



Next Week

Mon 17th – Fri 21st February

Half Term – Have a good break!

Looking Ahead

Mon 24th February

INSET Day – School closed to pupils

Tue 25th February

10.00-12.00 – Y3/4 Multisports @ Derby Arena

13.00-15.00 – Y5/6 Multisports @ Derby Arena

Wed 26th February

13.00 – 15.00 - Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics

After School Clubs

Gymnastics, Hot House, Archery and Ukulele Clubs all continue after half term, no payment required as these were set up for the whole term.

If your child wants to do Soccerstars after half term on a Tuesday night, please click [here](#) to link direct to their booking page.

If your child wishes to be creative with clay, Clay Creators runs on Wednesdays after school. The link to book into this club is [here](#).

Eco Warriors

The newly formed ECO Warrior group has had a very busy half term collecting all sorts of things for recycling.



We are collecting empty crisp packets, plastic bottle tops/lids (washed please) and pens, felt tips and marker pens that have run out or dried up. There are collection points in and around

school so please get collecting and bring these items into school for us to recycle.

We are hoping to do some art work with the plastics tops to raise awareness of the plight of the oceans and the damage that is being caused by plastics.

Weather permitting we are hoping to complete the R.S.P.B. Big Schools' Birdwatch. The results of this will be published in a future bulletin.



It is early days for the group but we are determined to make progress and encourage wildlife. With some small changes we hope to make a difference.

Please support us where and when you can and watch out for updates in future editions of the bulletin.

Thank you
The Eco Warriors

Year 5 Drumming Workshops – outstanding payments

The Drumming workshops earlier this year were a huge success and the children really enjoyed their sessions. Unfortunately there are quite a few parents who have not paid the £2.50 (£1.25 for PP pupils). The school is therefore having to pay for this from school funds which means that there is less money available to pay for other things the school provides. We would be grateful if people could please log onto their ParentPay accounts and make a payment if they haven't already done so. Thanks for your co-operation.

Respecting Everyone's Rights – a message from Mr Smythe

On the whole, the children at our school are caring towards each other and they try to treat everyone with respect. However, in the last few weeks, I have been concerned about the number of incidents which our Year Group Leaders are having to deal with involving children using homophobic language and phrases which could be deemed to be racist. We are well aware that, the majority of the time, **children will say things and maybe not know how much they can hurt the feelings of others.** Nonetheless, I have decided that, whatever the intent, we will be taking a firm approach to any racist or homophobic language from children. **The following are not acceptable at CJS:**

- **The use of the word 'gay';** yes, in the 1920s, people would have used this word to refer to somebody being 'happy' but, let's not kid ourselves, it is now only ever used in a homophobic sense and cannot be tolerated, whether or not children claim to not know it's unacceptable.
- **Derogatory language and phrases which refer to the colour of people's skin, to their culture or to their appearance.** This can refer to racist comments but, equally, could be making reference to pupils' size or other characteristics.

If we, after investigation and after following the school's current behaviour policy, deem that a child has used racist, homophobic or derogatory language, the consequence will be a red card or red star (during lunchtimes). This means that the perpetrator will miss one playtime in the 'Indoor Room' and will be placed on orange or red report for two weeks (meaning their behaviour will be monitored more closely for this period of time).

We recognise that this is a very sensitive subject but our responsibility to protect everybody's right to be treated kindly, especially when it comes to their religion, ethnicity and other characteristics, overrides everything else as we

attempt to prepare our children for life in Britain and beyond. If your child uses inappropriate language at school and we impose a consequence, please support us by reiterating to your child that this cannot be tolerated. We hope you'll help your child to understand by sharing our view that the 'intent' of what is said isn't necessarily as important as the 'impact' on the victim. For clarity, this does not mean that every unkind thing one child says to another will be deemed racist, homophobic or derogatory. We will always investigate thoroughly.

For your information, since I started in January, I have ensured that all updated school policies contain the following statement:

Equality Statement

At Chellaston Junior School, we actively seek to encourage equity and equality through our teaching. As such, we seek to advance the equality of opportunity between people who share any of the following characteristic:

- gender;
- ethnicity;
- disability;
- religion or belief;
- sexual orientation;
- gender reassignment;
- age;
- civil partnerships;
- pregnancy or maternity.

The use of stereotypes under any of the above headings will always be challenged.

