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#### Calendar for the next two weeks:

- 29 Jun Gifted and Talented Sports Event Stantonbury (3 pm)
- 30 Jun | West Flank Orchestra Day (9—4.15): performance 3.45
- 1 Jul Coaching training (all day-11 staff involved)
- 2 Jul Y3 visit to Kew Gardens (all day)
- 3 Jul Pumpkin Class Collective Worship 9 am
- The Blake School, Witney: visit to CtS by school council 7 Jul Hazeley Academy: Y6 transition Day
- 8 Jul Coaching training (all day—11 staff involved)
- 10 Jul Bucks County Finals: tennis and hockey teams travel to Stoke Mandeville for this event. Poppy and Sunflower collective worship 9 a.m.

Friends Together Disco (evening)

## SUNDAY 28 JUNE

### is SMARTPHONE-FREE DAY!

Why not turn the thing off and find something more interesting to do instead? This will also launch our experiment (backed by the Parent Council) of asking ALL PARENTS to put their smartphones away when they come onto school property, so we can all be more attentive to our children when we drop them and fetch them at school. This is the notice you will see at school gates on Monday! You've been warned...

Parents: to help you to give your full attention to your children when you drop or collect them at school, kindly PUT AWAY YOUR SMART PHONE when entering the school site. Thank you. Staff have been instructed not to release children to you at the end of the day if you are texting or talking on your phone.



most fantastic opportunity to interview 4 parents about their work and reflect on the jobs that they would like to do when they are older. My thanks to Tom Bulman from Worktree (who organised the day) and to four amazing parents who helped us-Gary Barrett, Vanessa Heesom, Yetunde Agega and Sharon Boyd. All of them were great ambassadors for their workplaces!

YEAR	Standing Jump	Triple Jump	Ball throw	Javelin	80m sprint	200m sprint
Y2 Girls	Folake	Osasogie	Macy	Folake	Osasogie	Folake
Y2 Boys	Tom	Jasper	Dexter	Jasper	Tomiwa	Tomiwa
Y3 Girls	Keira	Keira	Lucy	Abi	Louisa	Louisa
Y3 Boys	Charlie	Aiden	Fletcher	Jay	Fletcher	Fletcher
Y4 Girls	Sope	Evie	Sope	Telma	Sope	Sope
Y4 Boys	Cleon	Connor	Ben	Connor	Cleon	Connor
Y5 Girls	Evie	Ana	Gerda	Rumbi	Sheliane	Sheliane
Y5 Boys	Omar	Teni	Ashton	Denis	Charlie	Charlie
Y6 Girls	Jasmine	Lily-May	Fleur	Fleur	Priscilla	Priscilla
Y6 Boys	Matthew	Mofe	Michael	Tobi	Daniel	Daniel



The "bling queens" this year are Sope, with 4 medals, and Folake with 3! The "bling kings" are Connor and Fletcher, both with 3 medals each! Well done to these children especially! The Upper Learning Phase house shield was won by the Green team, whilst the Middle Learning Phase



shield was claimed by the Blue team.. Well done to everyone !!



International Competitors from Christ the Sower Over the last couple of weeks we have had 3 children compete for their clubs in European competitions. Ashwati went with her badminton team to play in Germany last week, and Freya and Leah went to Poland to the European Dance Championships. Leah writes: Recently I have been on a trip to Poland with my dance studio On Point. I went there to compete in the European Championships. I was in three different categoriesgroup, team and duo. My group came 28th, my team 17th and my duo 51st. There were 32 countries present and Team England came 3rd overall. I had such a fun time as it was my first time competing for England. The experience was amazing and I hope to qualify next year as I loved it so much. We didn't see much of Poland, but now I know I can tick it off my list!

