



St Christopher Community Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Comic Relief

As I am sure you are aware, Friday 24th March is Red Nose Day and we will be working as a school to raise money for Comic Relief. Comic Relief funds many thousands of worthwhile projects both in the UK and worldwide. At St Christopher we would like to join in with this event by encouraging the children to dress up in red! We are suggesting a donation of £1.00 (or however much you can afford) for this to raise money for the charity.

The Junior Leadership team have organised a design a red nose t-shirt competition. The children can enter for a 30p donation. The Junior Leadership team will judge the competition and there will be a small prize for the best design.

Children in KS2 will have the opportunity to enter a talent show for 25p each. Heats will take place next week and the winners will perform to the whole school on Red Nose Day.

Meanwhile in KS1, the children are invited to write down their favourite joke and enter it for a 25p donation. The Junior Leadership Team will judge the competition and the funniest joke entry will receive a small prize.

Funding Issues for Schools

The Government is planning to introduce a new "National Funding Formula" for all schools from April 2018. This is now the subject of a **consultation** ending on the **22 March**.

Unfortunately, the impact of the planned changes will be to significantly **reduce** the money available to schools in Coventry. Almost all schools in Coventry including St Christopher will receive less funding from April 2018 if this goes ahead as proposed.

Headteachers and Governors are responding to the consultation. As a group of Headteachers we believe that it is important that you are made aware of this and have the opportunity to consider this and respond. Your voice is as important. The reality for schools is that we will have less resources to use in school. Our biggest resource is staff and the fact is that we will not be able to afford the same amount of staff we have now in the future. This will have a detrimental affect on the quality of education we can provide and the support we can offer.

Please support our school along with others in ensuring that we get the right outcomes for all Coventry children and young people to be able to continue to give them the best possible education.

You can respond to the consultation at the link below; however, we recognise this is complex and you may choose to express your views by making representation via your local MP.

The Coventry MPs are:

Colleen Fletcher (Coventry North East): colleen.fletcher.mp@parliament.uk

Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry North West): robinsong@parliament.uk

James Cunningham (Coventry South) jim.cunningham.mp@parliament.uk

Link to the consultation:

<https://consult.education.gov.uk/funding-policy-unit/schools-national-funding-formula2/>

Yours sincerely,

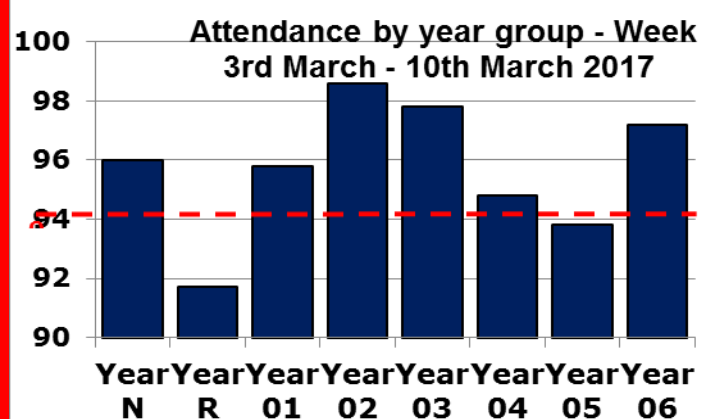
Mrs C Robinson
Headteacher BEd Hons. NPQH

WEEKLY FOCUS

Assembly Focus: Commonwealth Day

Musical Inspiration: Londonderry Air (Irish Folk Song)

ATTENDANCE BY YEAR GROUP



Sports News

The Girls Football Team enjoyed a resounding win over Whitmore Park Primary School last Thursday. Mr Coyle reported that the girls were particularly clinical in front of goal creating and taking their chances in a 7-0 cup match win. The win ensures that the girls now move into the Dave Moore Shield Final which is due to take place after Easter. Last year's team finished runners up in this tournament so the girls are hoping to go one step further this year. On the same evening the school Netball Team were entertaining Moseley Primary Netball Team in a friendly. It was a thrilling game which the St. Christopher girls edged 14 - 8. It was lovely to see children such as Oliver from Year 5, Layla and Leah from Year 6 put all their hard work from training into practice as they represented the school at Netball for the first time. Kerrie West was particularly pleased for Freja and Poppi from Year 6 as the twins between them scored 11 of St Christopher's 14 goals. This week, the Year 6 Sports Hall Finalists are competing in the Plate Final at the Xcel Centre and on Saturday the Cross Country relay teams will be competing alongside 50 other schools in the Coventry Schools Cross Country Championships.