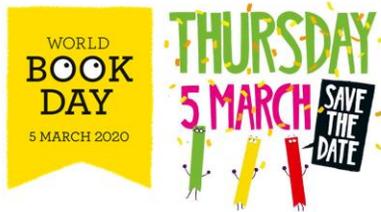
It is a shame we are ending the half term on this note because the children have been brilliant this term and have adapted extremely well to the changes and improvements we are implementing to teaching and learning. They deserve a great break...and they deserve to be free from abuse.

Dinner Money

We would really appreciate it if all parents could ensure dinner money accounts are up to date for the start of next half term.

World Book Day

World Book Day is coming to CJS on Thursday 5th March. This year, instead of dressing up, we would like the children to do something completely different. We would like you to dress a potato instead of yourselves.



A potato? I hear you cry? Yes a potato! We would like you to make your very own book character themed Potato Head. You can choose any book character and dress your potato (or potatoes if you use more than one) however you choose. Paint them, stick things on, make clothes for them, carve them - be creative and original. Just bring them in to school on Thursday 5th March.



Sports Hall Athletics Tuesday 11th February

On Tuesday a team of 19 Athletes from year 6 went to Derby Arena to compete in the Derby City Sports Hall Athletics competition. We competed against 11 other teams and 11 teams had competed earlier in the morning session.

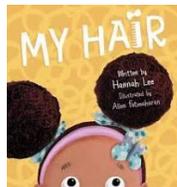
We ran some excellent races on the track and finished in 1st place in every heat apart from one in which we were 2nd. We had some great field events too. The children supported each other really well and gave each other lots of encouragement throughout all of the events. Their behaviour was excellent.

We came joint 5th overall out of 22 schools across both sessions with a total of 380 points, which is a great result. Unfortunately, not quite enough to qualify for the county finals this time! A big thank you to Miss McGinty for helping us with transport and to Mrs Bourke for also helping with transport and being a great assistant coach!

All of the children did CJS proud. Well done all!
Mrs Holmes

Fantastic news for Chellaston Infant and Junior Schools

Chellaston Infant and Chellaston Junior Schools are proud to have been selected as an award school for the forthcoming Derby Book Festival Book Awards. Over the next half term, children in Year 2 and Year 3 will be reading 4 books and choosing their favourite in a vote. The Year 2 children will be visiting the Junior school to work alongside the Year 3 children to discuss the books. The Year 3 teachers are very excited to be part of this ground-breaking project.



Parents of Year 3 children will be invited in to school on the following days and times to sit and read these books with their children and to let the children talk to you about which is their favourite book (more information to follow nearer the time):

Tissington - 3pm - 3.30pm pm on Monday 23rd March
Riber - 3pm - 3.30pm on Tuesday 24th March
Cromford - 3pm - 3.30pm on Wednesday 25th March
Ashbourne - 3pm - 3.30pm on Thursday 26th March



The children will all vote on their favourites and the results will arrive in a golden envelope from the book festival organisers on or around 1st May, when we will announce the winner to the children.

Thank you for your ongoing support in helping our children to learn that reading can be fun.

Ms Onion



CREATE AND SPEAK FOR CHILDREN

Intensive public speaking programme

A powerful public speaking course just for children – creating confident kids who can inspire!

What would your child be like if they had more confidence in themselves? What if they could speak powerfully in front of others? What if they could captivate an audience? Build children's self-confidence and overall self-esteem. This course is designed to create leaders of the future.

On the course we will help children to:

- Tell stories powerfully
- Show their real potential
- Teach how to use their voice and body language for impact
- Help build great rapport with others
- How to structure a talk and to use the stage or floor space

Only 100 spaces available!

AGE RANGES FOR THE DAY

This unique course is aimed at 7-16 year old children. We will have a number of fully qualified teachers assisting throughout the day and we will be arranging the group work and teaching according to the ages to ensure the most effective learning takes place. **Ticket price: £99.97 per child.**

Lunch and refreshments are included. Parents are welcome to attend (but they will need to buy their own lunch and not disturb the learning process).

Whether you just want your child to have more confidence or you want them to go on to speak in front of their peers (or even larger stages), the skills we teach them will start them on their journey.

Please note: Photography will be taking place for future advertising. Your child's photo might be included in this. 10 children will be chosen from this day to speak at our first ever Ignite Your Inner Potential conference in front of at least 150 people.

DATE

28th March 2020

10.00am - 4.30pm

<http://bit.ly/CreateandSpeakKids>

VENUE

Hallmark Hotel Derby Mickleover Court

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