



Christ Church Cathedral School

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents,

It is always interesting when planning term dates to reflect that we have a number of variables to take into account. The first is that if you have the same event on the same day every year for example, Speech Day, the date of that event will get one day earlier each year. At a particular moment you need to move it back a week in order that you don't slip earlier and earlier. But the biggest variable, and the one that causes most discussion, is the date of Easter, something which affects us particularly, given that our Choristers need to be in school during Holy Week. The fixing of the date of Easter is done, as it always has been, by the position of the moon. Easter is on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (if you see what I mean!) The consequence of this is that the date of Easter can vary by more than a month. This year it was on April 17th which is late, the latest possible date for Easter being April 25th, the earliest March 22nd. The consequence of this is that we find ourselves with an incredibly short summer term in front of us so, more than ever, it is important to make the most of every day.

And we have started as we mean to go on – on the very first day of the term we took part in a Football tournament at Kingham Hill School. It was an odd way to start the Cricket season; on the other hand we have not yet done any Cricket practice and we have a whole term of Football experience in the bank. We took two teams to play against some pretty serious opposition, both of whom played magnificently and, out of the seven and eight teams respectively in their draws, our teams were both runners-up. This is how far our Football has come recently. Many congratulations to those involved - what an excellent way to start our sporting account!

We have a truly action-packed Trinity Term ahead as we emerge out of the clutches of Covid into the bright sunlight. We have our House Music Competition, our Enterprise Days, we have our Sports Day, our Speech Day and an Arts Week, when much of the pupils' work will be on display, and Activities Week. And this is all before we get on to what is central - our academic work, culminating in School Exams and Common Entrance. The Cathedral Choir are going on their first trip abroad in more two years and will be making a recording. And, perhaps, of most historic significance, we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen, who has, of course, a special connection with the School in that she is the Visitor of Christ Church. We will be holding a special Jubilee street party on the final day of the first half of term. I hope that all the children will always remember taking part in this occasion - after all, even they will never again experience the Platinum Jubilee of a monarch.

I always love Pre-Prep Assembly which I attend on Fridays. Boys are brought forward to have their work or particular behaviour celebrated. There is always such variety on display. One boy had done lots of extra work during the holidays, while another was praised for his outstanding skills in French knitting. Yet another was commended for remaining calm while getting his finger stuck in a pipe. Fortunately, someone was on hand to decouple him from this predicament and both finger and pipe remained unscathed.

There is a Bank Holiday on Monday - the only one in the year that falls during term time. In common with almost all day schools, we will not be in school that day so if you arrive on Brewer Street at 8.00 am on Monday you will not see me there! I hope the weather delivers but, regardless, that you have a wonderful May Bank Holiday weekend.

Mr Murray
Headmaster

Trinity 2022

Monday 2nd - Sunday 8th May

MONDAY 2	
6.00	Bank Holiday - School Closed CC/CP: Return
TUESDAY 3	
4.00 - 5.00	After School Tennis Club (Reception - Form 2) (WWH)
WEDNESDAY 4	
2.15	1st XI v APS (Away)
2.15	2nd XI v APS (Away)
2.15	Colts A & B v APS (Home)
3.30 - 4.30	After School Chess Club (Form 2)
THURSDAY 5	
	French Speaking & Listening Mock Exams (Form 8)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Football Club (Forms 3 - 6) (Merton Field)
4.45 - 6.30	Form 8 Parents' Meeting (SchoolCloud)
FRIDAY 6	
8.30	Cathedral Assembly, speaker tbc
1.30 - 3.30	Athletics (Forms 5 & 6) (Radley College)
4.00 - 5.00	After School Cricket Club (Reception - Form 2) (Merton Field)
	CC: IN
SATURDAY 7	
3.30 - 7.00	Be a Chorister Afternoon
SUNDAY 8	
	<i>The Third Sunday after Easter</i> <i>University Third Week</i>



Trinity Term Athletics

Forms 5 and 6 Friday 6th May

Forms 7 and 8 Monday 9th May

Forms 3 and 4 Wednesday 11th May - **No Swimming**



All boys need to be in Games Kit, wearing trainers. Boys must bring a refillable water bottle. 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

Music News

Preparations have begun for this year's House Music Competition, which will take place in the Cathedral on the afternoon of 20th May. The last date for boys to win a point for their House, and try for a place in the Final, will be **Friday 13th May**. There is one point available for every instrument played, and boys can audition during Music lessons, at break, at lunch, before school, during Clubs, or at any other time when they can locate Miss Biddell. Please do encourage your sons to learn the words for their House song too, as this is a vital part of the event.

