

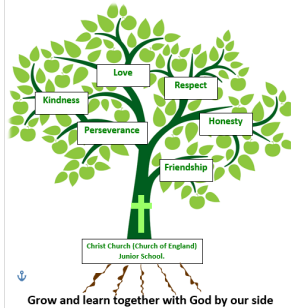


## Christ Church C of E Junior School Newsletter 21

Friday 17th February 2023

This week our Collective  
Worship theme was:

**Kindness**



### Writer of the Week

#### Writer of the Week

Year 3- Charlie Birch

Year 4- McROZZ Otakeponmwon

Year 5- Akaash Mahli

Year 6- Rose McCutcheon

#### Our Vision

Grow and learn together with God by our side.



Keep up the great work on timetables over the half term break!

Who will win the jacket when we return!?

### Spellings

Children should now have a new login in for their Spellings Shed accounts this year.

Please find a link below to the login area:

[https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login?return\\_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.spellingshed.com%2Fen-gb](https://www.edshed.com/en-gb/login?return_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.spellingshed.com%2Fen-gb)

For week beginning Monday 27th February children will complete list 20 for their year groups.

Spellings can also be found at:

<https://www.christchurchfederation.co.uk/junior-curriculum-maps>



### School Dinners

**The dinner menu has been updated for week beginning 27th February. We will be starting the new menu cycle on week 1**

#### Next week will be week 1

School dinners are £2.50 per day which is payable on Pay360. If your child would like a school dinner, they can order one daily. All they need to do is inform their class teacher during the dinner register.

All meals are freshly prepared on site and there is always the choice of jacket potatoes or sandwiches if your child does not like the main menu option that day.

### **Dates for your Diary (new information in bold)**

*In order to make it easy for parents to find the information needed. Diary dates will be on the newsletter every week. Any new additions/ amendments are in bold to make them easy to identify and add to your diary.*



Thursday 2nd March– Fair Trade sale in the Library after school

2nd March– Boys/ Mixed football match vs Woodthorne HOME

**2nd March Y5/6 author visit at the Grammar School– you will be informed if your child is attending**

Friday 3rd March– World Book Day in School– Children are invited to dress up as a book character.

**Monday 6th March– Netball vs Castlecroft @ HOME**

Monday 6th March– Bags2School donations

Tuesday 7th March–Parents’ evening.

Wednesday 8th March– Parents’ evening.

**Thursday 9th March– Year 5 Science Trip to Tettenhall College.**

**Monday 13th March– Netball Match vs Castlecroft HOME—Date changed**

~~Thursday 16th March– Year 6 meeting – SATS and Residential 3.30pm~~

**Wednesday 22nd March– Cross Country event at Tettenall College**

**Thursday 23rd March– Year 5 Creative Church—Information to follow**

Friday 24th March– PFA Quiz Night.

**Monday 27th March– Netball vs St Barts @ HOME**

**Thursday 30th March– STEM Day– Information included in Newsletter.**

**Thursday 30th March– Year 3 Author Event at the Grammar School. You will be informed if your child is attending.**

**Friday 31st March– Easter Service in Church 2.00pm**

Friday 31st March– Break up for Easter

Monday 17th April– School reopens-Summer term begins.

Monday 24th April– Film Night

Monday 1st May–Bank holiday– School closed

Thursday 4th– Friday 5th May– Year 4 residential to Stratford

Monday 8th May– School Closed BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 9th– Friday 12th May– Year 6 SATS week

Friday 26th May break up for half term

Monday 5th June– School reopens

Wednesday 12th July– Friday 14th July– Year 6 residential to Standon Bowers

Friday 21st July– Break up for summer

### **Thought of the week**

**Theme– Kindness**

Ephesians 4:32 ... “Be *kind* and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you”



## Young Author Event!



A huge well done to Jemima, Fleur, Kavan, Jayden, Wanda and Hussain who were finalists in the Wolverhampton Grammar school Young Authors competition. We are so proud of this amazing achievement. To get to this point in the competition is simply phenomenal! A huge well done to you all. I can't wait to see what the future holds for you as writers!

Not only did we have 6 amazing runners up but Sophia was the overall winner of the year 6-8 category! I think you will agree, this is a wonderful achievement of which we are very proud! The article from the Grammar school website which explains the competition and celebrates it's winners is below.

