



Chellaston Junior School

Weekly Bulletin

Friday, 21 December 2018

The Week Ahead

Mon 7 Jan	First day back! Y5 Theme Day
Thurs 10 Jan	West End in Schools (am) Young Voices (pm)

Last day of term – Friday 21 December. Don't forget to wear something Christmassy. A 50p donation to charity. Thank you!

School Council Visit

The children from the school council visited Chestnut View Rest Home on Wednesday morning. The children had made special cards for the residents and we sang some Christmas songs. It is very powerful to see the young and the old make connections and meet together. Thank you to Mrs Collins for organising the trip and the School Council for being a real credit to the school. They are, indeed, great ambassadors for CJS.

Community Concert

We welcomed a large number of grandparents and neighbours to our Community Concert on Wednesday afternoon in the school hall. Hot House staff and students treated us to some wonderful Christmas music and some Y4 children helped us out with the singing of some festive tunes. The concert was a fitting way to finish the term and say thank you to our grandparents who help and support our children in a very special way.

Help us be a good neighbour

We often send out reminders about parking considerately around the school. This is an ongoing issue. We had a particularly upset lady contact us this week who was really

unhappy that some children, who were in the company of parents, pushed over her wheely bin on Lockington Close. This is disappointing to hear. Please be considerate of all of the people that live around the school and treat them as you would like to be treated! Thank you for your consideration and support.

Y5 Theme Day

As parents are aware, we have re-vamped our curriculum this year and implemented some new planning with a focus on inspiring children through quality texts. The children in Y5 have loved the work on Harry Potter this term and enjoyed a creative and magical theme day.

Dinner Money

As you know, the catering team here at CJS do a great job, providing pupils and staff alike with nutritious and tasty meals. Can I ask parents to review dinner money accounts over the holiday and clear any debts from this term. Thank you

Pencil Cases

Just a reminder that we expect pupils to have pencil cases in school with essential items. As this term draws to a close, it is worth ensuring that your child's pencil case is replenished for the New Year. Whiteboard pens and glue sticks are definitely things which could go on a last-minute wish list for Santa as these tend to run out.

Star Totals winners

This half term's winners are:

- Y3 – Ashbourne
- Y4 – Duffield
- Y5 – Dovedale
- Y6 – Ticknall

There will be a non-uniform day for these classes on **Thursday 17 January 2019**. We'll also send you a text reminder closer to the time.

Next terms clubs

We have some exciting new clubs for next term, including a new Dance Club, the Hot House Ukelele Club, a new Sing Stars Choir for Y3 and 4 and a new STEM Club – which is part of a national competition to build a foamboard glider!

The timetable is available [here](#) – please make a note of start and end dates of clubs.

Clubs are now available to book on ParentPay on a first come first served basis. Following parent feedback, we are booking these clubs for the whole of the next term – so the prices that you see reflect that.

Autumn Term Highlights

Each term at CJS is very busy and the Autumn Term 2018 has been no exception. There have been many highlights this term including:

Fundraising continues to be a big part of the life of CJS, including a successful Macmillan Coffee morning (£329), Poppy Appeal (£371), Children in Need (£650), and PTFA Christmas Fair (£2492). Thank you to all staff, pupils and parents for your support. CJS is definitely a community that shows it cares for others both locally and further afield.

The cast of **Mary Poppins** performed at the DTSA Leadership Conference on Thursday 22 November at Eastwood Hall. This was an amazing occasions and one of the very proudest moments of my time at CJS. The quality of the performance was amazing, particularly when you consider that the real date is not until April 2019.

CJS have worked very closely with the local police to deliver **Knife Crime**

Presentations to all Y5 and Y6 pupils.

This a very serious message, but one that is very relevant to cities throughout the UK today.

Y4 Music lessons are now delivered by our colleagues from Hot House. The lessons are now called "Hot Shots Band".

This is working very well and the quality of the teaching is excellent. Hot House are inspirational musicians, excellent teachers and lovely people who greatly enhance the work of our school.

Y4 led the **Harvest** assembly brilliantly and all the produce was donated to the Padley Centre, a very worthy local charity.

Y3 performed "**Jesus' Christmas Party**" on Tuesday 11 December for the school and parents. The performance was very well received and showed just how far the Y3 pupils have progressed since joining us in September.

Sport remains very high profile under the leadership of Miss McGinty and Mr Gadsby. In addition to the regular school matches in Football, Tag Rugby and Netball, we have participated in a great number of sporting events and festivals such as: Futsal (2nd), Y5/6 Gymnastics (2nd), Cylco-Cross, Football Festival (2nd), Basketball (1st), Futsal (Girls 2nd, Boys 2nd), Cross-Country (Boys 2nd, Girls 1st), Volleyball, Handball, Footgolf (2nd). A very busy and successful term all round! Thanks to all the staff who work so hard to encourage all our pupils to enjoy sport and keep fit and healthy.

To find out more about sport please look at our Autumn Term 2018 [School Sport Report](#)

First week back

Next half-term, the Y5 theme will be "**Don't forget your passport to Africa**". Y5 will start the new year with a Theme Day on Monday 7th January to gain some initial insight into what our theme will be about and hook our learners in to our new topic.

Don't forget, we have arranged some African Drumming sessions for all Y5 classes - further details here http://www.cjs.derby.sch.uk/serve_file/303414

Please remember to access your child's ParentPay account for this.

Young Voices – We have nearly 40 pupils rehearsing for the **Young Voices**

performance in Sheffield on 10 January 2019. They are joining many other schools for a huge concert during the evening. Staff and pupils are very excited about this prospect. Thanks to Mrs Price and Mrs Holmes for organising.

On Thursday 10 January we have **West End in Schools** theatre group in school to perform Dick Whittington. The performance involves actors from the real West End and is always a fantastic occasion. This event is kindly funded by our PTFA, so thank you for your continued support.

Online safety for children at Christmas

With a tech-filled Christmas on the horizon, we thought parents might need a little help in keeping their children safe when using their new digital devices...

Please watch and feel free to share this song across your social media platforms:

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/natonlinesafety/status/1070288625877872641>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NationalOnlineSafety/videos/1080494295458667/>

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qg8CtHpszi8&feature=youtu.be>

Maths Masterclasses for Parents

Letters will be going out on the first day back after the Christmas break to invite Y5 parents to a series of workshops. The sessions are to help parents support their child with their Maths work at home.

The Spirit of CJS

I would like to share with you a story that shows the real spirit of CJS. This week, a young lady from Y5 came to show me some good work, after being Pupil of the Week. She was accompanied by a young man. He was at pains to tell me how brilliant the girl was and why her work was so fantastic. It is great to see that we have a generosity of spirit that rejoices in the achievement of others. This shows a "More than just me" attitude which is at the heart of what CJS is all about.

Take Time

I often think that what the children really need at Christmas is not expensive presents from Santa, but precious time with family and loved ones. Children can teach us so much, if we give them the time. May I take this opportunity to wish all our families a peaceful, happy Christmas. We look forward to seeing all our pupils back at school on **Monday 7 January 2019**.