

Chellaston Junior School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday, 11 January 2019

The Week Ahead

Monday – Y5 African Drumming

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Thursday – Star Totals Winners – Non Uniform Day

Welcome Back

May I take this opportunity to wish all pupils, parents and families a happy new year. We encourage all children to have a “new beginning” at the start of a new year and be inspired to follow their dreams. We promote a Growth Mindset at CJS and we have a culture where all pupils can be brave and have a go. I found this new year message online from a blogger and I think it highlights how we can learn and grow by being brave enough to make mistakes:

“I hope that in this year to come, you make mistakes. If you are making mistakes, then you are making new things, trying new things, learning, living, pushing yourself, changing yourself, changing your world. You're doing things you've never done before, and more importantly, you're doing something. So that's my wish for you, and all of us, and my wish for myself. Make new mistakes. Make glorious, amazing mistakes. Make mistakes nobody's ever made before. Don't freeze, don't stop, don't worry that it isn't good enough, or it isn't perfect, whatever it is: art, or love, or work or family or life. Whatever it is you're scared of doing, do it. Make your mistakes, next year and forever.”

Billy Monger

In assembly this week, we reflected on the journey of a young racing driver, Billy Monger. He lost both legs when he was 17, but was so determined to race again that he

had 2 prosthetic limbs fitted and campaigned for disabled drivers to be allowed to drive solo. He won the Helen Rollason award at the BBC Sport Personality of the Year in December 2018. Why not have a look at his story online? I feel his example can inspire us all to go for our dreams and overcome any barriers.

Safety at the end of the day

Thank you to all parents for returning the consent forms. The consent to allow children to leave the school premises independently is only relevant for pupils in Y5 and 6. Therefore, it is expected that ALL children in Y3 and 4 are collected by the appropriate adult (or sibling of senior school age) on the playground. All parents are asked to come right on to the playground, not wait for children outside the school gates, along Flatts Path or at the bus stop. At the end of after school clubs, we ask that all children are collected by an adult (or sibling of senior school age) as we will not allow them to walk home on their own. Thank you to all parents for your co-operation to keep our children safe.

Lost Property – The school accumulates a great deal of lost property. We have put this out for all children to check and will also put it out at the end of the school day on Monday for parents to check. After this, we will then take all lost property to a Charity shop or to be recycled.

Adult Education Classes at Chellaston Academy

Our colleagues at Chellaston Academy are running a number of Adult Education courses which may be of interest to CJS parents.

All courses start on Wednesday 16th January 2019 and will run to Wednesday 27th March

2019 for 10 weeks (breaking for February half term).

Courses include:

- Asian Cookery (6.30pm to 8.30pm) £97.50 for 10 weeks
- French (7pm to 8pm) £75.00 for 10 weeks
- Sewing for all abilities (6.00pm to 7.30pm) £75.00 for 10 weeks
- Painting in Watercolour (7pm to 9pm) £97.50 for 10 weeks
- Yoga (Beginners 6pm and Improvers 7.30pm) £62.50 for 10 weeks

For more information and to book courses go to: http://www.chellaston.derby.sch.uk/adult_education.html

Y5 African Drumming

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

Y4 Parent Lunches

Y4 Parents are invited to join us for a school lunch on either 23rd January, 30th January or 6th February. Please log on to ParentPay to book your place. More information [here](#)

Young Voices 2019

On Thursday 10 January, 34 children from CJS joined over 4,500 school children at Sheffield Arena for the Young Voices 2019 concert. There are 23 of these concerts across the country, in Sheffield, Birmingham and London. It is the largest choir of young people in the world.

I had the pleasure of joining the CJS group for the evening. The event was very professionally organised and the musical direction was of a very high quality. The children were inspired by artists from X Factor, Basement Jaxx and even Tony Hadley from Spandau Ballet! (Some staff were keen to have a photo with Tony, but I am not old enough to remember him!)

Urban Strides provided the dance moves which kept us all on our feet and dancing to the music. Many of our parents were able to attend and made the long journey up to Sheffield to support the children. (I think some of them may have done some mum-dancing and even dad-dancing during the show!)

All the children seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening; they sang and behaved beautifully and were a real credit to the school and their families.

I would like to thank Mrs Price and Mrs Holmes for rehearsing with the children over many weeks and organising the trip. Thank you also to Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Limbert who helped to supervise on the day. Thank you to all parents for your support to allow the children to take part; this is very much appreciated and we couldn't do it without you. It was a late finish in Sheffield, but it was definitely worth it! I am sure the children will remember this night for many years to come. – Mr Emery

Spring Term Clubs

We have a number of new clubs on offer this term, including Mrs Potterton's Sing Stars club for Y3 and Y4 and Mrs Price's STEM club for Y4/5/6. Please ask your children to contact those teachers directly or email the office if your child is interested in joining those clubs – more details on all clubs can be found [here](#) and there are still places available in some of the clubs.

New Curriculum for Spring Term

The Curriculum Mapping for our current theme "Don't forget your passport to..." can now be found on our [website](#).

This is always an exciting theme, thoroughly enjoyed by our learners. We have made some adjustments to this theme as we continue to improve our English texts to provide more challenge, motivation and interest for all.

Y3 are travelling to Greece, exploring the Ancient Civilisation there and finding out

"Who let the Gods out". Year 4 are South America bound - learning about the Mayan Civilisation and reading "The Wonder Garden". Africa is the destination for Y5 as they enjoy their "Journey to Jo'burg". We hope Y6 wrap up warm as they follow "Shackleton's Journey" to Antarctica.

Star Totals winners – Non uniform day

Last 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.

Y6 Residential to Culmington Manor

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

Contact details

If you had a new phone for Christmas and have a new phone number, please contact the school office to update your contact details. It is important that we have the correct contact details for you so we could contact you in an emergency and also so we can keep you up to date with all the news about visits and clubs from school.

Parking

Unfortunately, once again we have had local residents upset by inconsiderate parking, either because dropped kerbs have been blocked or grass verges have been parked on. We had many cars parked in the bus lane this week! Please think about our neighbours and park considerately (and legally!) when you pick up and drop off your children. Thank you for your co-operation.

West End in Schools



Dick Whittington - Wowzers!

The whole school were thoroughly entertained this week by an amazing performance of Dick Whittington. Alex and Frankie (from West End in Schools) brought Tommy the Cat and this pantomime to the CJS school hall. They kept us entertained for an hour with their acting, singing and dancing. They portrayed all the various characters in the show, whilst changing costumes, scenery and music. Loving every minute of it, the audiences clapped, cheered, booed and sang their way through the production. We even had a voice-over at one point by Alexander Armstrong - of 'Pointless' fame! There was plenty of humour (some of which the staff particularly enjoyed!). Just watching the children's faces told us how much they enjoyed it.

At CJS we have a strong tradition of music and drama; we feel it is important that all learners experience live theatre during their time with us. We would like to say a big thank you to our hardworking PTFA for supporting this theatre visit for all of our pupils. It really is appreciated.