



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents,

The dreadful events in Ukraine continue to horrify; indeed, very sadly, things seem to get worse before our eyes. I am very grateful to everyone who brought in money and supplies. As may be seen elsewhere in the Newsletter, the money has been used to make food in our kitchens and I would like to thank our wonderful kitchen staff for taking the time to make the large number of meals. How extraordinary that meals are being prepared here, in our kitchens on Brewer St, and that they will be eaten in Eastern Europe in the very near future. In the case of the supplies, they have already arrived at a depot from where they will be taken to Ukraine. Mr Dickinson has asked the boys to come up with a way of collecting money, just in the same way that we undertook the 'Jerusalema' dance, when we raised money for Oxygen to India last year. Mr Dickinson has also said that he is prepared to dye his hair a lurid colour if that helps to raise money - I want to thank him for agreeing to allow his hair to be 'transformed' on behalf of Ukraine.

In the Cathedral today we were fortunate to hear from Dr Richard Kowenicki, the academic Deputy from Shrewsbury School in Shropshire. He spoke to the boys about the discovery of Ernest Shackleton's ship, the Endeavour, found this week miles below the Antarctic Ocean where it fell, intact, after more than 100 years, despite its being constructed entirely from wood. Dr Kowenicki talked about the way in which one of the explorers, Tom Crehan, helmed the lifeboat all 800 miles to the nearest inhabited place, South Georgia, in order for them to send another ship to rescue the other men. Despite his bravery and commitment, Tom never sought the limelight and his heroism is largely forgotten. Dr Kowenicki reminded us of the importance of those people who do good things quietly, without reward or glorification.

I was so delighted to attend the final Pembroke evensong of the term in chapel last week. The choir has moved on hugely since the beginning of term and the boys are clearly enjoying themselves. The chapel at Pembroke is a jewel box of colour, ravishing in its reddish hues. It struck me, with the front row completely taken up by our boys and many of the pews taken up by the parents, how transformational the experience is for Pembroke in having our boys. They could not have been more welcoming to us.

There have been a great number of people who have been rather disappointed by the fact that I am no longer clad in an orange wig with an owl attached to my hand, as I was last Thursday for World Book Day. One parent asked if we could adopt it as our uniform! I have to say that I feel rather pedestrian, this week, coming into school wearing a conventional suit! Fortunately we have the Easter Party which we are going to hold on the last day of term, as a replacement to the Punch Party. Preparations are already being made; we will be raising money for the Pavilion but it is also a lovely opportunity to meet together as a family. It will be the first of a number of events that we can enjoy this year, including a private trip to the Upper Library and an end of year Summer Ball to be held in the Great Hall. I very much hope as many of you as possible will join us for those. Details will follow imminently.

I went into our Form I classroom this morning where a French lesson was occurring. The boys were, in turn, having a witch's hat placed on their head. At that point they were able to say what they liked, in French. "J'aime les biscuits," said the first witch, "Jaime..... les bonbons," said the second witch, a sparkle of excitement appearing in his eyes. After a slight break, another boy placed the hat on his head. "J'aime..... Madame Williams!" he said, flashing his wand in the direction of his teacher. Now that's what I call true magic!