SKERN LODGE – PAYMENT

A reminder that Skern Lodge needs to be paid in full by 24th March 2017 at the latest. Thank you

PLAYPALS – EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB

Playpals will be open during the Easter Holidays. Monday 10th April – Thursday 13th April and Tuesday 18th April – Friday 21st April 2017. Booking forms are now available from the School Office or PlayPals.

CASUAL CLEANER VACANCY

We are looking to recruit a Casual Cleaner. If you would like more details and an Application Form, please contact the school office. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The successful candidate will be required to undertake a Disclosure and Barring Service Check before employment starts. Hours are 3.30pm – 5.45pm term time only, as and when required.

ONE VOICE PARENTS' GROUP

- Coffee Drop-In – Wednesday 22nd March 17 – 6pm - 7.30pm at IKEA Café, 6th floor. – No need to
 - Expert Parent Workshop – Monday 27th March 17 – 9.30am - 2.30pm at The Welcome Centre
 - One Voice Parents' Group Information Market – Friday 31st March 17 – 9.30am - 1.00pm at The Welcome Centre
- For more information please contact Kellie or Carol on 07874 242733 or email: onevoicegroup@btinternet.com

Pupil of the Week Awards



Pupil of the Week Awards go to:

Kiera - 1C: a carefully thought out design for a zoo and including a key. Well done!

Abbey - 1W: her focus in Maths lessons and increased productivity. Keep it up!

Corben - 2K: fantastic effort with his reading, spellings and handwriting. Keep up the great work Corben!

Isabella - 2H: working hard in all of her lessons and for being a wonderful classroom helper.

Siobhan - 3D: her enthusiasm and effort in all lessons especially writing!

Billy - 3M: showing great enthusiasm during Theme lessons and carrying out super independent work using an atlas.

Huzaifa - 4I: his improvement and consistent high scores in Mathsters of the Universe challenge. Well done.

Macey - 4P: her enthusiasm on World Book Day. Macey was acting in the role of the Mad Hatter all day!

Calvin - 5N: making excellent inference and deductions in literacy lessons.

Evie - 5T: making excellent progress in her written work and for writing a fantastic well-planned and descriptive story.

Anthony - 6E: a wonderful piece of impressionist art work inspired by Monet.

Erin - 6L: becoming much more consistent in her scores in our weekly times table challenge and for scoring her first 95 out of 95!

Well done to all of the above

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY (further dates/information to follow, please be aware that some dates may change)

Monday 20 th March 2017	Year 3 visit to Cadbury's World
Friday 24 th March 2017	Comic Relief –
Thursday 6 th April 2017	PTA – Easter Disco and Games Event – further information to follow
Tuesday 25 th April 2017	Parents Evening – - further information to follow
Wednesday 26 th April 2017	Parents Evening - further information to follow
Monday 1 st May 2017	May bank holiday day – school closed
Monday 8 th May – Friday 12 TH May 2017	YEAR 6 SATS WEEK
Friday 26 th May 2017	Staff Training day – school closed for pupils
Friday 16 th June 2017	PTA – Summer Fete
Friday 23 rd June – Monday 26 th June 2017	Y6 Residential Skern Lodge Devon
Wednesday 5 th July 2017	Transition Day/Year 6 Ball
Tuesday 11 th July 2017	Sports Day
Wednesday 12 th July 2017	Year 2 Performance
Monday 17 th July 2017	Year 6 Evening Performance
Tuesday 18 th July 2017	Year 6 Afternoon Performance and leaving assembly
Thursday 20 th July 2017	Mystery Trip – Year 6