



## ***Ofsted Feedback***

As you know, we had Ofsted Inspectors in school on Tuesday. The inspection for schools judged to be 'good' at the last inspection (which CJS was in November 2011), is only a one day inspection. The feedback from Ofsted will take the form of a 4 page letter and will be ready for parents just after half term.

Although we can't share with you the detailed feedback from Ofsted, I can confirm that the Inspection went very well. Strengths in teaching, leadership and the role of Governors were all recognised. The children were a credit to the school and their families. Relationships across the school between pupils and adults remain very positive.

Thank you to all parents who completed a survey. The summary results were shared with us and the Inspector will use this evidence as part of the report. Parental support is vital to help all pupils achieve their very best, so I encourage parents to continue helping their children with reading, spellings, times tables and homework activities. Every little bit of help does make a difference in the long term, so thank you to all parents for your support.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the pupils, parents, staff and governors who work together in partnership to make this school the success it is. I do feel really proud of our achievements and consider it a privilege to lead the team at CJS.

## **Safety**

Keeping children safe is paramount. The routine at the end of the day is that parents/siblings who come to collect at 3.35 pm are asked to wait **ON THE PLAYGROUND**.

All children are reminded to wait in the 'target area' on the playground if they do not see their parent/carer on the playground. Staff are on duty to supervise and any child remaining at 3.45 pm is taken to the school office where we telephone parents to arrange for the children to be collected.

At this stage, we will check whether a child is due to be at a school club, and, if so, we arrange for them to be delivered safely to that club. Please note that a number of pupils in Year 5 and 6 may be allowed to walk home on their own. If this is currently the case, then that is fine.

At present, a number of parents are waiting outside the school grounds and this seems to be a grey area. We have experienced a few incidents of confusion at the end of the day, due to a child forgetting whether they were supposed to go to a club. Therefore I ask that all parents who are here to collect come onto the playground at 3.35 pm.

If parents wish to make other arrangements, then we ask that a note is put in the child's home-school diary. Thank you for your support in keeping all our children safe.

## School Uniform

The children at CJS generally look very smart in their uniform. Recently, there seems to be a number of girls attending school with very large flowers/bows in their hair. I have reminded girls that we expect plain hair bands/bobbles in school colours. Thank you for your support.

## Google Expedition Day

On Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January, all classes had a session with a colleague from Google as we trialed some new resources using virtual reality. The day was a great success and the children loved it! The school are currently looking at the costs involved to purchase a class set of Virtual Reality headsets.



## Year 6 Booster Classes

Thank you to parents for your support with booster classes. It is very positive to see the attendance at these extra sessions and they really help the pupils grow in confidence towards their SATs. Thank you to all the staff who are committed to these extra sessions in Reading and Maths.

## Pupil Data Information

Thank you to all parents who completed the recent Data Update sheets. It is essential that we have the correct details for all parents. Please let us know if any details change. Thank you.

## African Drumming

Year 5 enjoyed their African drumming sessions with Jo May this week. I had the pleasure of joining in one afternoon. It was great to see the engagement and enjoyment of all the pupils. School Governors were also there on the day and were impressed by the focus and skill of the pupils.

## The Lion King



Rehearsals for The Lion King are going very well. The sound of beautiful singing echoes round the school which is lovely to hear. The cast are all very excited about the performance and we look forward to this production at the end of term. Tickets for both evening performances are available on ParentPay, price £2 each. Hakuna Matata!

## Y5 Reading and Coffee Morning

Information has gone out to all Year 5 parents regarding the Coffee Morning on 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Each year group is planning a session on a Friday morning this term to encourage parents to support their child with reading.

## Year 4 Action Aid Talks

Year 4 staff arranged for a visit from Action Aid to link with the current theme. The Year 4 children responded very well.

## **ICT Theme Week (6 -10 February)**

During this week, each year group will be undertaking special ICT activities and be working with their 'Buddy Class' from a different year group on e-safety ideas. The Safer Internet Day is on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February and we will have a special assembly on that day. Further resources will be uploaded to the school website regarding e-safety, so watch this space.

## **School Council Cake Sale for young Minds**



The School Council are organising a Cake Sale on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> February to raise money for Young Minds, their chosen charity this year. The ingredients of all cakes will be identified and there will be gluten free options available. Each cake will be 50p. Children are asked to bring no more than £1 in to school on that day, if they wish to do so.

## **UNICEF Day for Change – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February**

We always support this charity which focuses on children throughout the world. There will be a NON-UNIFORM DAY on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February and children are asked to donate 50p or £1 if they wish to participate.

## **PTFA Valentine's Discos – Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> February**

A text went out to all parents about the PTFA's Valentine's Discos on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Tickets cost £2 each and are available through your ParentPay account. A big thank you in advance to all the PTFA and staff who give up their time to supervise the discos – it greatly appreciated! Tickets are limited, so log on and reserve your child's ticket now!

## **Soundstart Concerts**

Foremark and Glossop will be performing their Soundstart Concert on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, as follows:-

Foremark – 2.00 pm

Glossop – 3.00 pm

Each concert will last about 15 minutes.

## **Year 6 Mock SATs**

Year 6 will be undertaking another round of tests during week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> February. This is nothing to worry about, but enables staff, parents and pupils to find out how they are performing in the test situation and the things they will need to work on in the months ahead. There will be a meeting for Y6 parents after half term. Further information will follow.

## **Sporting Success**

Congratulations to James Rouse who won the Silver Individual Medal for coming 2nd in the Derbyshire Cross Country Championships and a gold team medal as Derby AC won the team prize. James was also awarded a Silver Medal for coming 2nd in the Derbyshire Cross County Mini League over 4 races in November & December.

**Well done James!**



## **School Crossing Patrol Service**

Derby City Council Cabinet has decided to protect the School Crossing Patrol Service. Whilst Cabinet recognises that the service is not one that the council is legally required to provide, they recognise that the Crossing Patrol wardens do a vital job in seeing children across the road safely to and from school. They are also eyes and ears protecting children from danger.