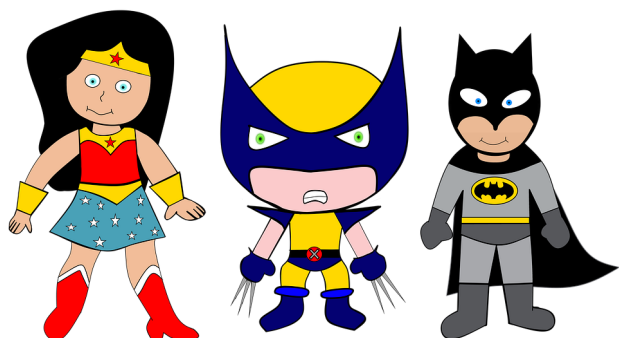
Mr Murray
Headmaster

Hilary 2022

Monday 14th - Sunday 20th March

MONDAY 14	
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Forms 3 & 4)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Football Club (Pre-Prep) (Merton Field)
4.10 - 5.00	After School Ancient Greek Club (Forms 7 & 8)
TUESDAY 15	
8.45	Form 3 Assembly
2.30	Pre-Prep Concert (WWH)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Tennis Club (Pre-Prep) (WWH)
4.30 - 6.30	Form 6 Parents' Evening (online)
WEDNESDAY 16	
1.45	UI0 & UI1 Bruern Abbey Tournament (Away)
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Form 2)
THURSDAY 17	
8.00	WC: Last rehearsal of term
10.45 - 12.45	School Play rehearsals (Forms 5 - 8)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Football Club (Forms 3 - 5) (Merton Field)
FRIDAY 18	
8.30	Cathedral Assembly, speaker The Chaplain, Eucharist Celebrant
4.15 - 5.15	After School Football Club (Forms 6 - 8) (Merton Field)
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SATURDAY 19	
10.00 - 3.00	School Play rehearsals (Forms 5 - 8)
SUNDAY 20	
1-.00 - 3.00	<i>The Third Sunday in Lent</i> School Play rehearsals (Forms 5 - 8)

Red Nose Day

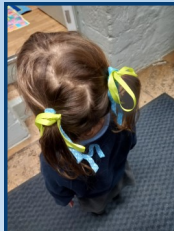


On Friday 18th March we will be inviting everybody to come into school dressed as their favourite Superhero, or wearing a **Red Nose**.

We are suggesting a £1 donation from each Superhero or **Red Nose**, for Comic Relief.
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Food for Ukraine

Thank you for your generous donations to our Ukraine Appeal. We raised over £300 which has been used to create ready-cooked curries, by our Catering Team, which will be frozen and shipped to Ukraine, next week. NN

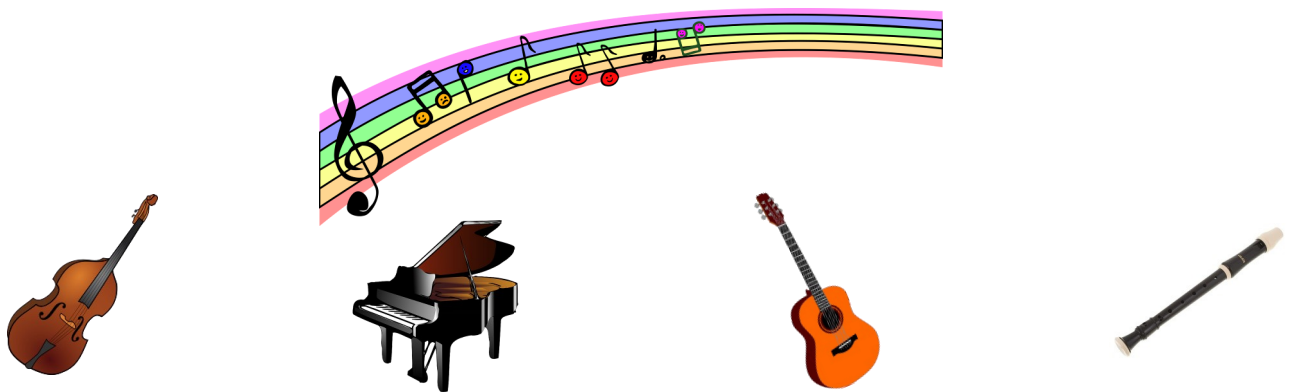


Even Nursery-aged children have an awareness of the importance of showing support for the people affected by the Ukrainian conflict.

Thank you for your support and kind donations. Our thoughts are with the Ukrainian people and all those affected by the conflict. NE

CCCS Pre-Prep Concert

2.30 pm Tuesday 15th March, William Walton Hall



A selection of instrumental and vocal performances by the boys in Pre-Prep. All welcome!

Please R.S.V.P. to: schoolsecretary@cccs.org.uk if you would like to attend. SB

CCCS School Play

The School Play, 'It Can Be Done', will be performed on 25th and 26th March at 6.30 pm in the William Walton Hall.

Please do come. NR





Music News

Congratulations to Franklin (Form 5), who was awarded a place in the National Children's Orchestra for 2022. He participated in the year's first event this weekend: a series of rehearsals in London with conductor Chloe Rooke. Highlights included the athletic 'NCO Stomp' and 'Bella Scozia', an arrangement of Scottish folk songs.

