



## Chellaston Junior School Newsletter

January 2018

### WELCOME BACK

A Happy New Year to all our parents, pupils, staff and Governors. We look forward to working together to help all our children achieve their very best in 2018.

### BE BRILLIANT



Last week in assembly Mr Emery reminded the children about Andy Cope (author of Spy Dog) and his book "A Brilliant Life". Andy has published research through Loughborough University on the characteristics of happy people. To 'Be Brilliant', according to Andy, includes 5 steps:

1. Choose to be positive
2. Remember you have a huge impact on others
3. Set yourself huge goals
4. Break things down into small steps
5. You need "Bouncebackability".

He concludes that having a brilliant life is not the responsibility of others but is up to each and every one of us. The illustrations for the display in the hall have been created by the Art Club. Here's hoping we can all have a brilliant 2018.

### TOLERANCE OF ALL FAITHS

At CJS we encourage the whole community to be tolerant of all faiths. In assemblies through the year we have a plan to cover an awareness of the major faiths. Last week we discussed Sikhism and reminded pupils of the Five Ks and their significance for Sikhs. Please click on the following link to access the PowerPoint used in assembly <http://cjs.derby.sch.uk/page/assemblies/41036>

Next half term we will cover Islam during an assembly, as we focus on peace, understanding and tolerance for all. We regularly cover Christian themes in assemblies and reminded pupils of the significance of the feast of the Epiphany in the Christian calendar. This can also be accessed on the school website by following the link above.

### PROMPT START TO THE DAY

Thank you to the vast majority of parents who ensure children are here at school on time in the mornings to start learning promptly. A reminder that the gates open at 8.45 am each day and we expect all children to be ready for learning in their classroom by 8.55 am. The gates are closed promptly at 8.55 am and any child arriving after that time will need to be signed in by an adult at the school office to receive their registration mark. Thank you for your support.

### E-SAFETY

This term we are planning E-safety sessions for staff, pupils and parents. A parent workshop is scheduled for Friday, 9 February 9.00 - 10.00 am in

the school hall. To help us plan for the parent workshop we are asking parents to complete the E-safety survey which pops up on the home page of the school website. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete. Thank you for your time. During the week of 12<sup>th</sup> February, all year groups will be undertaking further activities around keeping safe online. All CJS teaching staff have received training on e-safety and activities that take place will be age appropriate. Please be assured that further information will be made available to parents prior to that date.

### PARENTAL CONSENT FOR USE OF IMAGES

All pupils will receive a letter regarding parental consent for use of images. It is vital we have current and correct information and ask that all parents complete the reply slip and return to school by Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> January. As we develop the Year Group pages on the website we need to ensure all permissions are correct. Thank you.

### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST



Pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed the West End in Schools performances OF 'Beauty and the Beast' last week (even

staff were joining in with the Hairy Hula!). A big thank you to our PTFA for funding this theatre visit, which was very well received and helped us to begin 2018 with a smile on our faces!

### UNAUTHORISED HOLIDAYS

Over the last year there have been many requests for holiday absence during term time. As all parents are aware, the school is advised not to

authorise holidays, but can only authorise absence for exceptional circumstances such as family bereavement or weddings. Unfortunately, the Local Authority have had to issue a number of Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) to our parents for taking pupils out of school during term time. It is clear that such absence has a very negative impact on pupil progress and I urge all parents to restrict holidays to the 13 weeks available outside of term time. Thank you for your support.

### DEFIBRILLATOR

The school has received a grant for funding from Aggregate Industries to enable us to purchase a defibrillator for the school. This is a wonderful acquisition for the school, as AEDs can play a vital role in saving the lives of children, staff and other visitors to the school.

Our defibrillator will be sited in the school office and all staff will be undertaking training in the next couple of weeks.

The school would like to thank Mrs Mooney for helping us to obtain this funding and, of course, to Aggregate Industries, for funding this purchase.

### YEAR 6 CHINA DAY



All Year 6 enjoyed a "Theme Day" on Monday around the theme of China. Children moved round different classes making lanterns, composing pentatonic music, undertaking work on geography and even doing 'Tai chi'. Thank you to the staff for

planning a really interesting day and for all pupils for being so interested and engaged in the learning.

### YEAR 5 AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOPS



The Year 5 African drumming workshops planned for this week will now take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons next week. This is always a great experience and the sight of a whole class playing African drums is amazing.

### BEHAVIOUR

At CJS we are proud of the standards of behaviour from children right across the school. Visits from Ofsted and other professionals always regard the behaviour, relationships and attitude to learning as very positive. There have been a small number of incidents where pupils have been given a red star for showing a lack of respect for staff, either answering back or laughing when being spoken to.

Mr Emery has reminded all pupils that if this is reported to him, children may need to spend time reflecting on their behaviour on a Friday lunchtime with him.

Thank you to the vast majority of pupils who have excellent manners and respond very well to staff at all times. Let's aim to maintain the highest standards of behaviour as positive attitudes result in positive progress, which is what we want for all pupils.

### TERM DATES 2018 - 2019

We are currently liaising with other schools in Chellaston regarding term dates and Inset Days for 2018-19. We will inform parents as soon as these are finalised.

### FULL OF CHRISTMAS LEFTOVERS? DONATE THEM TO THE HOMELESS NOW – AT CJS

In partnership with Derby City Mission and the Padley Group, we have agreed to be a collection point here for donations of produce during the next two weeks.

The UK binned £13 billion of food in 2015, and it is estimated that 10 million tonnes of food waste was created 2016 – 2017, 60% of which could have been avoided.

LET'S STOP THAT 60% going to waste in Derby. Bring in any left-over food you have from the over Christmas ANY time during the next two weeks. This will be donated to the two charities across Derby who help prepare food for the homeless and those experiencing severe hardship.

PADLEY annually cook & serve 21,900 meals and give 2000+ food parcels – you can help this continue.

Please donate tinned items, fruit & veg, packaged items (pasta, rice, flour), sauces, jars, biscuits etc to the school office so we can support these local charities. Thank you!

### CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS FOR THOMAS ROUSE

Congratulations once again to Thomas Rouse who recently competed at the Derbyshire County Championships at Shipley Park earlier this month.

Tom was 2nd for Derbyshire, in a sprint finish with his friend Stanley, who beat him by one second. As a team they got the team gold.



This is a fantastic achievement in the toughest of conditions (the runners were ankle deep in mud).

Well done Tom!