



## ***Ofsted***

The Ofsted report is now available for parents on the website (under the Ofsted tab). The report praises the strong teaching, leadership and teamwork of staff. The excellent attitude and behavior of pupils is also highlighted. Safeguarding of pupils is a very high priority at CJS and our approach is recognised as meticulous and comprehensive. Feedback from parents was very positive and reflects how we work effectively together to support our children. The Inspector also visited The Zone before school and noted that pupils were safe and happy and well looked after. The report also noted the effective work of the governing body.

The report agreed with the school leadership that we need to further improve pupil results in reading comprehension and reasoning in maths. We have clear action plans in place to develop these areas and feel we are making good progress this year.

May I take this opportunity to thank all our parents for your continued support. I am very proud to lead such a great team of staff and governors; the children at CJS are a delight – their enthusiasm for learning and caring attitude continues to provide inspiration each day. Well done to everyone!

## **Year 6 Mock SATs**

Well done to Y6 who have coped admirably with a week of tests. They have applied themselves well and we are pleased with the progress they are making so far this year. Thank you to parents for your support with attendance at booster classes. We will be arranging further sessions after half term and urge those children who are involved to see it as a positive opportunity to receive some extra support in preparation for the SATs in May.

## **Google Expedition Day**

The Governors have considered feedback from the Google day and have agreed to purchase a class set of virtual reality headsets which will be an exciting addition to the learning resources.

## **Reading/Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all the Y5 parents who attended the session last Friday. It was great to see so many parents here reading with your children. The next session is for **Y3 parents on Friday, 24th February at 9.00 am – information is now on the school website.**

## **Year 4 Parent Lunches**

Thank you to the Y4 parents who joined us for parent lunches recently. I know the children very much look forward to the lunches and I trust you enjoyed your school dinner.

## School Council Cake Sale

Well done to the School Council, supported by Mrs Shaukat and Mrs Richardson, for organising the cake sale this Wednesday to raise money for Young Minds. We raised £293 which is a great effort!

## ICT Theme Week and eSafety

This week all year groups have been working on ICT projects. Classes have also been working with their 'Buddy Class' where classes in Y3 and Y5, and Y4 and Y6 pair up to work collaboratively. The children respond very well to these activities and are building very positive relationships and enjoying their work. The assembly on Internet Safety is on the school website (under the eSafety tab) – parents are reminded to check the messages, images and history of what children have access to at home. ESafety is a very important issue, so please be vigilant to keep all our children safe.

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

The NON-UNIFORM DAY on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> February is to raise money for UNICEF. The assembly presentation from Monday is on the school website (under the Parents' tab 'News and Upcoming Events') and reflects the focus on children from Syria who have suffered due to the conflict there. We discussed the need for a safe home, school, food and clean water. Many millions of children are now refugees and the money we raise will go to UNICEF to support their work with refugees from Syria.

## Year 4 Bake Off!

All Year 4 classes have really enjoyed making their own pizzas this week, which have been made from scratch and cooked here in school. We have some star bakers in the making!

## PTFA Discos

Thank you to all the staff, PTFA and parent helpers who have worked together to organise and supervise the discos on Thursday. A great fundraiser for the PTFA and enjoyed by everyone.

## Year 4 Soundstart Concerts

I was very impressed with the two Y4 concerts on Tuesday afternoon. The children were all very engaged and have worked very hard to learn a new instrument and perform to parents. A reminder to parents that children can continue music lessons with a small group to further develop their ability to play an instrument. Information is available from the School Office. Thank you to Christine Wild and Suzanne Hughes for doing a great job with Soundstart.

## Trampolining Success

Congratulations to Layla Mullane, Chloe Milner, Amber Dimmock and Maddie Jervis who took part in the U11 Novice Girls Central Zone Schools' championships. The team finished in third place, narrowly missing out on the National Schools' final next month.



## Parking

Councillor Ingall and the Neighbourhood Team, including two police officers have been monitoring parking on Maple Drive over the last few days. Photographs of cars not parked safely have been taken and posted on twitter. Thank you to all our parents who follow the safety rules and avoid parking on zig-zags, double yellow lines or in designated bus bays. There are a few parents who ignore these rules and I ask that we all work together to keep all our children safe.

## Thinking Day

Celebrated since 1926, World Thinking Day is a day of international friendship, speaking out on issues that affect girls and young women, and fundraising for 10 million Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world. Any children who are in the Guiding or Scouting movement are invited to come to school dressed in their Brownie/Guides/Beavers/Cubs/Scouts uniform on this day.



## Stranger Danger

We have received a report of a stranger acting suspiciously after school in Chellaston. The police are aware and are investigating this. Parents are asked to remind their children about 'Stranger Danger', make sure that children do not walk home completely on their own and they report any concerns to their parents or staff at school immediately. Good communication is very important to keep all children safe.

*I would like to wish everyone a good half term break and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017.*

*J Emery*