Franklin is already looking forward to the next NCO event in July, and it's wonderful as ever to see CCCS represented in this very special orchestra.

Well done, Franklin! SB



The Jubilee Pudding Competition

A huge thank you to all boys (and their supportive parents) who entered the Jubilee Pudding Competition.

The entries were extremely creative and showed some real talent amongst our school community.

The pudding winners are as follows:

Carroll - Hugo A-L with his take on tiramisu

Sayers - Henry W-R with this lemon meringue pie

Wolsey - James M with his cheesecake

Pre-Prep - Bryan and Henrietta Q with their chocolate pudding

The puddings will form part of our Jubilee celebration on Friday 27th May. ADM



Flexi-Boarding

We are now able to offer flexi-boarding for £55.00 per night.

If any of our parents would like to use this facility, please contact Mrs Kemp: registrar@cccs.org.uk



Last Reminder... Easter Holiday Camp

Please could parents who would like their boys to attend our Easter Holiday Camp this year email Mr Dickinson: dickinson.p@cccs.org.uk.

The Camp is scheduled for the first week of the Easter Holidays, 4th - 8th April.

(A letter outlining this year's Camp was emailed to parents on 23rd February)



CCCS School Barber



**Men's Haircuts - £17.50, Children Under 16 - £13.50,
Over 60s - £13.50, Students - £15.00, Clipper Cut - £10.00, Beard Trim - £5.00.**

Call Andrea on **07748 105192** to book an appointment.

Nursery News

We have had a very busy week in our Nursery as we worked on **J** as our 'Sound of the Week'. Juicing oranges was great fun and required a lot of skill to twist and push the fruit onto the juicer. We quickly learnt how hard it was to extract sufficient juice, before transferring to a jug to help us pour a cup of fresh juice to enjoy. We drew pictures and cut them up to make jigsaws and had an extra focus on our familiar jigsaw puzzles. We made jelly and talked about dissolving, heating, cooling and changing the state of something. Of course, we got to taste and enjoy a little bit of jelly when it had set! Jam tarts were the obvious things to make in Cookery Club. Our water tray has been full of jugs and funnels to practise water transfer and our favourite story sack of the week has been Jack and the Beanstalk! NE



Football News

On Wednesday 9th March, we took all of our Forms 7 & 8 boys for football fixtures against The Dragon School.

After a defeat to Dragon's 1st team earlier in the term, we knew that a match against their 2nd XI would be closely contested. This proved to be the case. We were a little tentative in the first half, but took the lead with a well placed shot from Tobias. Dragon equalised just before half time, ensuring that the second half would be exciting.

Early in the second half, Yourui scored a stunning goal from outside the box, which gave Dragon's keeper no chance. Dragon again fought back to level the score. With a few minutes of the game left, Hugh finished off a good move to give a late victory to CCCS!

Our 2nd team played into the wind in their first half, but with some determined defence and some good working back, at half time we changed ends with the score being 0-0. Knowing the wind was behind us in the second half, and being confident from a solid first half performance, we started the second half well, dominating both possession and territory. We created numerous chances, but were unable to convert any. As we pushed for a winning goal, we got caught on the break and three soft goals were scored against us. We never lost hope though and continued our dominance, finishing the game with a goal of our own to finally lose 3-1.



Special mention must go to James and Elijah who were tremendous in defence and also to Ivan and Arlan who continued to work hard all the way to the final whistle. Sebastian was our sole goal scorer.



Our 3rd team played a strong Dragon side. With more players than us, they graciously loaned us a player to even up the numbers. With nine on each side, Dragon took an early advantage, scoring twice in quick succession. At half time they were 2-1 up. After a chat about playing out wide and using the skills Mr Potts has taught us, we went on to draw 4-4. All our boys played very well and Zach scoring two goals was a particular highlight. PD

Meet and Greet

Lisa Weaver-Lambert - Parent of Raphael

What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now? When I was at primary school I wanted to be a vet - loved, and still love, animals. Then at secondary school I had a teacher, a lady who was a trailblazer, living what would be deemed a more unconventional life back in the day. She taught 'commerce' - or business as we refer to it today. I can't remember her name but I remember her 'freshness' and enthusiasm, and overall encouragement of interest in the subject. Then I decided I was going to work in business. And today I work with companies helping them grow, through better use of technology and data.

