHER
TO CONTINUE WITH AN AFTERNOON OF SPORT OR
EXPLORE THEIR CREATIVE SIDE!

EASTER HOLIDAYS MULTI-SPORTS CLUB

at KEYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB
BS311HU

Tue 2nd, Wed 3rd, Thu 4th
Tue 9th, Wed 10th, Thu 11th April
9.00am-3.30pm

£20 A DAY

- Reception to Year 7
- Diverse Range of Sports & Activities
- Inclusive & Nurturing Environment
- Low Child to Coach Ratios

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www.bookwhen.com/tombryancoaching

Contact - tombryan@live.co.uk - 07891918722



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Holiday Clubs

Free Funded Spaces available at your local venue through the HAF scheme! Click here to find out more...

Ensure your child experiences a holiday club like no other with JAG! Our jam-packed daily schedule uniquely caters for each child's talents and interests, forging unforgettable memories in an amazing holiday experience!

- ✓ Something for every child, with a wide range of fun-filled activities
- ✓ All activities delivered by expert play leaders in a safe, fun environment
- ✓ Confidence building by learning new skills and trying new things under expert guidance
- ✓ Positive interactions that nurture friendship and social awareness
- ✓ Enhanced wellbeing through a focus on happiness, mindfulness, kindness and being active





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Building Brighter Futures Together!

Children love our holiday clubs, because the diverse experiences we offer are so much fun. With a brilliant mix of sports, energising activities that get children moving, creative sessions that bring out their inner inventor and much more, our expert teams ensure an inclusive and fun environment that delivers an important role for every child in every session.

Our Activity Programmes

We design all our activity programmes to prepare children for the future, nurturing vital life skills in each and every one of them in a way that taps in to their unique skills and interests. With fun activities spanning seven core categories, it's easy to see why children's time at JAG is always their favourite time!



Splash Zone

Activities Include:

- ✓ Aqua Races
- ✓ Boat Building
- ✓ Swimming



Power Teams

Activities Include:

- ✓ Team Challenges
- ✓ Obstacle Courses
- ✓ Scavenger Hunts



Wellbeing Warriors

Activities Include:

- ✓ Yoga
- ✓ Zen Gardens
- ✓ Healthy Heart Circles



Super Sports

Activities Include:

- ✓ Tennis
- ✓ Football
- ✓ Basketball



Global Kids

Activities Include:

- ✓ Cooking
- ✓ Robot Building
- ✓ Eco Warriors



Creative Inventors

Activities Include:

- ✓ Painting & Crafts
- ✓ Role Play
- ✓ Drama



Brain Boosters

Activities Include:

- ✓ Quizzes & Brain Teasers
- ✓ Puzzles & Building Projects
- ✓ Code-breaking



- ✓ Childcare Vouchers Accepted
- ✓ Weekly Booking Discounts
- ✓ Tax Free Childcare
- ✓ Flexible Payment Options

EASTER, MAY & SUMMER 2024 DATES AVAILABLE NOW!






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Yours faithfully,



Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher

