

The KET Newsletter

Autumn 2024 Update



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Christ Church Academy



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Autumn Term Antics

HARVEST

We had a lovely
★ Harvest Service ★
at Christ Church Stone in which we reflected on this time of year. It was brilliant to sing and worship together and we enjoyed some fantastic musical and dramatic performances.

Thank you to all those who donated to our Food Bank collection. The Stone Community Hub have received all of the items you generously sent in.



Message from Minnie

What an exciting half-term it has been. As well as meeting lots of new people at our Open Morning (I got plenty of fuss!) I've also been visiting First Schools as part of CCA on Tour.

It is lovely being in school and supporting so many pupils!



ARTS ON TOUR

This year's 'CCA on Tour' kicked off last week with the Science and Art departments visiting Pirehill First School.

Their Y4 children took part in a clay workshop and explored chromatography, and colour wheels. A number of our Y8 pupils also supported the workshops. Thank you for having us over at Pirehill – we had a great time!



Y8 WATER PLUS



During October, 30 year 8 pupils have taken part in workplace visits to Water Plus head office in Stoke-on-Trent. These visits form an important part of our careers provision at CCA.

Over the next 9 months, all year 8 pupils will get the chance to visit Water Plus, learning about the different roles within the company, the different routes into employment, and what it is like to work in an office environment.

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Y5 KIBBLESTONE

Year 5 have visited Kibblestone Scout Camp this week to take part in various activities and develop relationships with their new classmates and form tutors.

All pupils really embraced the challenges of the day and gave every activity - axe throwing, fire lighting, abseiling, climbing - a good go. It was great to see children approach everything with such enthusiasm, even if it was something that they found really difficult. The most pleasing aspect of the day was to see how supportive of one another they were. The levels of encouragement were sky high (as was the abseiling!).

Thanks to all the staff who supported the trips, all the children for taking part so enthusiastically, and all the parents for logistical support!



6BE CAKE SALE

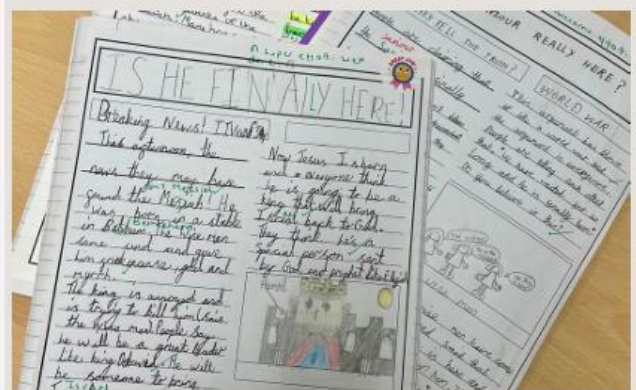


6BE held an assembly and a cake sale to raise money to buy products for the Stone Food Hub. They raised over **£216**.... what great role models you are!



RE

Our Y5 pupils have hit the ground running in RE! They have been studying what Christians believe about God and have used music, art and architecture to explore. After learning about the features of a church, it was lovely to be able to take the whole school to our local church and see these important items in real life.



NETWORK RAIL

Jeevan Kang, the Community Safety Manager from **Network Rail**, visited us in school to discuss rail safety. Both key stages participated in assemblies that highlighted key dangers around railways on railway stations.

We are very grateful to Jeevan for coming in to speak to the children, and we hope that all of our pupils were able to take away key messages about staying safe while out in the community.

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Be the best you can be in God's beautiful world

The start of the new academic year has welcomed our new Reception class into school and they have been very busy settling in and exploring the town and local area.



As part of the curriculum, they have been learning about fruit and veg, which included a taste test. To prepare for this, the children went into town to buy the fruit and veg from the local green grocers. They chose their own produce and brought it all back to school to sample.

We have re-introduced our family worships this half term and all classes have enjoyed sharing their achievements with their families. Reception sang some autumn songs, Year 4 shared their learning about Greek gods, Year 3 shared French songs and greetings and Year 2 shared their learning about the Great Fire of London, alongside their experiences of our new Wilderness School.

On 17th October, the whole school took part in a sponsored walk around Stone and the surrounding area. The children in Years 1-4 walked just over 2 miles as part of the fundraiser. We will be using the money raised to add to our phonics and reading schemes in school.



The children walked along the canal and through the new park at Westbridge.

We are grateful to the whole school community for supporting this fundraiser.

