



Christ Church Hanham C of E VC Primary School

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CCH Weekly Bulletin #23

Whole School Information

It has been a really enjoyable week at CCH as the whole school has come together to celebrate reading. The children looked amazing in their World Book Day costumes, and it was great to see so many children at the disco. Thank you to all of you who were able to join us for Breakfast and Books this morning; we are really keen that every child sees themselves as a reader and making books a part of your breakfast routine at home can really help to make the reading habit cool!

Attendance

Our goal is for attendance to be, at least, 97%. **Our whole school attendance figure for this week is 97.7%.**

Class	Term 3 Attendance
Julia Donaldson	97.0%
Jill Murphy	95.0%
Oliver Jeffers	98.9%
Emily Gravett	100%
Cressida Cowell	95.7%
Michael Morpurgo	99.0%
Berlie Doherty	96.4%
Benjamin Zephaniah	99.2%
William Shakespeare	97.9%

Well done to the six classes in green who have met or exceeded our target this week. A special mention to Emily Gravett Class for 100% attendance. Great job Team CCH- let us build from this!

Lent

This week, Reverend Steve helped us to think about the Christian season of Lent. This year, we would like to challenge our whole school to focus on **'giving something back'** rather than giving something up for Lent. The attached poster gives forty ideas for your child to do something for the good of others during the next forty days. Why not make it a challenge for the whole family?



Please share your pictures on Dojo and our school X page using #Lent and #40acts



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Visit from Bishop Neil

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Swindon, the Venerable Neil Warwick, to Christ Church. Bishop Neil joined our whole school Collective Worship led by Reverend Steve and Reverend Cat and then took part in a question and answer session with our Collective Worship Captains. I was so immensely proud of our Worship Captains who conducted themselves with maturity, asking insightful questions. Bishop Neil commented on what an amazing group of young people they are. The experience was rewarding and enriching for all of us and was another illustration of how our children are flourishing!



CCH English Week

What an amazing week we have had focussing on the love of books and reading. A huge thank you to Mrs Ealey for organising. From books at breakfast time with families, to dressing up on World Book Day to an inspiring day working with author and poet Kev Payne today, English Week has hopefully inspired your child to carry on the reading habit!



Community Breakfast

Next week, we relaunch our CCH Community Breakfast. This year, we will be building on the success of these events by inviting a speaker to share some key information about an aspect of our school offer. This is a great way to find out about some of the wider things we offer at CCH whilst enjoying a calm start to the morning with your child/ children.

On Tuesday 11th March, we welcome our School Nurse, Tracey Baker. Tracey will be available to answer questions about the School Nursing Service and the support they can offer families.

On Thursday 13th March, our Education Mental Health Practitioner, Matt Andrews, will be joining us. Matt will be available to answer questions about the EMHP role and the support he can offer children and families.

Community Breakfast runs from 8.20 until 8.45am. Children must remain with their adults at all times and be taken to their classroom door, as usual, at 8.45am.

We look forward to seeing you next week.

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Swap Shop

Alongside our Community Breakfast, next week, we will be launching our brand new CCH Swap Shop. Our Swap Shop contains donated and unwanted school uniform items which are in a suitable condition to be reused. We are aware of the financial impact of buying uniform and the difficulties that can arise from children growing out of their clothes sooner than we anticipate. Our Swap Shop is free to access for all our families. There is no charge for any of the items. All that we ask is that you help us to keep the Swap Shop tidy and only take what you need. We will also be adding in a donation bin for families to donate any unwanted uniform items so that we can keep a constant stock of clothing available for our school family.

From next week, our Swap Shop will be open at the following times:

Tuesday and Thursdays: 8.30am to 8.55am and 3.30pm to 3.45pm

We look forward to working with our CCH Changemakers to develop this over the coming months; we hope that our Swap Shop will provide a much needed and valuable resource for our community.

Early Adopter Breakfast Club

CCH has been selected by the DfE to be an early adopter school for the Government's new free breakfast club programme. We will be trialling running a **free Breakfast Club from 8.15am until 8.45am**, each day of the summer term. We will be working with the Department throughout to feedback on what is working and what needs support before the full national roll out next academic year.