The ideal instrumental performance will be carefully-prepared and confident, with good attention to dynamics and phrasing. Boys should also make sure they choose something that they genuinely like playing, as this really does make a difference. Good luck Carroll, Sayers and Wolsey! SB

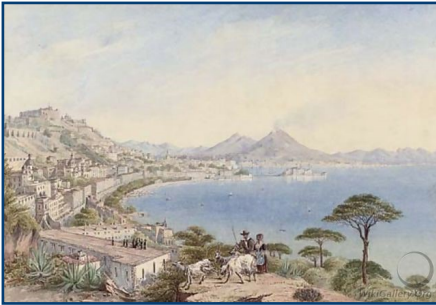
Lunch News



On Monday 9th May, in association with The White Rabbit Pizza Company, we will be supporting 'Coeliac UK Awareness Week'.

Our lunch menu will be designed to raise awareness of the disease and its symptoms. We will enjoy an entirely gluten free lunch, including delicious gluten free pizza and dough balls.

Italy Trip



We are hoping to take a small party to the Bay of Naples to see the Roman sites, Vesuvius and Paestum - almost certainly in Michaelmas Half Term.

If any parents of boys in next year's Forms 7 & 8 are interested and have not done so, please tell Mr Richards soon, as we need to make a decision.

Thank you. NR

Singing for Ukraine

On Sunday 3rd April, five of our CCCS family, two Mums and three Cathedral Choristers, joined a group of professional and amateur musicians in a concert for Ukraine at St John the Evangelist in Oxford.

We sang 'A Prayer for Ukraine' and the 'Fauré Requiem', conducted by David Crown. The soloists were Roderick Williams and Harriet Burns. This concert will not silence the guns but it did provide some solace, and at the same time raised a handsome sum for crisis appeals on behalf of the Red Cross and Save the Children. Well done boys (and Mums)!

You can watch the performance here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UImvJCyelg>



Form 8 Geography Field Trip to Coleshill



Football News

Windrush Valley School Tournament – Wednesday 27th April

It's not often we play Football after the Easter break but this year we received an invitation for our U9 & U11 teams to play in the Windrush Valley Tournament, hosted at Kingham Hill School. The weather did its bit to ensure that it still felt, very much, like Football season and our U9 team were grateful to play in the warmth of a brand-new sports hall - a very impressive facility.

Playing a 6 v 6 format, with all six teams playing each other, the U9s began the day with a draw against Rendcomb College. This was followed by three wins on the bounce against Windrush Valley School, Kings School, Witney School and Warwick Prep School. Our boys lost their final game of the tournament against Sibford School and finished in second place behind Rendcomb.

We played some fantastic Football and our boys should be very proud of their efforts; a great way for U9's to finish the football season.

Our U11 team also played 6 v 6, but the eight teams were split into two pools of four, with us playing the three other teams in our pool twice. The boys were on fire throughout the group stage, winning all six of their games, against Windrush Valley School, Kings School, Witney School and Emmanuel Christian School. We finished the group stage on maximum points with 16 goals scored and only one conceded, this was very impressive indeed!

The Final saw us face Sibford School, who had narrowly pipped us to first place at the Bruern Tournament just over a month ago. Sibford had also won 6/6 and were in fine form. The boys were up for the challenge and played very well in the first half, coming in at the break at 0-0. Sibford have a young forward with exceptional ability to finish and this proved to be the difference, taking three chances in quick succession, they were able to put the game out of our reach.

Second place wasn't what the boys wanted but they should be very proud of themselves for producing another fine afternoon of tournament Football. Well done to all of you! PD





Classical Music at Dorchester Festival



The King's Singers
Saturday 8th May 7.30pm



Monteverdi Vespers
Thames Consort
Saturday 7th May 7.30pm



Maki Sekiya
Goldberg Variations
Friday 6th May 6pm

Amici Della Voce
BH Mon 2nd May 6pm
The Baltic Connection
Gorecki, Pärt, Miškinis,
Dubra and Esenwalds.



Garsington Opera
Garden Concert
Saturday 30th April 4pm



Concert with Two pianos
Thurs 5th May 6pm
Maki Sekiya
and Ilya Chetverikov
Debussy, Stravinsky and Rachmaninov



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Meet and Greet

Dear all, I hope you had a great Easter break. I would love more parents and teachers keen to do my Q and A, I can't always get your contact details but you are more than welcome to send me a note pa@cccs.org.uk I can't wait to hear from you. Introducing this weeks Meet and Greet!...

Nukhet Williams - Parent of Matthew

What did you want to be when you grew up and what are you doing now? I was a dreamer. Ballerina, ice skater, tennis player, opera singer performing Arias; (still performing, therefore not a very happy husband and son), civil engineer to build bridges like my father - and then an inventor. One day, when I was around 10 years old, while I was lying on the sofa, I thought I had discovered something no one had ever thought of. The eyes are the 'on/off' button of our body and if we don't get the light we die. My enthusiasm was not received with same level of excitement. Around Matthew's age I wanted to be an Archaeologist because of Indiana Jones. I did become an Archaeologist, but it was not as adventurous as it was in the film.

If you could travel anywhere in the world tomorrow, where would you go and why? Izmir; one of the oldest settlements in the world and the most beautiful city surrounded by sea, so you can sense the sea from every cell in your body.

Who is your idol, and why? Ataturk; he is not only the founder of Turkey but also its saviour, fighting off 6 or 7 invading countries who were trying to share the remains of the Ottoman Empire. He gave equality and voting rights for women in local elections in 1930, then in national elections in 1934 - before most democratic countries had done so.

Favourite city or town and in which season? Cesme (Izmir) in summer, Istanbul in Autumn, Jurassic Coast (Dorset) in spring. I don't like winter that much unfortunately.

One thing you would change in the world if you could? Preventing wars, particularly those that have been created falsely in the name of God or democracy, designed to benefit the very few (e.g. power, money, etc.) at the expense of the masses. Overall, the cruelty and jealous streak of some human beings.

Favourite Book? 'Captain Grants Children' was my favourite book when I was a child, along with 'The Little Prince'. When I became older my favourite books were 'Anna Karanina', 'Jane Eyre', 'Godfather' and 'Crime and Punishment'.

Is there a family trait/habit that you have? Matthew is a dreamer like me and my father and my grandfather. I can say we were mostly in our own world and happy when we were children. We all dreamed we had our own land with lots of flowers, trees rivers, ocean, animals etc., and we could fly there.

If you could start something new (hobby/interest or sport) and were not limited with time/age/ money, what would it be? Before Lockdown I started landscape painting and after Lockdown I started writing a book which I thought, enthusiastically, had the best suspense story but, again, it was not met with same enthusiasm by my husband or parents. I am still on the 24th page. Other than that, I would like to learn how to fly.

Any advice on how you relax on them weekend? By strolling along the seaside. Swimming or diving always made me relax when I was living in Izmir and Istanbul but is now replaced by brunches before wandering around the narrow and exciting streets of Oxford, leisurely walks along the riverside, long WhatsApp conversations with my parents.

I am a big supporter of dreamers, as they are the thinkers and the observers! I suspect that if I organised a big film crew or a bunch of baddies to chase you around (whilst you were trying to work) it might enhance your days working as an Archaeologist. Still, uncovering a part of history must give you a sobering buzz. Ataturk, what a man! Maintaining his belief in supporting others, he was right when he said "Teachers are the one and only people who save nations." I am not surprised you like the book 'The Little Prince' a lovely book about the importance of looking beneath the surface to find the actual truth and meaning of a thing, a running theme for you! Writing 24 pages on anything is pretty good as far as I am concerned, but if you feel you need to change the plot you could write about this glamorous, adventurous woman who sang high notes in the dunes, looking for long-lost treasure, only to be hunted down by a gang of thieves, she would lure them in, only to escape their grasp to the twinkly waters of the Aegean sea, in a flying machine she had invented - she sounds really fun. Thank you Nukhet.

Have a lovely weekend,
Kathryn