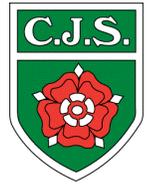# CHELLASTON JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN 1

Friday, 13 April 2018

Summer Term Dates are [here], including notes to explain the various events.

We are very keen to make sure that we keep our parents fully up to date with events in school.

Starting this week, we will be issuing a weekly bulletin on a Friday afternoon. It will include all our news for the week including a list of upcoming events and pupils' achievements.

The Year group pages on the school website will include information about the homework for that year group or specific activities relating to that year group for the week ahead.

THE WEEK AHEAD
16-20 APRIL

Year 6 Booster classes will continue as planned this week.

Monday 16 April

Year 5/6 Netball Match v Redhill and St Alban's at CJS.

Thursday 19 April

Year 5 Parents' Lunch at 12.30 pm (sign up on ParentPay)

Friday 20 April

Football Match v Oakwood Juniors at CJS.

All other clubs will go ahead as planned. Parents will be notified by text if there are any significant changes to an event.

Don't worry! Be happy!
This time of year can be a worrying time for pupils. Year 6 face their SATs and many children look ahead to changes for September.
At CJS, our school song encourages us all to do the best we can:

"Together we are stepping to success. Together we are working to achieve our best."

It is very important that we remind children that all we ask is that everyone achieves THEIR best and not to worry about other things beyond their control. There is much national coverage about the awareness of mental health in children. At CJS, we feel it is really important that all pupils feel happy and safe coming to school, so they are in the best place to achieve their best. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you feel your child is worried or upset. We generally have a very happy and positive atmosphere at school, but recognise how it important it is to work together to support our children.

Summer Term Clubs
A reminder that all the information for booking pupils on after school clubs for this term is [here].

Once again we have cricket coaching from Derbyshire County Cricket Club "Chance to Shine" initiative. Every class will have a session on a Friday afternoon led by a qualified coach. The after school cricket club is open to pupils from Years 3, 4 5 & 6. Mr Emery and Mr Gadsby will also be helping out at the club. The cost is only £1 per week and can be booked via Parent Pay.

Prompt start to the school day
We ask that all pupils come through the school gates before 8.55 am in the morning. We aim for all children to be in class and ready to start the day's learning by 8.55 am and thank parents for ensuring that children are here on time and have a good start to the day.

Parent Governor
Information was sent out to parents last term regarding vacancies for Parent Governors here at CJS. The closing date was originally Friday 13th April, so if anyone is interested I would welcome the opportunity to discuss the role with you. Please

don't feel you need extensive qualifications for the role; we need parents with a range of skills who are enthusiastic about supporting the work of the school. Due to the Easter holiday period, we would like to extend the deadline to next Friday, 20th April.

Building Work

Work has begun to extend the school hall and car park. As you can see the car park is taking shape and the foundations for the hall are now being dug. The project is planned to finish at the start of July. Access to the external hall door will not be available during this time, so parents are asked to come to the school office at all times. We are working with the contractors to ensure that there is a minimum of disruption to the school day. We will keep parents informed as the project progresses.

Academy Update

Following the feedback to parents from the consultation process, the four schools in Chellaston have submitted application forms to become a Multi-Academy Trust. The applications will be considered by the office of the Regional Schools Commissioner and we will be notified in due course if our application has been successful. We will keep parents informed as the term progresses.

Water Bottles

A reminder to all parents that we very much encourage all pupils to bring water to school each day to keep hydrated. Pupils have the opportunity to fill their water bottles at certain times during the school day. Please note that it is the school policy to allow only plain water for drinking during the school day. Children are allowed to bring juice for packed lunches or after school clubs if they so wish.

Term Time Holidays

We would like to remind all parents that absence around INSET Days, half terms and holidays will not be authorised if the school has reason to believe that parents are extending their holidays by taking their children out of school during this time. If the school have information that this may be the case, then we will ask for evidence of the holiday dates before we will authorise the absence for any other reason.

School Uniform

Clothing 4 will be supplying all Chellaston Junior School uniform in line with other Chellaston schools. Our stock has been transferred to their new store on the High Street and is no longer available through ParentPay.

Girls' Football

Congratulations to the girls' football team who came 2nd in the Year 5/6 Girls' tournament held at Moorways on 22nd March.

The link for the Wildcats girls' football starting at CJS on Monday is https://soccerstarsuk.co.uk/sse-wildcats/. It's only £1 per session and there are still some spaces left.

Chellaston Litter Pick

This went ahead last Sunday and you can see from the photo what was collected from the nature reserve in just 90 minutes! Items included a children's bike trailer, broken brollies, a lunch box, bike tyres, a roll of carpet, guttering, industrial wiring and a pair of wing mirrors!

Not everyone could make the rearranged date but Sophie Shaw and Aerfen Williams (and their respective families) joined Jessica Grayley's family to help with this. Well done to you all!