



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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School & College Member

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #1

Whole School Information

Welcome back- I hope you all enjoyed the summer break. It has been fantastic to welcome our children and families back to CCH this week. The staff team have worked so hard to create nurturing, calming and purposeful classroom environments and this has really enabled the children to settle back quickly, feeling a huge sense of pride in their classroom. This week we have focused on re-establishing our school expectations of ready, respectful, responsible as well as our visible consistencies:

- Shake and Shine- the way in which we greet each other and start each day;
- Right Response- the way in which we communicate politely and respectfully with all members of our school family;
- Legendary Line Ups- the way in which we show that we are ready to enter and leave the building; and
- Wonderful Walking- the way in which we walk sensibly and proudly through our school.

It has also been wonderful to welcome our new EYFS children this week as they have completed their first few days of school. We are so proud that you have joined our special family. We have a very exciting year ahead for Team CCH!

CCH Choir Needs You! Message from Mrs Dyson

Dear KS2 Parent/Carer,

Your child is invited to join our school choir. As a school we are excited with how our choir is going from strength to strength. This term we will be preparing for a big concert up in Birmingham at the World Resorts Arena. Our choir will join with literally thousands of other 'young voices' in Jan/Feb and be part of an amazing concert. Just to give you a taste please click on this You Tube video link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k6duZeRUrWU>

The date for this will be confirmed; please keep Monday 13th January and Friday 28th February free. We are hoping that we get the second date. The choir will travel up to Birmingham by coach on the morning of the show and we will rehearse all afternoon. Parents and family members can purchase tickets to come and watch in the evening.

Choir takes commitment, so we are looking for children who love to sing and can come to our choir club EVERY Thursday 3.30-4.40pm after school. Children can bring a healthy snack to eat just before we start to keep energies up. This term we also have the exciting opportunity to sing in our Harvest and Christmas services, and we will also visit our local care home to sing.



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We have 40 spaces available for our choir to go to Young Voices, so get signed up! More information about all of this will follow in the next month.

Thank you for your support, we are going to have a great term!

Meet the Teacher/ Welcome to our Class

On Wednesday 11th September, we warmly invite you to attend our annual Meet the Teacher/ Welcome to our Class session after school. Teachers will run each session twice. **Sessions will run from 3.35 to 4.05pm and be repeated at 4.10- 4.40pm.** These sessions are designed to provide you with key information about your child's class and learning this year as well as giving you the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and see what their classroom environment looks like. We look forward to welcoming you in to school next week.

Healthy Snacks

We would like to remind our whole school family **that break time snacks must be healthy- fruit, vegetables or a healthy cereal bar (no nuts).** Children are not permitted to eat crisps, sweets or chocolate at break time. If we see a child with a break time snack that is not in line with our policy, we will ask them to put it in their bag to take home with them. Please discuss this with your child and remind them that they should not be taking food out of their lunch box at snack time.

Inhalers and Medicines

If your child requires an inhaler to be kept in school or for any medicine to be administered, **this must be brought to the office by an adult.** Please do not send your child into school with inhalers or medication in their school bag as this poses a health and safety risk.

New Catering Provider

Our new catering provider, Dolce, has started at CCH this week. The children are already commenting on the improvement in menu choices and the quality of both the cooked and cold options. They also love the new touch screen which they use to find out what they are having for lunch! Now is a great time to get your child to try a school lunch. Bookings can be made via School Grid. **Please remember that all children in EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2 are entitled to a completely free school meal (hot or cold) every day.** We will soon be sharing dates for our new 'Family Lunch' where we will be inviting parents/ carers to come and enjoy a school lunch from our new catering team.

Summer Reading Challenge

Do not forget that we set the whole school a challenge, in line with our motto of 'reaching high and dreaming big', of completing the Summer Reading Challenge. There is still a bit of time for your child to complete their six reading books. Find out more here: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/holiday-activities/>

We want all of our children to bring in their reading medals for our first **Champions of CCH assembly which will take place on Thursday 26th September.** Happy reading!



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Welcome to the CCH Family

This week, we have welcomed some new staff to the CCH family:

- Miss Karen Stephens (Teaching Partner)
- Miss Hannah Phillips (Higher Level Teaching Partner)
- Miss Katrina Hamilton (Higher Level Teaching Partner)
- Mrs Laura Thomas (Teaching Partner)

Free School Meals

If you are on a qualifying benefit, please apply for benefits-related free school meals for your child as soon as possible after starting school.

You could be one of thousands of families across South Gloucestershire missing out on saving over £400 each year, per child. All children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 get universal infant free school meals so you do not need to apply for them.

Please do apply to receive benefits-related free school meals and the extra help they offer your child and family. This includes funded holiday club places in the main school holidays and help towards school uniform and school trips. You will also be helping our school, as we get extra funding, called Pupil Premium Funding, to improve educational outcomes.

You can apply via this link for benefits-related free school meals, or via the school office:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/christchurchhanhamprimaryschool>



EYFS September 2025

Do you have a child who is due to start school in September 2025? Do you have any friends or family who are looking for a school place for their child in September 2025? If so, please book a space on one of our school tours taking place in autumn 2024 to come and see CCH in action.

<https://www.christchurchhanhamprimaryschool.co.uk/>

Vacancies

We are looking to recruit some new people to join our amazing lunch break team. This role is vital in supporting our children to have safe and successful lunchtimes. If you know of anyone who might be interested in finding out more about this role, please ask them to contact the school office.

Reading Volunteers

We are looking for some willing adult volunteers to support our focus on reading from September. If you could volunteer an hour or two during an afternoon to listen to children read, please contact the school office. We will provide training and support for our volunteers.



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INSET 2024- 25

The remaining INSET dates for this academic year are set out below. The school year will finish for children on Friday 18th July 2025.

- INSET #3 Monday 6th January 2025
- INSET #4 Monday 21st July 2025
- INSET #5 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 11th September- Individual school photographs
- Wednesday 11th September- Meet the Teacher/ Welcome to our new Class sessions, 3.35 to 4.05pm and from 4.10 to 4.40pm
- Thursday 12th September- Year 6 trip to Sevington
- Thursday 26th September- Champions of CCH assembly (children to bring in outside of school achievements)
- Monday 30th September- Year 6 swimming begins
- Monday 14th October- Harvest Service @9.30am
- Friday 25th October- End of term 1
- Monday 4th November- Start of term 2
- Thursday 7th November- CCH Fireworks Display
- Monday 11th November- CCH Remembrance Service. Children who belong to uniformed organisations (eg Brownies, Cubs) may wear their uniform to school.
- Thursday 19th December- Key Stage 2 Christmas Service @9.30am
- Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Service @9.30am
- Thursday 17th July- Year 6 Leavers' Service @9.30am

Friends of CCH

Please join our Friends of CCH for their first meeting of this year. This will be held on **Thursday 12th September at 7.30pm** upstairs in The Jolly Sailor.

Great funding opportunity for CCH.

Calling all ASDA shoppers!



Cashpot for Schools is our mission to support primary schools across the UK.

Every time you shop with Asda Rewards from 2nd September to 30th November, we will donate 0.5% of your total spend to a primary school of your choice. Plus, Asda will pop £1 into your school's Cashpot every time someone opts in.

Even more, Asda will get your school started with a further £50. To redeem this, make sure to shop & scan and remind your school to sign up with Parentkind.

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Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Applying for Secondary Schools	Year 6	6 th September 2024
JCA Open Day Info	Years 5 & 6	6 th September 2024
HWA Open Evening Info	Years 5 & 6	5 th September 2024
Sevington School Trip	Year 6	5 th September 2024

Community Information

Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher