



Chellaston Junior School Newsletter

May 2017

Sun Safety

Please see the letter sent out to all this week regarding sun safety. It would be great to see all pupils with sun hats, water bottles and wearing sun cream each day.

Manchester Attack

Yesterday the school observed a minute's silence as a mark of respect and solidarity for all those affected by the terrorist attack in Manchester. We talked about radicalisation and terrorism, but also how true Muslims work for peace in our world and do not condone violence. We finished with a recognition of how Manchester has come together as a community to help each other at this difficult time. All pupils are encouraged to talk to an adult at school or home if they feel worried or upset.

The PowerPoint from the assembly, together with the clip from Newsround and the inspirational poem by Tony Walsh are on the website under Parents, News and Upcoming Events.

Assessments and Tests

Well done to Y6 who worked very hard in preparation for the SATs during w/b 8 May. The staff worked hard to provide the right environment, with many Y6 pupils attending breakfast club that week. We also provided free breakfast bars for all Y6 which went down a treat!

Y3, 4 & 5 have been undertaking some end of year tests in Reading, SPAG and Maths this week. Please be assured that these tests only form part of the overall assessment for pupils. Some year groups may need to complete assessments during the week after half term. Teachers will gather info from a child's work over the year to inform the end of year grades, which will be reported in July.

Holiday Absence

Recently we have seen an increase in the number of pupils being taken on a family holiday and therefore being absent from school. I am sure all parents are aware that the school is not permitted to authorise holiday absence, except in exceptional circumstances such as family bereavement or major events like weddings. I ask parents to remember that any absence can disrupt a child's learning and have a detrimental effect on their progress. Unfortunately the school have referred several cases to our Educational Welfare Service here in Derby City, who have issued fixed penalty notices to a number of parents. Thank you to all our parents who support the work of the school by ensuring their child attends regularly and avoids holidays in term time.

Mrs Potterton

I appreciate that Ashbourne class have coped well with Mrs Potterton being off school recently. We hope that Mrs Potterton will be back after half term. I will keep parents of Ashbourne class informed.

Tennis and Cricket Coaching

Both sports are very important in the sporting life of our country. We have funded additional coaching sessions so that every class receives a lesson from a qualified coach in both tennis (Monday afternoons) and cricket (Friday afternoons). The cricket has been subsidised by the 'Chance to Shine' cricket charity which helps to keep costs down.

Kwik Cricket Festival



The school team did very well at Spondon Cricket Club last week. They beat Homefields Primary in a nail-biting match that went to the last ball. We scored 255 and Homefields scored 253. Anees Mazhar bowled a super last over and Oliver Costigan took a brilliant catch to secure the win. The whole team played really well and represented the school with credit.

Tri Golf

The Tri-golf team went to Markeaton Park this week with Mr Purdon. They played well and finished mid-table, having fun developing their golfing skills. We may have the next Rory McElroy or Lee Westwood in our midst!

Netball

Miss McGinty is very pleased with the teamwork and skills development of the netball team. They won v Chad Park and lost v Cavendish Close recently. There are three more matches to come after half term. We are hoping for a top-three finish in the Derby City League.

Well done girls – keep it up.

Girls' Football

Wildcats Football with Mr Gadsby for Y4, 5 & 6 continues to be very well attended on Mondays after school. The girls have worked with coaches from Derby College and girls football is a roaring success at CJS. There are a few spaces available on Monday, so please see Mr Gadsby if interested.

Y5 Football

A message from Mr Beeston –

Y5 football will be on Tuesday lunchtimes after half term. Boys and girls welcome!

Y4 Boys' Football

The Y4 team participated in the FA Cup competition recently with Mr Gadsby. The boys played very well and Layton Lucas (Foremark) won the Sporting Participation Award. Well done Layton.



Y6 Football Team

Mr Beeston continues to work hard with the team to encourage a passing game and the boys (and Holly Street!) are responding brilliantly. The last game against Homefields saw the team win convincingly 4-1 and play some great football, particularly in the first half.



Well done to Ollie Franklin who has been signed for Burton Albion Academy, a great achievement (and a great team)!

50th Celebrations

CJS is 50 this year and to celebrate we are organizing a 50th Jubilee Day on Friday 14 July. The school will be open to visitors on that afternoon. Children have been invited to participate in a talent contest. More information will follow after half term.

Mount Jubilee / PTFA

The children have voted for the name "Mount Jubilee" for the new artificial grass / shaded area. I am sure you will agree that this area looks fantastic and the children love sitting there at break times. A huge thank you to the PTFA for contributing over £8,000 to this project!

PTFA Discos

A big thank you to all the PTFA helpers and staff volunteers who attended the discos on Thursday, 25 May. It was a very warm evening, but the children enjoyed themselves as usual and behaved very well. A very successful evening.

Governor Visits

Each term a group of school governors visit the school to look at the learning across all year groups. This week three governors walked round the school to focus on Reasoning in Maths, to see how the school is working hard to develop the pupils' ability to reason and solve problems in Maths.

What's Coming Up?

The next half term will be particularly busy, as it is every year.

6 June	Year 5 visit to Mosque
7/8 June	Year 3 visit Cresswell Craggs.
9 June	School photographer is in school to take class photos, so comb your hair!
12/13 June	Y4 visit to Gurdwara.
15 June	Humanities Theme Day (special Geography, History and RE activities on this day)
19 June	INSET Day – school closed to pupils.
w/b 26 June	Y6 PGL & Activity Week
3 & 6 July	Y6 Transition to Academy
3 July	Shuffle Up Day (Y3, 4, 5 move up to their next class for the morning)
6 July	Y3/4 Sports Day (Field am / Track pm)
7 July	Y5/6 Sports Day (Field am / Track pm)
13 July	Open Evening 4-5.30pm
14 July	50 th Celebrations
24 July	Y6 Leavers' Evening 7pm
25 July	Y6 Leavers' Prom 6pm

May I take this opportunity to wish all our pupils, parents and families a good break over half term. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, 5 June.

J Emery