The children in Reception also took part but completed a shorter walk, taking in the local park. Here they visited the birds and played on the park equipment.



This year, Christ Church will also launch a brand-new website. As part of this process, we have rebranded the school logo. This new logo depicts our vision of holding children at the heart of all we do.



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Oulton First School



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Hand in hand Learning together

New Beginnings

This term we have welcomed some new staff to our school, Miss Cooper teacher in KS1 and KS2, Mrs Whittaker TA in KS2 and Mrs Costa lunchtime supervisor.

At our first family worship this term, Rev Kingman and Peter Cuthbert (children & families worker) presented our new Reception children with a bible.



KS2 children enjoyed a visit to Cannock Chase as part of their WW2 topic. They dressed as evacuees for the trip where they examined artefacts, took part in an air raid then performed role plays as characters from WW2 scenarios.

Our new school choir has grown as the term has progressed and there are now just under 30 members! They have already sung at the harvest festival and are now excitedly looking forward to the festive period where they are singing at a number of events including the Stone Christmas Lights, Alzheimers' Society and Stone Advent Windows.

We have been able to continue to offer extra-curricular clubs this term but an added bonus has been a dance club. This is being led by a dance coach from The Sanctuary, dance studio in Stone.

Our new school councillors were awarded their badges in family worship. They confidently showed families around the school on the Open Morning and three KS2 members represented the school at the Remembrance Parade in Stone recently.

Our Open Morning on 12th October was a great success and was very busy with prospective parents looking for both nursery and reception places offering new beginnings in their child's educational journey.

Our Nursery and Reception children are delighted to have received some new 'Get Set Blocks' this term from Pentagon Play. The blocks offer a variety of learning outcomes such as communication and language, PHSE and physical development as the children create their own trails.



St Mary's, Mucklestone



Welcome to our new starters!

We warmly welcome our new Nursery pupils, Reception class and pupils in other year groups, who have recently joined the school. We welcomed them formally in our 'welcome to new starters' church service at St Mary's church Mucklestone on Friday 4th October.

Samba Bamba Workshop

St Mary's pupils enjoyed a drumming workshop where they immersed themselves in the vibrant rhythms of Latin American culture. The session was loud, energetic and so much fun. The children showcased their skills in a samba band led assembly – allowing the whole school to experience the rhythms of Brazil's famous carnival festival atmosphere. Staff had a great time and joined in too. A real bang to the start of term!



Flat Stan First Aid Course

The children from Year 1 to Year 6 attended a Flat Stan first aid course. This course is specifically designed for children. The trainer covered basic response first aid and CPR. The children were amazing and responded with interest to the topic. The afternoon was a great introduction to essential life skills.



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Bravely, to start the academic year and to get our Stone Age topic off to a flying start, we took all our KS2 pupils away to Standon Bowers overnight. They took part in flint and fire workshops which included learning about equipment used in the Stone Age, lighting fires using flint. Finally, the children learnt how to drill holes in wood and slate using a drill. The children were immersed in the learning about this interesting part of history and it has ignited their interest in our topic for this half term.



BEST BITS

The best bit was going caving as I was so scared but still did it.

The pump drill and cordage was new to me. I had to keep going until I made a hole all the way though.

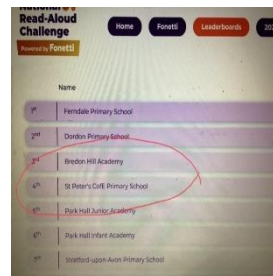
I really enjoyed shelter building because I worked as a team to create a house and it helped me understand how the stone age people lived.

We are excited to welcome Mrs Mannering, who will be our early years teacher and assistant headteacher. She has settled into school well and has a range of exciting ideas for us to put into practice this year.



The Harvest Festival was lead this year by our Y3/4 class. WE read prayers, learnt about the important job farmers do and sang lots of

hymns. Our favourite was 'Thank You God for Harvest Time' sang by Reception and Nursery.



Well done to all those children who took part in the National Read-Aloud Challenge over the Summer holidays. As a school we came 4th out of the whole West Midlands. Thank you all for bringing your certificates in to share how hard you worked.

Rowan class lead their class assembly themed on their Stone Age learning. The parents really enjoyed seeing our photos and learning about all the knowledge the children have been taught so far this unit.

Our theme for the half term is RESPECT. 'Show respect for all people. Love the brothers and sisters of God's family. Respect God.' (1 Peter 2:17)