

# Chellaston Junior School

## Weekly Bulletin



**Friday, 14 December 2018**

### The Week Ahead

**Wednesday – Final Awards Assembly  
School Council visit (am)  
Community Christmas  
Concert (pm)**

**Thursday - Y5 Harry Potter Theme  
Day**

**Friday - Wear Something  
Christmassy (Last day of  
term)**

### Christmas Table Top Decoration Competition

We had some absolutely fantastic entries, our children (perhaps with the help of a few parents) have shown incredible creative, festive flair! All those who entered will receive a treat. The winners are as follows: Nevaeh in Tissington; Isaac in Chatsworth; May in Dovedale; Charlotte in Hope; Eva in Ashbourne; Isla in Bakewell; Sohie in Glossop; Adam in Cromford; Scarlett in Duffield; Phoenix in Edale; Daniel in Foremark; Sophie in Glossop; Alfie in Hartington; Jolie in Newtown; Grace in Riber and April in Ticknall. Well done to everyone - the decorations helped to make our Christmas Dinner very special.

### Christmas Dinner

Thank you to all our catering staff who do a tremendous job in feeding nearly 800 people on Christmas Dinner day, across the two schools. The dinner was lovely yet again and a credit to the team who work so hard during the whole year.

### Wear something "Christmassy"

A reminder that on Friday 21 December, the last day of term, we want to be extra festive, so children are asked to wear something "Christmassy". This may be a Christmas jumper, or it may be a Santa hat or tinsel.

Please note that parents are not expected to go out and buy anything new for this fun day. We ask for a 50p donation towards our school council's chosen charity this year, BrainTumour UK.

### Y5 African Drumming

A reminder for all Y5 parents to pay for your child to take part in the African Drumming Workshop in January. The cost is just £2.50 per child and is now on ParentPay. See more information on our [website](#).

### Y5 Harry Potter Theme Day – Thursday 20 December

Y5 will be taking part in magical lessons in the morning and watching Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone in the afternoon. We also hope the children can wear something a little bit special too! Robes, magical hats and wands are brilliant but please use or recycle costumes/outfits rather than spending a fortune on new costumes.

### Y6 Residential to Culmington Manor

A reminder that the payment deadline for the Y6 residential trip is March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019. Children who are not going on the residential will have the opportunity to participate in activity days. Further information will be available next term.

### After school clubs

A reminder that Soccer Stars, Girls Wildcats Football and Art Club have now finished for Christmas. These clubs will NOT be on next week. We are working on a timetable for the Spring Term and will have that up on the website and Parentpay before we break up for Christmas.

### Consent forms

Thank you to all the parents who have completed and returned the Parental Consent forms. A reminder to parents of Y5 and Y6 that from w/c 7 January, we will require your permission for your child to leave the school

premises independently at 3.35pm, without adult supervision.

### **Festive Festival**



Mrs Chapman took ten children from Y5 and 6 to the Festive Festival at Derby Tennis Centre this

week. CJS competed against 3 other schools in 4 Christmas themed games. The children had lots of fun playing Dodgeball with snowballs, collecting and delivering presents, knocking down igloos and sending giant snowballs across the tennis courts. Although we were the smallest group attending, this did not stop us 'Aiming High'! With our 'More Than Just Me' attitudes, we scored very well in each event. We also received a free Santa hat to get us into the Christmas spirit.

### **Year 3 Christmas Performance**

On Tuesday 11 December the school community and parents of Year 3 were treated to a wonderful performance of "Jesus' Christmas Party". The children sang with great enthusiasm, spoke with very clear diction and told the story with a big smile on their faces. I thank Mrs Stephenson and all the Year 3 staff for working so hard to prepare the children and all the parents for your support with beautiful costumes. The Christmas story is full of references to the journeys of many characters, including the Wise Men, the Shepherds, Mary and Joseph. Year 3 have also been on a big journey as they have settled into life at CJS. It is great to see how amazing that journey has been and how much they have achieved in their first term. One of the songs from the play provides a lovely message for us all at this time of year: *"May all the love in the world come shining through. All the dark clouds disappear from view. Let the light in your heart shine on all you do and say. Let it shine, shine away."*

### **PTFA Discos**

Thank you to all the staff who helped out at the discos last night. All the children seemed to have a fantastic time and it is great to see them enjoying themselves with their friends. Thank you to the PTFA helpers who always do a brilliant job to organize the discos and help to raise much needed funds to enhance the work of the school.

### **Community Concert**

All grandparents have been invited to the Community Concert on Wednesday. Please remember to return the slips so we know how many mince pies to get ready! HotHouse will be performing some Christmas music and we all look forward to singing some festive tunes. Grandparents play a crucial role in supporting our children and it is our way of recognising how important they are saying thank you for all you do!

### **Good Night Mr Tom**

To link with the topic of World War II, Y6 Children will be watching 'Good Night Mr Tom' soon. As this is a PG rated film, we wanted to make parents aware and if you have any queries/concerns please put a note in your child's home/school diary by Tuesday 18 December – Thank you.

### **Rocking Around the Christmas Tree**



On Thursday 13 December, a group of Year 3 children attended Derby SSP's 'Rocking Around the Christmas

Tree' Festive Festival at Derby Tennis Centre. The children did an amazing job of following a choreographed dance with a theme of being a toy from a toy shop with a street-dance twist! After this the children were encouraged to perform their own group dances to other children. With very little time, the children chose to retell the story of Christmas Eve with a selection of reindeer, elves and even Santa himself! To top the day off, the children all received a hat for all the hard work they put in.