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why? I have been lucky to lead a life full of travel, but tomorrow I wish to travel to our new home - which we have not seen yet, but know is there! I would love to walk inside, sit down in the kitchen with a cup of tea and friends, and feel like it's home. The children have been asking for a dog some time, so we need a new home! And then I would love to go around the world to see all the friends we have missed during Covid.

Who is your idol, and why? Churchill - a great writer, orator and leader, and he never gave up life's small luxuries - a good meal, a drink, a cigar, the company of others and the love of his wife and family, even in the middle of directing a war. Arguably it is the small things in life that keep us grounded and happy, and able to step up and be our very best when life brings the toughest challenges.

Favourite city or town and in which season? New York in any season (except summer) in short, sharp, intense doses.

One thing you would change in the world if you could? Right now, peace and kindness. I read the following quote from a letter just this week which was written in Oxford in January 1915, but still resonates: "Sometimes I feel as though this war was claiming them all, the eloquent, the young, the beautiful & brave, just as the French Revolution did, but even more pitilessly & more universally. Can anything justify that?"

Favourite Book? I have the habit of reading multiple books at the same time and an obsession with libraries, which is usually how I end up with several books on the go. I generally start reading more than one book then decided to finish the one that interests me most, at the moment. My favourite book is always the one that I am reading now, and today I am reading 'Letters From A Lost Generation' which is fascinating - so many details of lives lived by friends and siblings, all of whom were killed at war. I am not sure our emails and WhatsApp messages capture the same intimacy today.

Is there a family trait/habit that you have? Writing letters and notes - however bad the handwriting, the smudges or spelling - we like to write to friends, family and even each other! In fact my husband proposed in a letter. My mother used to write long letters to friends, and to us when we went off to study.

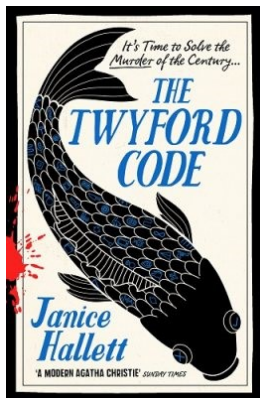
If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/money, what would it be? Surfing, being able hang out with friends in the water and catch a sunset wave must be awesome.

Any advice on how to relax at the weekend? One day without any obligations. A 'slow' day, unplanned.

I know what you mean about the letters, items to treasure such a personal and considered form of communication. The influence of a trailblazing attitude got hold of you to our benefit, your passionate, enthusiastic 'go get em' attitude is admirable. Nothing ever too hard to overcome, always backed up with a passionate and recognisable nod of laughter. A dog is always a great idea, offering unconditional love, dedicated to the cause. Although I have caught Jeff, our dog, looking at me in a very judgemental way when I have clearly made a mistake, I can eliminate the dismissive glance instantly by saying "Walk" or "Chicken". If only people were this simple - and this is why you should always chat to a surfer (not often in Oxford). You immediately want what they are having. Surfing is a natural way of getting high, the air directly above water charges you with positive vibes and the disruption of the ions gives an instant boost of vitamins. Imagine a wave pool along the Thames! Never say "Never". Thank you for your generous contribution to the school.

Have a great weekend,
Kathryn

CCCSPA Book Club



We have chosen the novel *'The Twyford Code'*. If you're keen to chat about all of it, some of it or a little bit of it, get reading and we shall be meeting in roughly 6 weeks, or come along and tell us about an exciting book you're reading and wish to share. Details of meet date to follow.

<https://www.waterstones.com/book/the-twyford-code/janice-hallett/9781788165310>

The Twyford Code by Janice Hallett, Waterstones. "With immense ambition and even greater skill, the author of the bestselling phenomenon *'The Appeal'* weaves another completely unique and addictive mystery, revolving around a secret code found in a famous children's author's work by an English teacher who subsequently disappears, and her former pupil who years later decides to discover what happened to her." www.waterstones.com. KC