### Pupils' stories of Hope read by award-winning author

Over 500 children in Years 3 – 11 from across Wolverhampton entered this year's Wolverhampton Young Authors' Prize competition with their original short stories based around the theme of 'Hope'. 108 Finalists from Wolverhampton Grammar School, Christ Church Junior School, Highfields School, Caldmore Primary Academy, Codsall High School, Beacon Hill Academy, Poole Hayes Academy and St Jude's CofE Academy were invited to attend the Grand Final which was held at Wolverhampton Grammar School on Tuesday 14th February.

Award-winning children's author, Cliff McNish, attended the event to share his advice with the budding young authors and to announce the winners who have had their stories read and recorded by Cliff himself. Cliff is best-known for his debut fantasy series *The Doomspell Trilogy*, which has been published in twenty-six languages worldwide.

Congratulations to the winners who were selected from three categories: Years 3 – 5: Dylan (Wolverhampton Grammar School), Years 6 – 8: Sophia (Christ Church Junior School) and Years 9 – 11: Sophie (Codsall High School). Three runners-up were also announced, alongside four 'highly commended' stories; amongst the runners' up was Wolverhampton Grammar School student, Siya (Year 4).

The prize which is in its third year, was created by WGS librarians Zoe Rowley and Duncan McAllister to inspire children and young people across the region to read and write for pleasure. WGS Head Librarian Zoe Rowley said, "We were delighted to see hundreds of young people from across Wolverhampton enter this year's competition. The 400 word challenge encouraged young people to showcase their writing skills and create a unique story. It was a pleasure to meet over 100 finalists for the competition at Wolverhampton Grammar School today. To hear their winning stories performed by award-winning author Cliff McNish, will be a memory that these children will cherish for a lifetime. We hope that this year's competition has inspired young people to continue reading and writing for pleasure."



## Fair Trade Fortnight



Fair Trade Fortnight this year runs from Monday February 27<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

Look out for Fair Trade promotions in supermarkets or visit the volunteer led store "Wolverhampton Fair Traid" (traid being a combination of 'trade' and 'aid'). The store is in the Mander Centre (ground floor, Victoria Passage, next to the YMCA shop.)

## Support Fair Trade in School

As you know, the library is open to families every Thursday after school. On Thursday 2nd March. We will be selling small Divine chocolate bars, milk and white for £1. Come along, share a book and support Fair Trade!



## Free Swimming!

Did you know- under 8s can swim for free at Central Baths and Bert Williams Bilston?

Children 8-16 can swim for free too if a parent takes proof of council tax payment to Wolverhampton City Council when they go to the baths.

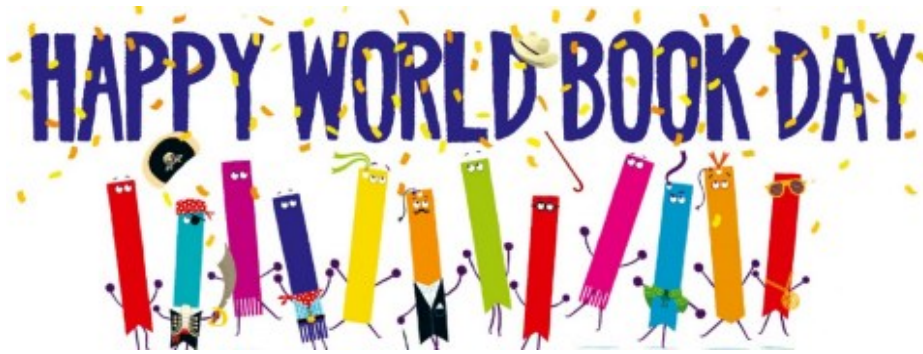
The rules for Bentley Bridge are slightly different, ring them for details.



## Well Done Girls!

Well done to our girls' football team who played another match this week. I would also like to thank parents for continuing to support fixtures.





At Christ Church we love reading and any opportunity to celebrate this! World Book Day will be celebrated on Friday 3rd March and this year's theme for the day is 'You are a reader.' The teachers have been busy planning lots of reading themed activities for the children to complete throughout the day and it will be filled with lots of exciting, celebratory ways to promote reading for pleasure on World Book Day and all year round.

