

# Chellaston Junior School

## Weekly Bulletin



**Friday, 4 October 2019**

Monday – Y3 Bug Club Coffee Morning  
Tuesday – Y4 Bug Club Coffee Morning  
Wednesday – Y5 Bug Club Coffee Morning  
Thursday – Y6 Bug Club Coffee Morning  
(All Coffee Mornings are 9 – 9.30am)  
Thursday – Aladdin Auditions

### Staffing Update

A big congratulations to Mrs Atwal, who has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher at a school in Derbyshire from January 2020. Mrs Atwal has been at CJS for almost 6 years, leading mathematics throughout the school. She is an inspirational teacher and leader who will be missed dearly by all at CJS. We wish her all the best in her very well-deserved promotion.

We would like to reassure parents that we are looking to appoint a replacement teacher for Duffield Class later this half term. We will let you know when we have more news.

At the end of this half-term, Mrs Butler will be leaving her position as a Teaching Assistant. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication to the children she has supported over the years. However, we are pleased to have Mrs Butler joining our Midday Supervisor team when we return after half-term.

A big thank you to Mrs Kinsey and Mrs Steel who have been fantastic members of our Midday Supervisor team. Both of them are stepping down from their roles this half-term, but will remain part of our Teaching Assistant team. We have recruited some new Midday Supervisors who we will tell you about soon.

### Headteacher Interviews

Senior staff from across PEAK Multi-Academy Trust have shortlisted candidates who would like to be considered as the next Headteacher at CJS. The recruitment process will take place on Wednesday 9 and Thursday 10 October. We look forward to meeting our special visitors and wish them the very best of luck!

### Teaching Assistant Vacancy

We are advertising for a part-time, fixed-contract Teaching Assistant. If you are interested in this role or know anyone who is, please see further information on our [website](#).

### Flu Immunisations

The NHS Flu Team will be in school on Wednesday 16 October. All children are eligible for a free flu immunisation, but parents must complete an online NHS consent form. Please see all the details [here](#) on our website.

### Attendance Policy

We remind parents that if your child is ill and unable to attend school, we ask that, in line with our [attendance policy](#), you notify school as soon as possible with a reason for the absence. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Sending your children home with other parents

We take the safeguarding of children at CJS very seriously. This is why we ask that you let your child's class teacher or the office know if your child is being collected by somebody else, be it on a regular basis or as a one off. Teachers will make enquiries unless they have had prior notification of a change of person. This is in the interests of the children's safety. Thank you for your co-operation.

## #HelloYellow

We will be saying #HelloYellow and supporting children and young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day on Thursday 10 October. This will be a non-uniform day, wear something yellow if you can. A donation of £1 for [Young Minds](#) would be greatly appreciated. Our local branch of Tesco is kindly donating a banana for each child on this day. If your child is allergic to banana, please let the school know as soon as possible.

## Aladdin rehearsals and auditions

We apologise for any confusion this week over rehearsals. Aladdin rehearsals are now taking place every Thursday in the hall at 8am. We will be holding auditions for the main characters on Thursday 10 October. We look forward to finding our very own Genie, Princess Jasmine and of course, Aladdin!

## Y3 SEND Coffee Morning

Mrs Holmes and Mrs Deane-Robson will be holding a Coffee morning for the parents of children in Y3 who have recognised Special Educational Needs on Friday 18 October at 9.15 in the school hall. This is an informal event for parents to find out what support we can offer the children at CJS. Invitations will be sent out soon. If you are unsure if your child has any recognised Special Needs or would like to speak to us, please call the office and we will arrange to speak with you.

## Harvest Performance and Donations of Food

We have invited Y4 parents to our Harvest Performance of *Someone Put a Sunflower in My Supper*. There will be two performances for parents on Tuesday 15 October at 10.45am and 2.30pm. We are inviting all children in school to bring in donations of canned and dried food which we will give to the Padley Centre in Derby. Please bring your produce into the hall on the day.

## Y6 SATs Information Evening

For those Y6 parents who were unable to attend on Thursday evening, the slides from the presentation can be found [here](#).

## Postcards of Kindness



Over the last few weeks, some of our year sixes have been involved in a scheme called 'Postcards of Kindness'. This has

been organised in a group on Facebook and you may have heard of it already. The scheme involves writing postcards to care homes to combat loneliness and isolation across the country, and remind the residents that there's always somebody thinking of them - regardless of where in the world the postcards have come from.

We talked about loneliness, what it was and how it can affect people. The children were very keen to get involved so we designed and wrote our own cards and sent them out to 9 different homes across the UK who are in the scheme. I am delighted to announce that we have had replies from some of the homes already! We've received letters, cards, postcards and drawings from residents. We've been told what an impact our cards have had: sparking memories, encouraging conversation and influencing arts and crafts activities.

We will be carrying on with this scheme and will write more postcards soon. It's so heart-warming to know we have put a smile on someone's face. The picture is just some of the postcards we have received this week.

## Reading

A reminder to all parents that we ask you to read with your children at least 4 times a week and note it in the Reading Record in Home School Diaries. Thank you for your support.

## Isabelle's Macmillan Coffee Afternoon



Isabelle from Edale had a full week of baking last week after school and held her first MacMillan coffee afternoon on Saturday 28 September. She has raised over £170. She had a fantastic afternoon with over 30 guests enjoying a variety of cakes, bakes and scones with tea and coffee. Isabelle's Dad wrote in to tell us how proud is of her and we are too – well done Isabelle, what a fantastic achievement!

CJS' own Macmillan Coffee Morning raised £270.33 – thank you to everyone who baked and bought!

## Girls Football



On Thursday 3rd October, 14 girls from Y5 and Y6 were at Moorways to take part in DCCT's Girls Football Competition. Our Y5 team showed lots of enthusiasm, encouragement and determination against many Y6 teams playing in some very close matches including a hard-fought draw

against a strong Silverhill team and narrowly losing out to Homefields in their mini-league. Our Y6 managed to qualify for the semi-finals which meant we had a local derby against Homefields (again!) Fortunately, our Y6 team were able to avenge their younger team members and beat Homefields on penalties to make it through to the finals! We faced a very strong Portway team who we had already lost 3-0 to in the league. Our girls learnt a lot from the previous match against them and the final was extremely tight with both teams coming close to breaking the deadlock. Unfortunately after extra-time it went to penalties and we were knocked out, however, we are extremely proud of how both teams represented the school and their sportsmanship! We were also rewarded with free child season tickets to watch Derby County Ladies at Mickleover Sports Club - thank you to them for this kind gesture!

## Cricket

On Wednesday 1 October, 6 children from Y5 and 6 took part in a Street Cricket tournament at Willows. All the children played well and improved with their bowling and batting skills as the afternoon went on. CJS finished in 5<sup>th</sup> position out of 6 teams. All the children showed good sportsmanship and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Well done to all!

## What is Autism?

There is a free course for parents/carers, designed to provide information to help you and your child understand and live with Autism.

Date: Wednesday 13 November 2019

Time: 9:30am – 12pm

Location: Mackworth Children Centre, Reigate Drive, Derby, DE22 4EQ (There is limited parking on site). Aimed at parents/carers with a child under 8 years old who has been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder since January 2019. To book onto the course please ring Steps Admin on 01332 641400. Please note – childcare is not provided.