



CJS BUZZ



Chellaston Junior School Newsletter

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BUG CLUB



We know that many children are enjoying the new online reading books in Bug Club. Ms Onion's class delivered two assemblies last week to share good ideas and remind everyone how to find their way around the Bug Club program and achieve success. A reminder to all parents that any reading at home, either hard copy books or online, should be recorded in the Reading Record so that staff can monitor the reading pupils are doing overall. To help our Y3 and Y4 parents, we are putting on two workshops next Monday, 5 December 3.00 – 3.30 pm and Friday, 9 December 9.00 – 9.30 am. We look forward to seeing many parents at these sessions. Please go to the main hall door via the car park entrance.



CHILDREN IN NEED



A big thank you to everyone for their support with this year's Children in Need. The School Council did

a great job organising the day – we raised £516.65 for a great cause.

SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

We continue to focus on developing pupils' understanding of Keeping Safe. In recent assemblies we have covered "Be a Buddy not a Bully" (<http://beabuddy.cartoonnetwork.co.uk>) and "Cyber Bullying – Let's fight it together". The Buddy assembly gathered ideas from all year groups to clarify what bullying is, how it makes us feel and what we can do about it to resolve the situation.

The cyber-bullying assembly showed a video of a boy named Joe who was suffering through texts, calls and a website set up to target him and make fun of him. This resource is intended for Key Stage 3, but we feel very strongly that it is very important to discuss with junior pupils as so many children have access to mobile phones and the Internet. The link is:- <http://www.childnet.com/resources/lets-fight-it-together>. There are one or two incidents of 'teenage' language but we are sure you will agree it is a very powerful resource. The children responded very sensitively and you could have heard a pin drop in assembly.

ESafety – a reminder for all parents that further guidance on eSafety can be found on the school website www.cjs.derby.sch.uk under the Parents' tab.

THEME DAY

The Art and Music theme day on 8 November was a great success. A big thank you to Mrs Potterton (Music) and Mrs Speake (Art) for leading and organising the day. The standard of the pupils'

artwork could be clearly seen through the Art Exhibition earlier this week. A reminder that orders for framed pictures can be sent in to the school office by Tuesday, 6 December. The school will receive £1 for each picture sold and this money will go towards developing further art activities at school. We hope you will agree that the Art Exhibition was a great way to showcase and celebrate the artistic talents of our pupils and something parents can keep for many years to come.



The range of work was amazing and included:-
YEAR 3: Pop Art: in the style of Andy Warhol.
YEAR 4: Sunflowers: in the style of Van Gogh.
YEAR 5: Aboriginal Art: in the style of Pointillism by Georges Seurat and Paul Signac
YEAR 6: in the style of Laurence Stephen Lowry.

Well done to everyone! The music for the day was very enjoyable. Y3 sang "It's good to be me", Y4

sang "Sunflower", Year 5 sang two Australian songs and Year 6 enjoyed a blast from the past with Matchstalk Men and Matchstalk Cats and Dogs (1978, if you are old enough to remember it). The video is available to view on the website under the Music Files tab.

CHRISTMAS SONGS

The PowerPoint we use in assemblies for our Christmas singing is available on our website under the Music Files tab. The children love the singing, so why not have a go at home?

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Thank you to everyone involved in the Christmas Fair. The day was well supported and we raised over £2400 (we still have some money coming in). Special recognition should go to Mrs Slack and the PTFA Committee who all do a fantastic job! The children in the choir provided beautiful singing and helped to get us all in the Christmas Spirit!



PUPIL PREMIUM

Last week the school welcomed an Ofsted Inspector into school to look at the quality of teaching and learning and how we support all our pupils, including Pupil Premium.

The updated Pupil Premium Report and Action Plans are all on the website under 'Our School', Pupil Premium.

SUPPORT AT HOME

Thank you to the majority of parents who support your children with learning at home. Please continue to do regular reading, learn spellings and

times tables as this really does make a difference to help the children to make better progress.

CHRISTMAS DISCOS



Our PTFA Christmas Discos are next Thursday, 8th December:-

Year 3 5.00 – 6.00 pm

Years 4/5 6.15- 7.15 pm

Year 6 7.30 – 8.30 pm

Tickets are on sale via ParentPay at a cost of £2. We no longer issue tickets but use an electronic register on admission on the night.

DESIGN A TABLE TOP DECORATION



Every year we ask our pupils to design a table top decoration. These will be used to decorate the tables at our Christmas Dinner on Thursday, 15th December).

Entries should be brought into school on Thursday, 15th December (not before please as we do not have the space) when they will be judged. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries.

We look forward to seeing your festive designs!

YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

Our Year 3 Christmas Performance is 'A Midwife Crisis' and children are putting on two performances which are being held on Friday, 16th December 2016 at **9.30 am** and **2.30 pm**. With the help of a very flustered midwife and her put-upon donkey Steve,

the Nativity story unfolds in a funny, but thought-provoking story, with some really fun, catchy songs too. We hope Year 3 parents will come along and enjoy seeing their children in this special Christmas performance.



Community Carol Concert



We warmly invite parents of Hot House players and our Choir, as well as grandparents of all children, to join us on Wednesday, 14th December at 2.15 pm for a Carol Concert to be performed by members of Chellaston Junior School choir.

The choir will be made up of all children who sang at our Christmas Fair (from Y4-6) and all children involved in this year's performance of The Lion King. The Music Hot House's Chellaston Hot Shots Band will be playing at the concert for their seventh year – they have been a great success each year!

Afterwards, we will be serving mince pies and tea/coffee.

If you would like to attend, please email Mrs Slack on admin@cjs.derby.sch.uk so we know how many people to expect – thank you.

RELIEF STAFF WANTED!

If any parent or friend of the school is interested in relief work either in the cleaning or mid-day supervisors' teams, please call in at the office and leave your details.