



CHELLASTON JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

July 2016

As we come to the end of another busy term, it is time to reflect on the achievements of all our pupils, look forward to a break, but also approach next year with confidence and renewed determination.

Theme Days

This year we have planned various theme days to celebrate the breadth of the curriculum including French, Science, Maths and Reading. The children have really enjoyed these days and responded very well to working together and being creative.

PE and Sport

PE, School Sport and Keeping Healthy are all important for us at CJS. This term we have held two Sports Days which have enabled all pupils to participate more and encourage them to let their sporting talents shine through. We also planned a Sports Week in June to give pupils an opportunity to try a variety of different sports such as Archery, Lacrosse or Boccia. The CJS sporting teams in Cross Country, Netball, Tag Rugby and Cricket have all represented the school with credit and should be proud of their achievements. A big thank you to school staff including Miss McGinty, Mrs Holmes and Mr Beeston who have worked so hard to coach our school teams. We now have more pupils participating and competing in sport than ever before. For more information, please see the PE/Sport Plan on the website.

School Council

I would like to congratulate our School Council on their hard work this year. They have worked together brilliantly to help make CJS a better place in many ways. The fund-raising efforts of all pupils for Cancer Research have been inspirational. Well done to Rebekka Schwartz, Amber Belcher, Megan Collins, Jessica Bolger, Natasha Webb, Emily Smith, Casey Griffiths, Angus Wallis, Inara Ahmed, Molly Wileman, Brooke Jacobs, Connor Johnson, Molly Fearn, Amy Spink, Pearl Guthrie-Quince, Jaisal Mistry, Shreyank Ambukan, Bronwen Page, Lucy Cripps and Harriet Couchman.

No More Levels

Thank you to all parents for your patience as we developed a new system of assessment. The information at CJS is showing that all year groups have made good progress this year.

Year 3

Over the year it has been very encouraging to see how Year 3 have settled in to the new routines and matured at CJS. Keep up the good work!

Year 4

Year 4 have worked very hard this year and are, without doubt, the best year group at singing in Assembly! I know they all enjoyed swimming and Soundstart this year.

Year 5

All Year 5 classes have linked with another school through the Co-Co Project, which has been very interesting. The recent visit to Derby Mosque was a great success. Year 5 are now ready to take on the important role of leading the school next year, as the new Year 6. We know you will do a great job!

Year 6

Year 6 have been a super year group, showing a real spark, fantastic teamwork and working very hard, despite all the changes in assessment, to achieve good results.

The Key Stage 2 results are on our website under the Parents tab (News).

Open Evening

Thank you to all our parents who attended Open evening. It is always good to talk with parents and celebrate the successes of the children. The evening was very well attended and was very positive.

Parental Feedback

Thank you to all those parents who have returned the feedback at the end of term. This will be analysed and we will report back to you in September.

Partnership

A huge strength of CJS is the partnership between parents and school. When parents work with us and keep communication open, it brings good results. Thank you to the vast majority of our parents for your support.

Support at Home

Any parents wishing to support learning at home - please see the school website under the Parents tab (News). "**How Can I Support my Child at Home**" - this information sheet, which was available for parents at Open Evening on 14th July 2016, is also available to download. Help with reading, times tables and spelling is always very beneficial.

PTFA

I would like to thank our dedicated team of PTFA helpers. They do a huge amount to raise much needed funds and also plan social events which helps to build the community at CJS. Projects supported this year include the provision of a colourful Friendship Bench, located next to our Friendship Stop, Leavers' Booklets, a theatre visit for the whole school of Jack and the Beanstalk, funds towards library books and much more!

Next year the PTFA project will be to support the development of the playgrounds, including shade and an artificial surface to extend the playground area all year round.

Website



The school website has recently been developed and updated. It is hosted by School Spider and their application, which is available to download for Android and Apple, allows you to read news directly on your mobile phone and also see the school's calendar.

Parents are reminded to use the Search facility, which can be found at the top right hand side of the Welcome Page, to look for items (simply type in one or two key words in the box). In the Autumn Term we plan to develop further updates for parents in addition to each year group having a page to post photographs and events. Our new prospectus is available on the "School Prospectus" tab and documents and policies can be found under the "Parents" tab.

Diary Dates

A reminder to all parents that the dates for 2016-2017 are on the website and all parents should have received several of our new Term Cards which are ideal for storing in wallets/purses. The new term begins on Thursday, 8th September 2016 for pupils.

Boilers

I apologise to parents for any inconvenience caused while the work on the school boilers has got underway. Hopefully, we should be back to normal by September with brand new boilers in full working order!

Be Brilliant!

The school has worked with Andy Cope (author of 'Spy Dog' and 'The Art of Being Brilliant') who helps us all focus on having an 'I can do it' attitude. In his book, 'A Brilliant Life', he advises young people to focus on the 'Big 5':-

- Choose to be positive (it is your choice)
- Set HUGE goals (dream BIG!)
- Break these goals down into smaller steps
- Have 'Bouncebackability' (when the going gets tough)
- It's up to you (take responsibility and don't blame other things or people)



I'm sure you will agree that this is very sound advice for any young person, whatever their age.

Year 6 Leavers' Performance

The Year 6 Leavers' performance was a very proud occasion for everyone. They are a talented group of young people, who will be greatly missed by all at CJS. We wish them every success in the future. Be Brilliant!

Online Safety

Please check the following links regarding staying safe online this Summer. Technology moves very quickly and it is very important for parents to keep up-you-date to ensure our children are safe:-

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/news/staying-safe-online-this-summer>

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/news/pokemon-go-gaming-gone-mobile>

Staffing for September

Please find an overview of the class teachers for September:-

Year	September	Class Teacher Sep 2016
Y3	Ashbourne	Miss Potterton
	Cromford	Miss McGinty
	Riber	Mrs Stephenson
	Tissington	Mr Purdon
Y4		
Y4	Chatsworth	Miss Ballington
	Duffield	Mrs Reader/Mrs Holmes
	Foremark	Mrs Collins
	Glossop	Mr Gadsby
Y5		
Y5	Dovedale	Miss Rudge
	Hartington	Mrs Chapman/Miss Fogg
	Castleton	Mrs Clark/Mrs Price
	Bakewell	Miss Culverhouse
Y6		
Y6	Hope	Mrs Shaukat
	Ticknall	Mrs Atwal
	Edale	Mr Beeston
	Newtown	Ms Onion

Senior Staff lead the following year groups:-

Year 3 Mrs Stephenson (Assistant Headteacher)

Year 4 Miss Ballington (Assistant Headteacher)

Year 5 Miss Fogg (Deputy Headteacher)

Year 6 Mr Beeston (Assistant Headteacher)

We welcome Mr Purdon to the Year 3 teaching team and Miss Culverhouse who will be starting in Year 5.

After nearly 20 years' service at CJS, we say a fond farewell to Mrs Sarah Tidmus. She has worked tremendously hard over the years and led many initiatives including the International Dimension and Science. We wish her every happiness in the future.

I look forward to seeing all our pupils, ready to 'Step to Success' on Thursday, 8th September.

Wishing you all a safe, happy and relaxing summer holidays.



