

CJS Parents' Bulletin 1

Friday 14 September 2018

Welcome

Welcome back to all our pupils and families. I hope everyone has enjoyed a good summer break with family and friends. The children do look happy to be back and there is a very positive buzz around the school. A special welcome to all our new Year 3 children; it is a big step up to the juniors and they have settled in well, adapting to the new routines and behaving well in assembly and around school.

Growth Mindset

As we start a new term, I believe that we need to create a climate where children believe in themselves. We have been focusing on "Growth Mindset", which helps us appreciate the importance of approaching every day and every challenge as an opportunity, with an "I can do it attitude". We encourage all children to be brave and have a go and not be scared of making a mistake. Mistakes help us to learn and get better. Any progress or achievement in life involves a great deal of hard work, no matter who you are or what you have achieved. We have used some clips in school that you may find interesting to discuss at home with your child. Each one shows how we can overcome any barriers if we keep positive, aim high and believe we can do it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ekLpn4zKiNU> (Ezra Frech, a 9 year-old boy, with a prosthetic leg and hand)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=80BavyaWb3Y> (Lauren Steadman, the Paralympian who is on Strictly this year!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CATCSEoeG_c (The trailer for the film Eddie the Eagle)

The school office

A special CJS welcome to our new ladies in the office. Mrs Marie Lewis replaces Mrs Slack as the Office Manager and Miss Nicola Bacon will be working alongside her, together with Mrs Davis. Mrs Daintith and Mrs Dolby will be looking after the office in the afternoons. We are reviewing our procedures and communication; I ask that parents are patient as the new staff find their way in a very busy school environment. The new staff have made a great start and we hope they will be happy at CJS. Parents are encouraged to pop into the office if you have any questions, and we will do our very best to help.

Parent Pay

All the Year 3 children and any new children across the school should now have received the details of how to use ParentPay. If any parents have any problems with ParentPay, please get in touch.

Hall and Car Park

Over the holidays, the project to extend the hall and car park was completed. Our thanks go to Derby City Council for their support and the hall has given the school extra space for assemblies, performances, lunches and parents' evenings.

Admissions and Attendance

The school is over-subscribed and full to capacity. We now have 32 pupils in each class right across the school from Year 3 to Year 6.

Attendance at CJS is very good overall. We achieve over 97% attendance and encourage all parents to support us by ensuring that your child attends regularly and on time. May I remind parents that the school is unable to authorise holidays during term time, except in exceptional circumstances. Parents who take children on holiday during term time may face a Fixed Penalty Notice. Thank you to the vast majority of parents who help the children to achieve excellent attendance. It is no surprise that the research proves that there is a direct correlation between high attendance and good progress. In assemblies, we say, "The more I attend school, the better I do."

End of the Day Routines and Safety

At the end of the school day, we ask parents to collect children ON THE PLAYGROUND. The children are asked to wait in the "Target Area" in the middle of the playground, until they see an adult who is there to collect them. Children are instructed NOT to wander outside the school gates to look for parents. If any child in Y3 and 4 is to be collected by an older sibling, we ask that this is someone of secondary school age. Some Y5/6 parents give their child permission to walk home on their own. If this is the case, we ask parents to put a note in the Home-School diary.

School Council

Every class will be voting for their school council representative over the next few days. Please do encourage your child to be brave and have a go. Any child who is interested will need to prepare a short speech to explain to the class why they would make a good rep. There is then a fair, democratic process to elect a rep for each class. School Council meetings will be on a Wednesday lunchtime, every few weeks. The council play an important role to help organise events and make the school a better place. Why not have a go?

Please park considerately

The school is sometimes contacted by our neighbours to express concerns about parking. On occasions, parents do park in areas that are reserved for residents only. I have been informed that the council may be installing cameras in the local area to evidence any incorrect parking. I ask all parents to refrain from parking across drives or in areas designated for residents only. Thank you for your co-operation.

Y6/7 Transition

There is a meeting for current Year 6 parents regarding transition to Chellaston Academy. The meeting is on Thursday 27 September at 6pm at the Academy. Information regarding the application process has been sent out to Year 6 parents this week. Further details from the Academy will be sent out in due course.

Relief Midday Supervisors

The school have a strong team of midday supervisors who support the children to have a happy and safe lunchtime. We are looking for any parent who may be interested in being a relief, to cover for staff absence and join the team when needed. If you are interested, please pop into the school office or email admin@cjs.derby.sch.uk

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Parents are invited to our coffee morning on Friday 28 September in the school hall at 9.00-9.45 to support this worthwhile charity. If any parent or pupils would like to bake cakes, they are very welcome. Please note that there are some pupils with nut allergies and therefore the school is a NUT FREE zone. Please let the school office know if you would like to bake any cakes. We will have a cake sale for the pupils at break time on that day. Thank you for your support.

