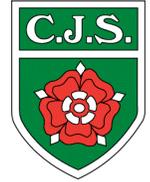


Chellaston Junior School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday, 18 October 2019

Tuesday – Y3 and Y4 Parents' meetings

Thursday – last day of half term

School is closed to pupils on Friday 25 October.

A new Headteacher for CJS

We can now let you know that the new Headteacher for CJS will be Mr Alex Smythe. We look forward to seeing more of Mr Smythe in the coming months. He will be working very closely with Miss Fogg and the staff to ensure a smooth transition for January 2020. You can find an official welcome and more information about Mr Smythe from the CEO of PEAK MAT, Mr Gaiderman, [here](#).

Year 5 - Speak out. Stay safe.

On Wednesday 6 November, Y5 will be participating in a special assembly and workshops delivered by the NSPCC. This will help the school to put across a very important message to children in a child-friendly way. Please click [here](#) to read more about what **Speak out. Stay safe.** is all about.

Parents' meetings

A reminder that Y3 and Y4 parents' meetings take place on Tuesday 22 October. There are still a few places available in each class at the moment. Booking will close at 9am on Monday. We ask that parents arrive promptly for their appointment so that the day runs to time. Y5 and Y6 parents' meetings will take place on Tuesday 19 November and will be open for bookings on Friday 8 November.

School Photographs – date for the diary

Please note that sibling and individual photographs will take place on the first day back after half term – **Monday 4**

November. If you have a younger sibling who is not at the school and you would like photos taken with them, we ask that you arrive at school at 8am. For children who have siblings in school, children will have both individual photographs and sibling photographs.

Y6 Mount Cook Residential – second payment reminder

Can all Y6 Parents who have paid the deposit for the Mount Cook Residential please ensure they make the second payment by 31 October. This will enable us to pay Mount Cook the next instalment. Many thanks.

Want to buy your child some books for a Christmas?

Our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <http://schools.scholastic.co.uk/chellaston-gm> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 25p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by November 28, 2019.**

Spellings in Y3 and Y4

From half term, your child's spellings in Y3 and Y4 will look different. Because we want to explicitly teach spelling patterns, and make a smoother change from phonetic spellings in the infants, the children will be taught spelling patterns as part of whole class teaching. This means that most of the children in the class will have the same spellings to learn, with plenty of opportunities to practise in class and using an online spelling tool. The school focus will

be moving to retaining these spellings and applying them in their written work. Children can also supplement these spellings by learning the Y3/4 words, including meanings, which can be found in the back of the home school diary. This reflects our school policy about all children in Y3 and Y4 being Y3 or Y4 learners. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sports Kit

As a school we are proud of how many pupils are given the opportunity to take part in events, festivals and competitions. Many of our children wear kit and due to the timings of events, are asked to take the kit home to wash. Please can we ask that any kit that may be stuck at the back of cupboards, at the bottom of wash basket or left in the dryer, are returned as soon possible. This allows all children attending events to have a sense of pride when representing the school and builds a sense of team spirit. Thank you to those parents/carers who have washed kit and returned it promptly!

Y4 Harvest Performances

We're sure that those parents and friends who came to see "There's a sunflower in my supper" were moo-ved by the performances! A big thank you to Mrs Stephenson and the Y4 Team who worked tirelessly to ensure we had a great Harvest celebration.

Harvest donations

Thank you to all the parents and children who so generously donated food to the Padley Centre. The gentlemen that collected the food were bowled over by your generosity and asked us to pass on their sincere thanks.

Dogs on the school grounds

We would like to remind parents that dogs (with the exception of working dogs) are not permitted on the school grounds. This includes the drive area of the old Children's Centre. We also ask that dogs are not tied to the inside of the green school fencing. This is to ensure the safety of everyone entering and leaving the school grounds.

Wear it Pink/Blue

Thank you to everyone who supported this non-uniform event today. We have raised £420 which will be split between Breast Cancer Awareness and Balls to Cancer.

