

CJS BUZZ



Chellaston Junior School Newsletter

October 2017

Super SATs Results

The SATs results of 2017 are excellent and show continued improvement. The percentage of pupils at CJS who achieved the Expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined is 73%, compared to the National of 61%.

The percentage of pupils at CJS who achieved the higher standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined is 19%, compared to the National of 9%.

The progress figures show that pupils at CJS make better progress than similar children Nationally. Against the National of zero, Reading is 0.3, Writing is 1.8 and Maths is 1.2

Pupil Premium children also performed extremely well, achieving higher results than other pupils Nationally in Reading, Writing and Maths combined.

The SATs results from July 2017 are testament to the quality of teaching right across the school, the tremendous hard work of all our pupils and the strong support of our parents. The school have received a letter from Pauline Anderson, Head of Learning at Derby City Council, to congratulate the school on the results and the improvements in Reading and Maths. Well done to everyone!

Parents' Meetings

There is a very important letter going out to all parents and up on the website today. It outlines the forthcoming Parents' Meetings on Tuesday 17 October and Wednesday 18 October. There is a new online system for booking appointments and I urge all parents to read the information carefully. Parents will be able to log on and book

appointments from Monday 9 October. I look forward to seeing you all at the meetings.

Maths is tricky (this is a good thing!)

We continue to focus on reasoning in our new approach to Maths. It is expected that all children will be faced with tricky problems and questions in every lesson. It requires resilience, teamwork and great reasoning skills to work things out. We believe this approach is helping to develop more skilled mathematicians. So please be aware that parents will see less "calculations" in books and more evidence of pupils' working collaboratively and explaining their reasoning. We believe that all children do their best learning when they are challenged and stretched, so please do not worry if they find some things tricky or get a few things "wrong", this is all part of the learning process. One class in Year 5 set themselves a question about the number of their choice. One learner wanted to find out how many people it would take, standing on top of each other, to reach the moon. A fascinating question! There is lots of great maths going on around school so I urge all children to keep working hard.

Bug Club Coffee Mornings

Next week we are having coffee mornings to invite parents in from all year groups to read with Bug Club alongside their children from 9.00-9.30. In addition to enjoying the reading experience, the children will get a drink and a biscuit, so why not? Year 3 is on Monday, Y4 on Tuesday, Y5 on Wednesday and Y6 on Thursday. All children brought a letter home this week, so please return the slip if you wish to attend.

Wear it Pink and Blue Day

Next **Friday 13 October**, it is a non-uniform day when the children can wear anything pink or blue to support the work of the Breast Cancer Now's charity and Orchid (supporting male cancers). We ask for a donation of £1 to support the work of these two important charities.

School Sport

It has been a very busy few weeks for the school sport teams:

The **boys' football** team drew 1 – 1 then lost 1 – 0 to Homefields on Thursday. Mr Beeston and the team look forward to the cup match v St James on Tuesday. The game is after school on Tuesday and all support is welcome. Go boys!

Girls' football at CJS continues to develop. A massive well done to the girls' football team who finished bronze medalists in the **Y5/6 Girls' Mini Soccer Competition** at Derby Racecourse yesterday.



Despite losing narrowly in the first game, the girls picked themselves up and won 5 – 0 in the following game. They finished the tournament with a record of 4 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses. Well done to all involved, particularly Nynavae, Courtney and Amy who scored a number of goals between them!

Year 5/6 Mixed Mini Soccer Competition

An amazing effort from the mixed football team who had the opportunity to play at Moor Farm

(Derby County Football Club's training ground). After the group matches they were undefeated and yet to concede a goal. Following a 0-0 draw in the quarter finals, Chellaston scored in extra time to take us to the semis. Despite the team's best efforts, the match finished as a draw after extra time.



Unfortunately, penalties went to sudden death and we were knocked out. A huge thank you to all involved, particularly the 4 girls who took part against 3 other teams who fielded all-boy teams!

The **netball** sessions are going very well. Miss McGinty is getting the players in shape for the forthcoming matches.

Mrs Holmes was very proud of the **Cross Country** team and their efforts at Moorways over the last couple of weeks. Keep running guys, it is a great way to keep fit!

The **Tag Rugby** team have matches on Monday 9 October V St John's at CJS, Friday 13 October at Duffield Meadows and Thursday 19 October V Oakwood at CJS. The team consists of boys and girls from Y4, 5 and 6 and we wish them all the best over the next couple of weeks. Feedback and match reports from the CJS sport coaches will be appearing soon. CJS has a great tradition for competitive sport and long may this continue.

Y5 Friendship Fundraising for Heartlink

Charlotte Foster and Megan Smith (Castleton Class) wrote a lovely letter to me recently. They asked if they could raise money for Heartlink East Midlands, which is a charity that supports families whose children are undergoing heart surgery. The girls have made lovely friendship bracelets and will be selling them for 50p at break times, from Monday 9 October. This is for Year 5 children in the first instance and we will see how they go. Thank you to Charlotte and Megan; you are an inspiration!

School Council

Most classes have elected their School Council representative and this will be announced shortly. There has been great excitement around school as children do their presentations to their class mates and the secret ballot voting takes place. The School Council will be organising all the weekly competitions, so any ideas for fundraising will now go through the School Council. They have a very important job to do, helping the school to improve and raising lots of funds for their chosen charity, which will be announced soon.