### Dressing up

We are inviting children to bring in their favourite book and dress up as a book character for the day. We would love to see homemade costumes and do not expect parents to go to the expense of buying new costumes.

### Reading breakfasts

We would like to invite parents/carers into school from **8am** in the **Year 6 classrooms** during World Book week to spend some quality time reading with your child. You can enter the school through the gate by the upper Key Stage Two classrooms. Please see the schedule below.

We will have complimentary refreshments for you to enjoy while you discover exciting new books or please feel free to bring your own books to enjoy.

**\*Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult.**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February – Year 4

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Year 5

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 6

### Extreme Reader Competition

We would like children to get a photo of themselves reading their books in unusual and out-of-the-ordinary places. The more creative – the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in. All photos can be emailed to [christchurchjuniorschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:christchurchjuniorschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk) There will be prizes for the most creative photos.

Please keep an eye out for further details about our exciting author event happening during this week and please remember to join us after school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March in the library for a 'Fairtrade Fortnight' chocolate sale.

Thank you for your continued support and happy reading!

Miss Tolley

To celebrate all things STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), we will be having a STEM focus day on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

### **STEM Dress Up**

We are inviting your children to come into school on this day, dressed in something that celebrates these subject areas.

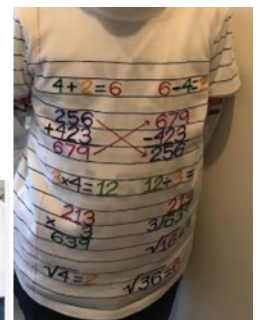
Perhaps they will choose to dress up as a job that involves Science or Maths? They could even come dressed as a mathematical concept! A £1 voluntary contribution can be made via Pay360, which will go towards our future STEM learning.

Below is a list of Science topics that each year group focuses on but you can use ideas from any year group.

<p><b><u>Year 3</u></b>            Forces and magnets            Rocks and soils            Human skeleton            Plants            Light and shadow</p>	<p><b><u>Year 4</u></b>            Sound            Water cycle            States of matter            Food chain            Electricity</p>
<p><b><u>Year 5</u></b>            The solar system            Forces            Life cycles            Changes            Materials</p>	<p><b><u>Year 6</u></b>            The circulatory system            Fossils            Evolution            Light sources            Electricity</p>

STEM job ideas – doctor, vet, gardener, marine biologist, dentist, engineer, mechanic, electrician, explorer, zoologist, astronaut, paleontologist, astronomer, chemist, cardiologist, researcher, computer scientist, food chemist, builder, designer

Or, how about a maths themed costume? Here are a few ideas to get you started!



## **STEM Project**

To celebrate British Science Week and all things STEM, we are holding our own STEM competition! We would love the children to create their own STEM project at home which demonstrates their own understanding of 'Connections'. For example, children could look at connections to nature, how we need to be more connected to the planets, connections in our local area to STEM jobs, connections between elements and science topics....the list could go on, the possibilities are endless! We want to know your child's take on this STEM theme. We would be very grateful if you could support your children in their project, discussing the STEM theory behind their work.

If children wish to enter, they need to bring their project along with an explanation of the STEM behind their work. to class on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

Each project will be celebrated, however one winner will be chosen from each class and will receive a certificate. These winners will be entered into our STEM fair, where we will have external visitors judge and select a winner from each year group on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## **STEM Day**

As part of STEM day, we will be answering our big question 'Can older children always hold more sweets?'

To make our experiment as fun and engaging as possible, if you are able, we would like every child to come to school with a large bag of **wrapped** sweets that can be used within the experiment e.g chewits, starbursts. We will not be consuming this confectionery, but simply be using it to have fun and answer our question. We would like to remind parents that Christ Church is a nut free school.