Children attending this new provision will be provided with cereal and a drink.

In order for us to ensure we have adequate staffing, space and food, we now need a firm commitment from families regarding uptake. We kindly ask that you complete the short survey below to indicate if you would like your child to attend the free Breakfast Club and on which days. The service is free of charge and your child can attend for as many days as you wish. In order for us to trial this service, we do however, need to ask for dates for the whole of term 5 so that we can ensure adequate supervision.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1gRTEVP2ng>

This survey must be completed by 9.00am on Friday 21st March.

Mobile Phones

We are seeing an increasing number of children bringing their mobile phones onto school site and using these before the start of the school day. As many of these are older children who walk to school independently, it is impossible to monitor what they are accessing at this time. **Our policy is that mobile phones are not to be used in school. This includes the school grounds.** Please remind your child/ children that once they enter the school grounds, phones must be in their bags/ pockets and given to a member of staff once the morning bell rings.



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Healthy Snacks

Children in EYFS and KS1 have access to fruit provided by school at break times. Children in KS2 are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for break- **this must be vegetables, fruit or a healthy cereal bar.**

We have noticed some children are either bringing in unhealthy snacks or going into their lunchboxes to take food for break time. Please remind your child that crisps and chocolate bars are not permitted at break times and will be removed if seen in the playground. **We will be talking to all children about not going into their lunchboxes during the day so please ensure that any break time snacks are not put into their lunch boxes as they will not be able to retrieve these.** Thank you for your support.



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- INSET #4 Monday 21st July 2025
- INSET #5 Tuesday 22nd July 2025

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- INSET #1 Monday 1st September 2025
- INSET #2 Tuesday 2nd September 2025

Dates for your diary (new dates added since last edition)

- Tuesday 11th March- Community Breakfast with School Nurse @8.20am
- Thursday 13th March- Community Breakfast with Education Mental Health Practitioner @8.20am
- Thursday 20th March- Year 6 ukulele showcase to families @9.00am
- Friday 28th March- Friends of CCH Fantastic Females Elfridges Shop
- Friday 28th March- Year 5 drumming showcase to families @3.00pm
- Monday 31st March- Parent-Teacher Consultations (not Cressida Cowell Class)
- Tuesday 1st April- Parent-Teacher Consultations (Cressida Cowell Class only)
- Wednesday 2nd April- Parent-Teacher Consultations (all classes)
- Wednesday 2nd April- Easter Service EYFS, JM, OJ and Year 2 from EG Class @9.30am; Year 3 EG Class and KS2 @ 10.15am
- **Friday 4th April- End of term 4**
- **Tuesday 22nd April- Start of term 5**
- Wednesday 23rd April- Year 4 Explorer Dome experience
- w/b 12th May- Year 6 Statutory Assessments (SATs)
- Thursday 15th May- Year 5 visit to Living Rainforest



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- w/b 19th May- CCH Sports' Week
- Wednesday 21st May- Sports' Day
- **Friday 23rd May- End of term 5**
- **Monday 2nd June- Start of term 6**
- w/b 2nd June- Year 6 residential to Okehampton
- w/b 9th June- Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- w/b 16th June- CCH Arts' Week
- Tuesday 24th June- Class photographs
- Thursday 17th July- Year 6 Leavers' Service @9.30am
- **Friday 18th July- Last day of term 6 for pupils. School day ends at 2.20pm.**
- **Monday 21st July- INSET #4. School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 22nd July- INSET #5. School closed to pupils**

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- **Monday 1st September 2025- INSET #1. School closed to pupils**
- **Tuesday 2nd September 2025- INSET #2. School closed to pupils**

Friends of CCH

Upcoming events- please save the date:



Date for the Diary:

Thursday 6th November – Firework Display

Other letters/ communication sent home this week

Communication	Audience	Date sent
Primary School Wallchart	Whole school	With this bulletin



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Community Information

Recruitment

We are seeking to recruit a new member of our Lunch Break Supervisory Team. If you are interested or know anyone who might be keen to find out more, please direct them to the link below.

<https://www.eteach.com/jobs?empNo=25220>

Yours faithfully,

Neil McKellar-Turner
Headteacher



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