Sitting Volleyball

On Tuesday 15th October, 2 teams from CJS attended Willows Sports Centre for DCCT's Sitting Volleyball Festival. Both the teams (one in the morning and one in the afternoon) had an amazing time and took part in a variety of activities to test their reflexes, invasion games strategies and teamwork. The 14 children who represented the school showed fantastic sportsmanship and kindness when competing against other schools. It was wonderful to see our team be inclusive when playing less able bodied teams and when competing against younger opposition - they were a credit to CJS! Thank you and well done!

Table Tennis Competition

After half term we have the opportunity to compete against other schools from across Derby at DCCT's Table Tennis Competition. Unfortunately, we only have 4 places - 2 boys and 2 girls. If your child plays table tennis regularly (or showed promise by the pool while on holiday!), please inform Mr Gadsby via your child's Home School Diary.

Aldi's Kit for School Vouchers/Stickers

Thank You to all the support you have shown with sending your child into school with the Aldi stickers. We are pleased to say we have filled one poster with stickers but hope we can fill another by the deadline of 6th November. If you have any stickers at home, please bring them in as soon as you can!

Y3/4 Multi Sports Festival

On Thursday 10 October 2019 nine children from Y4 came along to take part in the multi sports festival. They all had a go at dodgeball and basketball. They were also taught lots of different basketball skills by the trailblazer coaches. Some children were very reluctant to come along and join in but as soon as they had a go they got stuck in

and thoroughly enjoyed it. There were lots of smiles on all their faces all afternoon. At one point during dodgeball poor Layla was left on her own against a full team of children but she didn't allow that to stop her! She kept attacking, sprinting and throwing the balls, eventually beating them single handedly. I want to award 2 children a special SPORT award from this event. These two children were absolute superstars. They were constantly encouraging others, particularly children who were a bit unsure about the afternoon. They celebrated other children's successes and always thought of others before themselves. Well done Grace and Ashlyn. Well done all children - Miss McGinty.

Learning Festival



On Thursday 17 October, eleven children from Y5 and Y6 went to Willows Sports Centre to participate in a Learning Festival. They had a great afternoon taking part in different activities to support the learning of reading, maths and science through sport. The activities included a fiction and non-fiction relay, match day maths questions and a pulse-monitoring science experiment. During the afternoon, very much to the children's delight, they were joined by two special guests. Derby County players, Max Lowe and Florian Jozefzoon, worked alongside the children in their activities and awarded them with certificates at the end of the afternoon. All the children involved thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon and participated well!

Cross Country 2019

Over the past few weeks before half term, the CJS Cross Country team, consisting of boys and girls from Y5 and Y6 took part in the Derbyshire Schools Cross Country individual event, team event and relays. We had three very successful outings to Moorways Stadium where the children ran some very competitive races over a very tough course which was over a mile in length! The children produced some excellent team and individual results. In the first week, the individual race, we had 5 boys in the top 20! Overall in the team event, the girls' A team came 2nd overall and the boys' A team were winners. This is an excellent achievement considering there were around 100 children in each race and 15 schools taking part. There were some stand out performances from Phoebe with a 3rd and 8th place. Also, Robbie 2nd and 5th and Connor two 6th places. The Chellaston gang showed a fantastic team attitude and were always on hand to support and encourage each other along the route which was great to see!

The Cross-Country relays again provided a tough challenge, especially the waiting around for our races to start! Overall the boys' B team came 8th, and the A team an amazing first place! The girls' B team finished 5th and the A team a brilliant third place. There were 14 teams competing so great results all round!

As always, I would like to thank all of the children for their excellent attitude and commitment and the brilliant team spirit they showed. A big thank you goes to the parents who have encouraged and supported the children throughout the series. Also, a big thank you to Mr Gadsby and Miss McGinty who looked after the team for me on two occasions. - Mrs Holmes