



# CJS BUZZ



**Chellaston Junior School Newsletter**

**April 2017**

Here we are at the end of another very busy and successful term at CJS.

## Ofsted

The Ofsted visit finally arrived at the end of January. The feedback is on the website and recognises the strengths of the school, confirming that we remain a Good School and endorsing our plans for future improvement. This is testament to all the tremendous work of all the staff; I feel privileged to lead such a strong and committed team and would like to take this opportunity to thank them for their efforts.

## Safeguarding Alert

It has come to our attention that a number of pupils may have access to various apps including:



musical.ly



funimate



live.me

It is possible for children to share music, videos and get involved in 'chat rooms'.

I urge parents to check the apps your children are accessing. We have clear evidence that older students (and even adults) may be posing as younger children to start communication through this software, sending inappropriate message or images. Please check all your child's contacts and refer to the last safeguarding alert on the website under 'Our News' (the blue post-it at the bottom of the page).

## School Sport

This term has seen great success for our sporting teams. The netball team is gathering momentum, winning their last 2 games in convincing style. Girls' football has gone from strength to strength, winning all their matches at the recent tournament. The tag rugby team came second overall in the Derby City Megafest and finished strongly in the league. Reaching the semi-final, the football team has done CJS proud once again and there are further cup and league games to follow. I would like to thank the following staff for their continued leadership and support for the various sporting activities: Miss McGinty, Mr Gadsby, and Mr Beeston. Your commitment is very much appreciated.

## Year 6

We have been very pleased to see how Y6 pupils have really settled down and focused as they prepare for their SATs in May (w/b 8 May). A number of staff have offered extra booster sessions in Reading and Maths during this term. Thank you to all those parents for supporting their child to attend the boosters. I encourage parents to help Y6 with their SATs revision homework over Easter.

The photographs have now all been taken for the Y6 Memory Book and we look forward to the finished book ready for July.

## Reading and Times Tables



While Y3, 4 and 5 do not set homework over the Easter holidays, we ask all parents to support at home with regular reading and learning of times tables. It really does make a huge difference when parents help their child in the basic skills. Little and often always seems to work best.

Thank you.



## Governors

On the school website there is further information regarding governors. We have a strong team of governors who give a great deal of time to discuss and agree strategic plans for the continued improvement of CJS. Recent meetings have centred around managing a budget of over £2million. As parents will know from the media, funding for schools is not keeping pace with rising costs. However, with careful financial planning, CJS is able to continue next year without making many cuts to the support for teaching and learning. Paul Withey (Chair of Governors) and I have been seeking ways to work more collaboratively with other local schools; more information will follow during the summer term.

Thank you to all governors for their voluntary support for the work of the school.

## Swimming

Year 4 children in Foremark and Glossop will now swim at Repton School, starting after Easter. We are excited about this new venture, which will improve the quality of the swimming experience for Y4. A reminder to parents of Glossop class that pupils will be late back on a Wednesday afternoon. (Please collect at 3.50pm from the front of school.)

## Clubs

Information on clubs at school during Summer 1 is now on the website.

A reminder that cricket coaching, in partnership with Derbyshire Chance to Shine, is on Friday after school at £1 per session. This club was very popular last year.



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## Comic Relief

We managed to raise £316.70 for Comic Relief on Thursday, 23 March. A big thank you to all for your support. Funds will help many projects here in the UK and in Africa.

## Holidays Absence

May I remind parents that the school is not permitted to authorise absence due to family holidays, except in exceptional circumstances. Several fixed penalty notices have been issued this year, with fines rising up to £120 per parent per child. I urge all parents to promote the importance of your child's education by booking any holidays in the 13 weeks available outside of term time. Thank you for your support.

## **The Lion King**

The performance of The Lion King this week was absolutely magical. The cast took the audience on a roller-coaster journey, singing, dancing and acting brilliantly to entertain us all. The show is always a highlight of the school year and I would like to thank Miss Fogg and all the staff who helped in any way. A great team effort.

Two online messages from the audience:

“It was fabulous and amazing. Well done to Miss Fogg, all the staff and the wonderful cast. You’ve done it again – it gets better every year.”

“It is wonderful in this age, where every pupil, teacher and school is tested, prodded, graded and ranked – that teachers somehow find time to encourage and support the children with creative arts. Bravo and thank you.”

I echo these thoughts. At CJS we really do try to educate the “whole child”. Academic results are important, of course they are, but sport, music and the arts all have a vital role to help develop the talents of all pupils so that they can achieve their potential and have fun in the process!

**May I wish all our families a Happy Easter**  
**I look forward to seeing all pupils on Monday, 24 April.**