

Chellaston Junior School

Weekly Bulletin



Friday, 6 December 2019

Tuesday – Y3 Christmas Performances
Thursday – Polling Day, Christmas Lunch and Christmas Discos

Important Dates for Next Term

We have updated the important dates for next term. You can see them [here](#)

Christmas Fair

A big thank you to everyone who came to support our Christmas Fair on Saturday. A special thank you to our PTFA for organising things, to staff, parents and children who ran stalls and to Wil Pearson of Hot House Music for providing fabulous entertainment. We will let you know how much we have raised when the PTFA have finished counting the proceeds. We still have a few raffle prizes awaiting collection from the office too.

Y3 Christmas Performance

The Y3 Christmas Performance will take place on 10 December at 10.45am and 2.30pm. Parents of Y3 are invited to attend. Please note that due to the large number of children in the play, we are only able to allow 2 places at one of the performances, per Y3 child. All the details are [here](#).

Christmas table decorations

Every year CJS pupils make an array of fantastic table decorations for our Christmas dinner. We ask that pupils who wish to make decorations bring them in to school on the morning of Thursday 12 December. Thank you.

Christmas Discos – Thursday 12 December

PTFA Christmas Discos will be on Thursday 12 December. As usual there will be 3 discos, 4.30 – 5.30, 5.45 – 6.45 and 7 to 8. We ask that Y3 do not attend the later disco.

Please ensure that you select tickets for the correct disco. They are now available to buy on ParentPay. If any parents can help out at the discos can you please let the office know. Thank you.

Polling day/Zone Arrangements

On Thursday 12 December, The Hub, (formerly the Children's Centre) will be used as a polling station. At the beginning and end of the day, we ask that children enter the playground via the large gate on Maple Drive – the one nearest the classrooms.

The Zone will run in Hope and Edale classrooms both before and after school. Parents should access through the small gate on the side of the playground on Maple Drive. Thank you for your understanding.

Staffing Update

Mrs Lewis in the school office is leaving us at the end of term to take up a new role at the Department for Education. We would like to thank Mrs Lewis for all of her work and commitment both as Office Manager and Clerk to Governors during her time at CJS and wish her well in her new role.

We are taking this opportunity to restructure staffing in the office until the end of the school year, with Mrs Davis and Miss Bacon doing more hours during the week.

A familiar face, Mrs Clarke, who is our Deputy Senior Midday Supervisor, will be joining the office team in the mornings and Mrs Daintith will continue to work in the afternoons.

Wanted: Clerk to Governors

CJS is looking for a new Clerk to Governors to work alongside the Local Governing

Board. For more details and to apply click [here](#).

Gate Opening

We would like to extend our apologies that the gates have not been open on time on a few occasions recently. Unfortunately, we have had several members of staff off school and this has had a knock on effect on some mornings. We hope we now have a solution to this problem and thank you for your patience.

Attendance Policy

We appreciate that there are bugs and viruses going around this time of year, but please do not forget to contact school as soon as possible if your child is poorly and unable to attend school. We take Safeguarding very seriously at CJS, so it is important that we know where your child is if they are not in school. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you on behalf of The Royal British Legion. They have informed us this week that CJS raised £472.39 for the Poppy Appeal. Thank you to pupils and staff for your generosity.

Miss Fogg

As you know, Miss Fogg will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Fogg is very keen to pass on the message that whilst she realises that some of the children would like to give presents, she would much rather that a donation was made to this crowdfunding page. Miss Fogg would like to raise money so that she can leave a legacy behind for all the learners of CJS. You can read Miss Fogg's story [here](#).

Y6 VE Party – Tuesday 17 December

Y6 will conclude their learning on World War II this term with a VE party on the afternoon of 17 December. Children are invited to bring clothes in on the day so they can dress up in World War II inspired outfits.

Christmas Community Concert – Wednesday 18 December

We would like to invite Grandparents of any children who would like to attend our Christmas Community Concert. Please find more information [here](#).

The last day of term

A reminder to parents that we break up on Thursday 19 December. We are asking children and staff to wear something Christmassy - no need to buy anything new. A Christmas hat or festive jumper is fine. A £1 donation to our charity, Young Minds, would be much appreciated.

Girls' Football Festival



On Tuesday 3 December, 10 girls from Y3 and Y4 were at Willows Sports Centre to take part in the SSP Girls Football

Festival. This was the first experience of competitive football for many of them, however they showed lots of enthusiasm, encouragement and determination against some strong teams. Although we conceded the first two games and the third was a no-score draw, we came back with a magnificent 5-0 win in our final game. The co-operation, team work and sportsmanship were second to none. Well played girls!

Mixed Mini Soccer County Finals



After qualifying for the County Finals back in September, our Mixed Y6 team finally got the chance to

play against the best of the other schools from across Derbyshire at Brookfield Community School (Chesterfield) on Tuesday. Despite strong competition, we managed to top our mini-league with 3 wins and a draw, only conceding one goal! Unfortunately, we met a strong Roe Farm team in the semi-finals and narrowly missed out on the finals, losing 2-1. While many of our team were disappointed, they acted like top sportsmen and women when the referee's decision didn't go our way and they were graceful in defeat. Although the competition was called 'Mixed Mini Soccer', many schools chose not to include any girls in their squad, so we are extremely proud to boast that we were the only school to take not one but two girls with us (both holding their own against some talented players!) A huge congratulations to the team who can now say they are the third best school team in Derbyshire! We look forward to more achievements at future footballing events - the Community Engagement Cup next week and the EFL U11 Kids Cup in January!