PTFA

The PTFA do a great job to raise much needed funds for the school to enhance the experience of the pupils. They could always do with more volunteers. The AGM is on Friday 28 September at 9.45-10.30 in the school hall, immediately after the Macmillan coffee morning. Come on down, our PTFA needs YOU!

Bringing Bikes to School

A reminder that parents wishing their child to ride to school on a bike, need to complete a cycle permit available from the office if requested. Scooters are not allowed. Parents with younger children are asked to ensure that children do not ride around the school playground on scooters at the end of the school day. Any child not following the rules for the safe use of bikes will not be allowed to bring their bike to school.

Buddy Classes

Each class in the school is given a "Buddy Class". This gives older and younger children an opportunity to work together, read together and play games together. The Buddy Classes will get together each half term for different activities.

School Uniform

Thank you to all the parents who support the school by ensuring their child wears the correct uniform. The children certainly do look very smart! May I remind parents about the following school uniform information:

Shoes - school uniform is for plain, black school shoes. A reminder that training shoes are not school uniform.

Hair – Smart haircuts are promoted at CJS. Any shaved patterns or part-shaved/longer hair combinations are not considered as appropriate for school. A reminder to girls that plain hair bands or bobbles in school colours are required. Jo-Jo bows and other bright hair accessories are not allowed.

Nail Varnish – nail varnish of any description is not allowed.

Earrings – any jewellery is not encouraged. However, the only earring allowed is a small, stud. Large earrings or nose rings are not permitted. Any child wearing an earring to school must either take the earring out or tape up the earring when doing PE/Games for health and safety reasons. Earrings have to be taken out for swimming lessons.

Medical Needs

The school keeps a comprehensive record of all the medical needs in the school. This is circulated to all relevant staff and treated in strict confidence. If any parent feels that the school are not fully aware of your child's medical needs, then please call at the school office and ask to speak with Mrs Daintith, our Welfare Officer.

Y5 and Y6 Trips

All Year 5 classes travel to Eyam next week for their Educational Visit. Bakewell and Dovedale go on Tuesday 18 September; Castleton and Hartington go on Friday 21 September. The letter, consent and relevant information is on ParentPay. There are still a number of parents in Year 5 who have not given consent for the trip and we need this confirmed via ParentPay if the children are to be allowed to participate. We still need a couple more parent helpers, so if anyone would like a lovely day out in Derbyshire with 60 wonderful children (completely free!), then please contact the school office.

Year 6 classes visit Matlock for the Rivers Trip during the first week in October. The dates are as follows:

Ticknall Monday 1 October, Hope Tuesday 2 October, Edale Wednesday 3 October, Newtown Thursday 4 October.

First News

This is a weekly children's newspaper that keeps children up to date with the current news in the UK and round the world. The paper is delivered directly to your home each week. There is an option to have online access. For further details please go to: firstnews.co.uk

Y4 Swimming

Chatsworth and Duffield classes start swimming lessons at Repton School next Friday, 21 September. The relevant letters have been sent out to pupils. These two classes will swim up to February half term.

Y4 Hot Shots Band

Glossop and Foremark classes start their class music lessons next Wednesday, 19 September. During the afternoon, each class will have a lesson with several qualified music teachers, under the leadership of Hot House music. We are excited by this new project and know that Y4 will love the lessons which will continue until February half term, when swimming and music swap over for Year 4.

Clubs

We have been collating all the information on activities and clubs. At CJS, we have many staff who run activities free of charge in their lunchtime or after school. For this, I am very grateful. We also have a number of activities led by other providers which are paid for via ParentPay. The information regarding ParentPay and all the clubs at school will go out to parents at the start of next week, so parents can then log on and book the relevant places for your child.

Diary Dates

Dates for the Autumn Term will be up on the website next week. Please note that the first day of the Spring Term is Monday 7 January. (The dates in the Home-School diary state that Wednesday 2 January is the first day of the Spring Term. This is a printing error and I apologise for any confusion.)

I apologise that the first bulletin is so lengthy. However, I hope you find the information useful. We will continue to upload a weekly bulletin each Friday, as we did last term. I look forward to working in partnership with all our parents over the next term as we encourage and support our children to be the very best they can be and “Step to Success”.

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