



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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School & College Member

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #4

Whole School Information

We are already half-way through this term. There have been many moments to be thankful for this week including our EYFS children attending school full time. The Year 6 buddies have been absolute stars setting a fantastic example by nurturing and guiding the youngest members of our school family during lunchtimes this week. There is a lot to look forward to in the remaining four weeks including our Harvest Appeal and Service.

Attendance

We are already seeing some children being taken out of school for holidays. We would like to remind all of our families that term-time holidays are not permitted and will be unauthorised. The impact of missing a week of learning is significant due to the way our curriculum is designed. We ask all families to consider this point.

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **This week's whole school attendance is 96.0%.**

Class	Weekly Attendance	Class	Weekly Attendance
Julia Donaldson	97.8%	Michael Morpurgo	92.4%
Jill Murphy	94.3%	Berlie Doherty	97.3%
Oliver Jeffers	98.6%	Benjamin Zephaniah	96.0%
Emily Gravett	96.1%	William Shakespeare	94.5%
Cressida Cowell	97.3%		

Well done to the classes in green for meeting or exceeding our target.

Home-School Values Challenge

Well done to those children who have already completed our Home-School Values Challenge linked to this term's value of friendship. Please support your child to take part in this activity and bring it into school so that we can share their responses with our community at the end of this term.

Music enrichment

We are proud of our music enrichment at CCH and this week has seen the start of our whole class music tuition for Cressida Cowell and Michael Morpurgo Class. This year, the children will be learning the cello. This is an amazing opportunity for them to not only learn to play a musical instrument but also develop life-long learning habits and see the power of practice! We cannot wait to see them grow and share their journey with us during the year. Mrs Dyson has also started our curriculum singing enrichment beginning with Year 1. They are enjoying learning songs linked to their curriculum. Music is a great way to learn and recall key information.



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Clubs

You should have received a letter detailing our clubs and enrichment programme for the autumn term. Our staff team work tirelessly to provide our children with a broad, exciting and inspiring curriculum full of opportunities. Leading clubs is an additional extra to the day job but we feel passionately about providing these opportunities so that our children can see that learning goes far beyond what is taught in the classroom. We look forward to seeing our children at our lunch and/or after school clubs which start next week.

Harvest Service and Appeal 2024

This year's Harvest Service will take place at church on Monday 14th October. There will, as in previous years, be two services:

- 9.30am- Julia Donaldson, Jill Murphy and Oliver Jeffers Class
- 10.15am- Emily Gravett, Cressida Cowell, Michael Morpurgo, Berlie Doherty, Benjamin Zephaniah and William Shakespeare Class

During the week beginning 7th October, our children will be focussing on the season of harvest in their learning and reflecting on the importance of this festival in the Christian calendar. This year's theme will be: 'Supporting our local foodbank through little acts of kindness'. The children will be finding out about foodbanks and why they are such an important part of our communities today. We will be asking for donations for our harvest collection which will be going to the South and East Bristol Foodbank. To raise the profile and importance of our collection this year, **we will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 11th October.** On this day, children can come to school in non-uniform (Autumn/ Harvest colours and shades recommended) in return for a donation(s) to our Harvest Appeal. More details to follow next week.

Whole school panto

Exciting news! Having worked hard to develop many opportunities for our children to grow and flourish in music and sport over the past few years, we are now beginning the next stage of our growth plan. This is focussed on developing the opportunities for children to be involved in art, dance and drama.

To help launch this, we are thrilled to announce that we will be having our first whole school trip to the Bristol Hippodrome to watch this year's pantomime, 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. This trip will take place during the afternoon of Thursday 12th December. We will be enjoying the matinee performance which starts at 2.00pm. This means that the children will not return to school until approximately 5.00pm so please factor this into your diaries now; we will send out more details in due course.

We have only been able to secure this thanks to the huge generosity of The Friends of CCH who have agreed to fund the majority of this experience- 'Oh no, they haven't? Oh yes, they have!' We will be asking for a voluntary donation from families to cover the difference. We hope that this experience will be inspiring for our whole school family as we all enjoy a trip to the theatre in the build-up to Christmas!



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Safety on the playground

Please remind your child/ children about being safe on the playground before and after school. We are proud of being an active travel school but children must not ride their scooters or bikes across the playground. This is causing a safety concern for others. Please remind your children to walk their scooters and bikes across the playground before and after school. Thank you.

Healthy Snacks and lunchboxes

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.

We are also starting to notice some children's packed lunches are not consistent with the expectations for a balanced, nutritional meal. Whilst as a school, we have refrained from mandating what children can and cannot have in their lunchboxes, **we would urge all families to consider whether your child is being sent in with a suitably healthy lunch**. We would kindly suggest that large bags of crisps (i.e. sharing bags), large bars of chocolate and bags of sweets are not appropriate for a child's lunch.

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

- Monday 30th September- Year 6 swimming begins
- Tuesday 1st October- CCH Choir to Hanham library @3.45pm
- Thursday 3rd October – Census Day – special menu (see attached flyer)
- Friday 11th October- Non-uniform day for Harvest Appeal
- Monday 14th October- Harvest Service @9.30am for EYFS, JM & OJ classes; 10.15am for EG, CC, MM, BD, BZ & WS classes
- Monday 14th October- Year 6 Residential Briefing for families @5.00pm
- Wednesday 23rd October- Year 6 visit to Lifeskills
- Friday 25th October- End of term 1
- Monday 4th November- Start of term 2
- Thursday 7th November- CCH Fireworks Display



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- Monday 11th November- CCH Remembrance Service. Children who belong to uniformed organisations (eg Brownies, Cubs) may wear their uniform to school.
- Monday 11th November- Flu vaccinations
- Tuesday 3rd December- Parent-Teacher Consultations, Years 1 to 6
- Thursday 5th December- Parent-Teacher Consultations, Years 1 to 6
- Thursday 12th December- Whole school trip to Bristol Hippodrome
- 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

Great funding opportunity for CCH.

Calling all ASDA shoppers!

So far, we have raised £200. There are 64 days left so get shopping- please!

Please sign up to volunteer for the Fireworks event

<https://Volunteersignup.org/MEEER>



Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Choir Event Email	Choir Club	23 rd September 2024
Yr 6 Camp	Year 6	24 th September 2024
Scooter training	EG class	24 th September 2024
Yr 6 Swimming	Year 6	24 th September 2024
Autumn Term Clubs	Whole School	25 th September 2024
Young Voices Email	Choir Club	27 th September 2024



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Swift Sports Coaching - October Holiday Clubs 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to announce that our October 2024 Holiday Club programme is live and available to book. Please see the information below with dates, venues, times and a list of all activities and theme days running at a venue near you.

Prices and Promotions

- Multi Sports holiday club - **£19.50** per child, per day.
 - Theme days - **£22.50** per child, per day.
 - **Multi-day Discount** - Book 3 or more days (per child) for 15% Discount
 - **Sibling Discount** - Parents / carers will receive a 10% discount on any additional sibling bookings.
- (Please note: Discounts can not be used in conjunction with each other)

[Click Here to Book Now for October Holiday Clubs](#)

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Witches and Wizards

The Children will be joining us to take part in magical activities, please see below for full details. This day will be running separately to a regular holiday club at each of our venues.

- Wand and Potion Making
- Muggle Quidditch
- Witch Hunts
- Magic Tricks and much more

Halloween

The Children will be joining us for our Halloween day, with lots of spooky themed activities, games and opportunities.

- Fancy Dress, including a prize for best costume
- Pumpkin carving
- Spooky Games
- Halloween Bingo
- Mummy Making
- And Much More



Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher

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