After half term, the School Council will be leading the school's fund-raising for the BBC's Children in Need Day on Friday, 17 November. The theme for the day is to wear something spotty for a £1 donation. Also, all children will be able to bring in an extra £1 to buy from a range of Pudsey merchandise. Please make a note of the day in your diary.

Year 3 are Getting Married!

Year 3 classes will visit St Peter's Church next Monday and Tuesday afternoon to celebrate a wedding. I wonder who will be marrying who? Let's hope they get to the church on time! Thank you to all those parents who have offered their help to supervise children for this local visit. **Please ensure**

children bring their wedding clothes in to school on the correct day.

Year 3 Village People

Year 3 have been enjoying their trails around Chellaston. It is great to use the local area to develop our history and geography skills.

Y4 Go Swimming

Chatsworth and Duffield have started their swimming lessons at Repton School on a Monday morning. It is a fun and healthy start to the week and the children are doing very well. They are very hungry on their return to school so we have ensured that they are always first in for lunch on a Monday!

Y4 Make Some Noise

Foremark and Glossop have started Soundstart, where all children get to play a musical instrument each week (and bring it home to practise and annoy their parents!) Parents will have the opportunity of attending a performance after Christmas to hear the fruits of their labours. Keep music live Year 4!

Y6 Mess About on the River

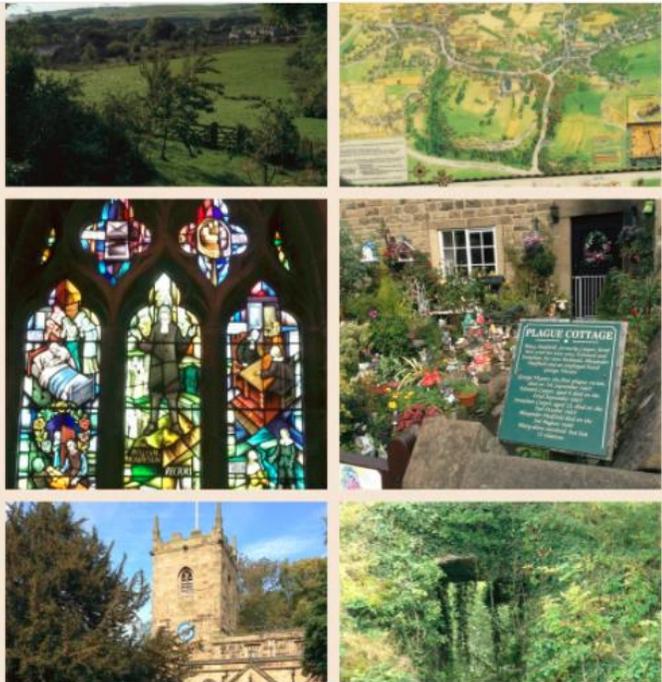
All Y6 classes have travelled to The Whistlestop Centre at Matlock Bath to study the river as part of their theme this half term. The weather stayed fine in most part and (nearly!) everyone stayed dry during the visit. Year 6 were complemented on their behaviour during the visit.

Tea Party

Each Friday, the Pupil of the Week from each class join Mr Emery or Miss Fogg for a tea party at 2 pm. They enjoy drinks and fancy biscuits, including chocolate fingers, cookies and even Jammie Dodgers! The children are invited to share any interesting things they may be doing outside of school and we often ask for any jokes. Last week

Madoc Page told a joke: "What do you call a sheep covered in chocolate ... a chocolate baa!"

Y5 All Fall Down!



All Year 5 classes have visited Eyam as part of their theme to study the plague. The school were complemented on the behaviour of the children by a visitor at Eyam who used to be the Head of Behaviour at Durham Local Education Authority. It is a fascinating trip and one which the Year 5 staff have created, planned and delivered themselves.

Harvest Assembly

Parents are asked to send in any Harvest produce on Tuesday 17 October. We have the Chief Executive Officer from The Padley Centre speaking during the assembly on the day and all the produce will be taken there after the assembly. Please note that unfortunately, due to space and timetabling, we are not able to accommodate parents at this assembly.

Invictus Games

In the Upper School (Y5/6) assembly this week, Mrs Chapman discussed the Invictus Games with the children. We have been thinking about the famous

poem which ends: "I am the Master of my destiny; I am the Captain of my soul". A very motivational poem and we salute all the athletes who took part in the Games; they show us what it really means to never give up.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, bought cakes, ate cakes and helped the school to raise £702 for this wonderful charity. At break time in the morning we managed to sell over 1,000 cakes to 500 children! We all know someone who has suffered due to cancer and it is great to support the fantastic work that Macmillan nurses do to care for families in very difficult times. Mrs Dolby did an assembly last Tuesday to help the children understand what Macmillan Cancer Support is all about. This presentation is on the school website under the Parents' Tab (News & Events).

Thank you for your tremendous support.

Y6 Information Evening

Thank you to all parents from Year 6 who attended the Information Evening on Thursday. We hope you found the overview of the Y6 Residential/Activity Week and SATs useful. A reminder that the £50 deposit for the Abernant Lake residential is due by Monday 9 October. A copy of the presentation and information from the evening is on the school website under the Parents' Tab (News & Events).

I look forward to seeing parents over the next two weeks at one of our sporting matches, Bug Club Coffee Mornings and the Parents' meetings as we all work together to help the children step to success and achieve their very best.