We hope that you and your children are excited about our STEM day as we are. Should you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. Thanks you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs McWilliams, Mrs Cain & Miss Knowles



## Week One Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	PORK SAUSAGE WITH MASHED POTATO & GRAVY	CHICKEN & SWEETCORN PASTA BAKE WITH WARM BAGUETTE	ROAST TURKEY WITH ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	BEEF COTTAGE PIE & GRAVY	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS
VEGETARIAN	VEGAN QUORN CUMBERLAND SAUSAGE, MASH & GRAVY	MACARONI CHEESE & WARM BAGUETTE	ROAST QUORN FILLET WITH ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	VEGETARIAN MINCE COTTAGE PIE & GRAVY	CHEESE & POTATO PIE
JACKET / DELI OFFER	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo DELI OFFER Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham
SEASONAL VEGETABLES	SLICED CARROTS OR GARDEN PEAS	BROCCOLI OR MIXED GREEN SALAD	GREEN BEANS OR SLICED CARROTS	BROCCOLI OR SWEETCORN	GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
DESSERTS	SHORTBREAD & APPLE SLICES	LEMON SPONGE & CUSTARD	ICE CREAM & PEACH SLICES	CHOCOLATE SPONGE & CUSTARD	FRUITY FRIDAY

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.

**YEAR 5:** Panini Bar





## Week Two Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAIN MEAL	PASTA WITH SAUSAGE IN A TOMATO SAUCE	CREAMY CHICKEN AND SWEETCORN PIE	ROAST CHICKEN ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	BEEF CHILLI CON CARNE WITH FLUFFY RICE	FISH FINGERS & CHIPS
VEGETARIAN	PASTA WITH QUORN MEATBALLS IN A TOMATO SAUCE	CHEESE AND BAKED BEAN PUFF	ROAST QUORN FILLET, ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY	VEGETARIAN MINCE CHILLI CON CARNE WITH FLUFFY RICE	CHEESE & TOMATO PIZZA
JACKET / DELI OFFER	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	JACKET POTATO Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Salmon Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham
SEASONAL VEGETABLES	GARDEN PEAS OR SLICED CARROTS	SWEETCORN OR BROCCOLI	GREEN BEANS OR SLICED CARROTS	SWEETCORN OR SLICED CARROTS	GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS
DESSERTS	BANANA TRAYBAKE & CUSTARD	APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD	SULTANA & OAT COOKIE WITH APPLE SLICES	CHOCOLATE COOKIE	FRUITY FRIDAY

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.



## Week Three Menu

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAIN MEAL</b>	<b>COWBOY HOTPOT &amp; MASHED POTATO</b>	<b>CHICKEN WITH PASTA AND A CHEES SAUCE TOPPING</b>	<b>ROAST CHICKEN &amp; GRAVY WITH ROAST POTATOES</b>	<b>CHEESE, TOMATO &amp; HAM PIZZA WITH POTATO WEDGES</b>	<b>FISH FINGERS &amp; CHIPS</b>
<b>VEGETARIAN</b>	<b>QUORN COWBOY HOTPOT &amp; MASHED POTATO</b>	<b>MACARONI CHEESE</b>	<b>VEGETABLE MINCE COBBLER &amp; MASHED POTATOES</b>	<b>CHEESE &amp; TOMATO PINWHEEL</b>	<b>PLANT BASED SAUSAGE ROLL &amp; CHIPS</b>
<b>JACKET / DELI OFFER</b>	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham	<b>JACKET POTATO</b> Grated Cheese, Baked Beans or Tuna Mayo <b>DELI OFFER</b> Cheese, Egg Mayo, Tuna Mayo or Ham
<b>SEASONAL VEGETABLE</b>	<b>SLICED CARROTS OR GARDEN PEAS</b>	<b>MIXED GREEN SALAD OR SWEETCORN</b>	<b>SLICED CARROTS OR GREEN BEANS</b>	<b>SWEETCORN OR BROCCOLI</b>	<b>GARDEN PEAS OR BAKED BEANS</b>
<b>DESSERTS</b>	<b>STRAWBERRY ICE CREAM &amp; ORANGE SLICES</b>	<b>LEMON SPONGE &amp; CUSTARD</b>	<b>FLAPJACK</b>	<b>CHOCOLATE BROWNIE &amp; PEAR SEGMENT</b>	<b>FRUITY FRIDAY</b>

**AVAILABLE DAILY:** Freshly Baked Wholemeal Bread, Fresh Salad Bar, Water, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt & Jelly.  
**YEAR 6:** Panini Bar