This morning we had the prize giving for the Middle and Upper Learning Phase Sports Days and the Competition Day last Tuesday. There were some super races over 80m and 200m, as well

as javelin, ball-throwing, standing jump and triple jump. Children competed against their personal bests first and then against each other on the finals event. Here are the results of the winners in each category:

These children have appeared in the Golden Book over the last 3 school weeks! Fantastic! Reece, Min Zay Yar, Orianna, Matifadza. (Daisies of Week) Alistair, Emily, Mariatu, Sophie (Sunflower) Ziyanda, Zionah, Mohammed & Adriano (Poppy) Joseph, Harley, Libby & Alfie (Thistle) George, Divina, **Tilly & Jamier** (Conker) Kenzie, Dexter, Jamie & Georgia (Acorn) Gabriel, Laila, Farrah & Keisha (Pumpkin) Elissa, Tawana, Eva, Charlie, Katie & Abigail (Clover) James, Princess, Lvlla. Keira (Mustard) Jacob, Ahsan, Ashton & Oscar (Teasel) Tony, Neo, Alice & Tamara (Rosehip) Carla, Micky, Joe & Esther (Sycamore) Charlie, Deanna, Jasper & Cindy (Catkin) Casey, Riley, Lilli & Rachel (Barley) Lucy, Jasmine & Nikodem (Wheat)

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Loving, Learning, **Growing Together** 

Teasel; Class showed us last week what life at Caldecotte was like. Considering that Mr Marshall had just returned from paternity leave two days beforehand, the work that the children did was fantastic and complete tribute to their teacher and a testimony to Mr Coetzee who had been their supply teacher while Mr Marshall was away.



Forthcoming dates for Collective Worship: Pumpkin 3 July 10 July Foundation 2 Classes 22 July Y6 Leavers' worship

Y5 have been absorbed in their study of cooking for the annual MASTERCHEF unit. There has been some amazing food prepared, cooked and evaluated, Several members of staff have had some good lunches (I had a slightly overzealous chicken curry that certainly let you know it was there) and the unit as a whole, whilst leaving Mrs Sohal and Mrs Whittle a little ragged, has been really fantastic to see. This morning I even handed out a certificate for high quality washing up! Here is the Catkin team that today cooked for Mrs Sohal and Mrs Sherwood.

### **CTS Community Friends**

CTS Community Friends is a group of people looking for creative ways to build links with our community, including parents, governors, churches, local schools, businesses and residents within the community. At Christ the Sower we aspire to be a school where we are loving, learning and growing together. We strongly believe that creating and main-

taining strong partnerships with our community is vital. We strongly believe that every voice is important and that together we can make a brighter future for the local community. We are holding a 'Welcoming Day' on Wednesday 15th July from 9am onwards to meet and get to know members of our community better. Please do come and join us for a coffee and a chat in the Music Room.

**NEW UNIFORM SALES:** We will be holding new uniform sales on Wednesday 1st July and Wednesday 8th July from 1:30 - 3:00.

West Flank Orchestra 30th June: instrumental players, please remember to bring your instruments on Tuesday 30th June for the West Flank Orchestra Festival! Parents, please remember to turn up to watch this amazing orchestra at 3.45 p.m. and then take your lovely children home with you! We will be performing in Beech Hall.



Those of you who came along on Wednesday evening to the KS2 Music Festival Concert would have been wowed, as I was, by the sheer glee as well as the quality of the performance. It only lasted an hour or so, but everyone I spoke to from this school and from others, was deeply and joyfully impressed by what they had seen. My thanks to those staff members (mainly Mrs Richards, Mrs Whittle and Mrs Sohal) who have made this possible and rehearsed the children. The day had started with ALL of Y5 going to the centre for the festival, and in the evening our children from the stage choir and recorder group played wonderfully. We participated in 7 of the 9 items, as well as providing the linking action and dialogue for the songs. Everyone was brilliant. Vedasya & Ana (Y5) write:

On 24th June, Catkin and Sycamore got the opportunity to go to the Ridgway Centre in Wolverton. Some of the activities that we did included voice warm-ups and learning new, cultural, ridiculous and silly songs. We also practised our songs from the play "Choosing Chums". It was interesting to hear all the other schools singing the songs that Y5 had learnt on their own.... (continued on bottom of p3)



The Chaplaincy team would once again really value your prayer support as we seek to



underpin all that the school does with prayer. We meet to pray regularly and if there are any prayer requests that you have and would like prayer for, there is a special box in the Reception Foyer for you to put requests in. Please:

- Since a number of families are feeling the pressure of difficult circumstances or things going wrong in their lives, pray for mercy from God for them, for peace and for a clear way forward.
- Many staff are feeling hugely pressured at the moment, particularly teachers and leaders. Please pray for us as week to bring the year to a successful conclusion.

#### NURSERY INFORMATION **OPEN DAY: 15 July**

On 15 July we are inviting everyone who is interested to come along and hear what we are thinking of doing to improve the provision in our nursery. We have some options which you will be invited to consider, but mostly we just want you to come along and find out what we do and how it could help either your young child or children of friends who might be looking for a

nursery place in 2015-16.

How the day will work: Come to the front of the school between 12.30 and 3.00 p.m. and a couple of friendly children will register you in and take you

down to/show you to the nursery. You'll be able to talk to the teacher and teaching assistants about the provision and learn what provision is being made next year and how we hope to develop it. It is a drop-in, no-appointment day.



On 10th July we have teams competing in the Hockey and Tennis competitions that make up the Buckinghamshire County Primary Festival. This happened because both our Hockey and Tennis players did very well and came in the top three in Milton Keynes competitions. Here is a picture of the tennis players who did so well...



# Come along and spend money at the Friends Together Annual

# Summer Fete!

If you have never been before, then come along as it is really a treat for adults and for children. The theme is "Superheroes" so you can come dressed as one if you would like (please, no attempts at flying!). The weather is forecast to be dry but cloudy and warm, so we can't even use the excuse of the weather to stay away. It's on for three hours and

even if you can come just for a bit of that, there will be people willing to deprive you of cash for a good cause! Remember, Friends Together have just paid for the new greenhouse that is going up over the summer in the courtyard, so they are a really vital part of our school life and need constantly to raise more money.

What awaits you? There will be a raffle, refreshments, a barbeque and a bouncy castle, a hoopla, some games of all sorts, a tombola (normal) a jambola (tombola with jars!) and a bottle tombola (which is in need of a snazzy name!). There will also be cakes. Oh boy—every year there are cakes—more than you can eat or imagine. There is also a craft stall, tattoos and hook-a-duck—and lots of other things. There will be some demonstrations of Zumba, of street dance, the Y5 singing festival songs, the On Point dance group which was so successful in Poland and Y6 singing the songs from their end of year production (any chance to practise!).

We will draw the raffle at 1.45—the prizes include a £200 Xscape voucher, a Roald Dahl Family Ticket. A Safari MK Family Ticket, MK Dons Tickets and all sorts of other things. And a prize, of course, for the best dressed superhero.

Come as you are, or come as batman. Just come @ 11 a.m. and we will see you there. It's 50p to get in if you are a grown up. Children get in without paying....

Continued from p2: ...Later that day, the stage choir from the schools of Christ the Sower, Two Mile Ash and Priory Rise performed the play called "Choosing Chums". Also we sang the songs that we had previously practised, in front of all the parents. During the interval, Christ the Sower's silver-award-winning recorder group got to play two pieces. We played amongst some other groups, and then finished off by ending with our play and more songs. Overall, the day was immensely successful, and we hope that next year's Y5s will get the same opportunity.

FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE: Coming Soon: Chartwells' (previously known as Cygnet Catering) new online ordering system. At the end of this term you will no longer need to complete a food menu for your childs school meals. All orders and any payments will need to be made by parents/carers directly to Chartwells, either through their online ordering system or over the telephone for those who don't have internet access. Please lookout for the step by step guide to meal ordering which will be sent home next week.

Also, could we please ask parents not to park in the disabled car parking bays near the school gate unless you have a genuine disability. We have had a couple of parents point out that they need to have disabled access for themselves and often cannot find a space because it is blocked by someone else. Thanks.