



Looking Ahead

Monday 21st December – Friday 1st January

- Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January

- Term starts, children return to school

Parking



Please can parents/ carers think before they park?

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking is increasingly causing problems around our school, putting the safety of children and others at risk.

Cars parking inconsiderately, blocking driveways or on zigzag lines cause visibility issues for pedestrians of all ages who are crossing the road network to get to and from school. **Please do not park over our neighbours' driveways.**

Maple Drive often becomes blocked for a prolonged time due to this problem causing frustration for everyone and, more importantly, a dangerous environment for pedestrians.

If you do need to drive to school for medical or work related reasons – please park considerably in walking distance of the school. Walking is simple and free. It's one of the easiest ways to be more active and get healthier. A 5 minute walk with your child is a chance to chat about their upcoming day.

I know that the vast majority of parents always park appropriately and with consideration for others and probably find the regular communication about this bewildering and frustrating. Let's work together to make our roads a safer place.

Please help us to keep everyone safe.

Mr Smythe



...and please park considerably for our neighbours.

Packed Lunches and Snacks

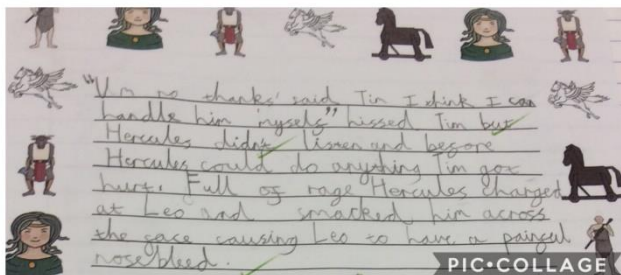
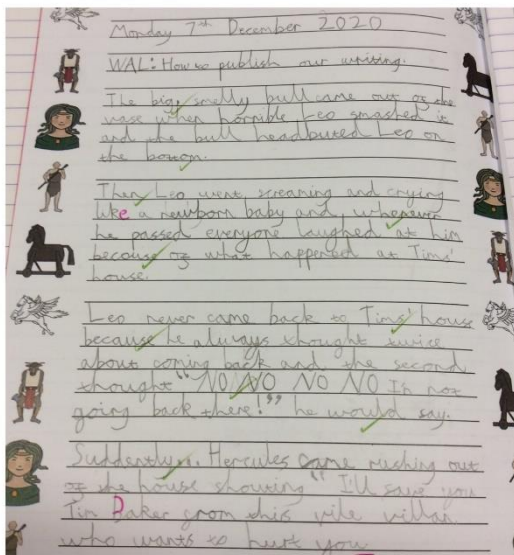
Please can we remind parents that if you are sending your child with packed lunches they need to be healthy. A sandwich or pasta pot together with some fruit, a yoghurt or piece of cheese. You can also include a small pack of crisps and/or a small chocolate biscuit. Please do not include whole packs of sweets/chocolates. No chocolate spread /peanut butter in sandwiches and no sweets/chocolates containing nuts as we are a nut-free school.

We would prefer that snacks for break-time are only fruit or vegetables. Please avoid sweets/biscuits or cereal bars. THANK YOU



Year 3 – Fantastic Writing!

Year 3 have written some narratives based on the book Here Comes Hercules. The children published their work and some of the best pieces have been sent to the author of the book, Stella Tarakson. She is going to publish the work on her blog and on her Twitter feed. We have also posted the work on her Twitter feed, if you would like to go and see it.



Stella replied to Year 3 by email and said, "Oh wonderful, thank you! Tell your students I think they're very talented :) I wish I could come for a visit - maybe one day! "

Well done Year 3! You are all amazing! Here is an example of great writing.

Message from Stella Tarakson:

I've put up my blog post! You can see it here: <https://stellatarakson.com/2020/12/11/the-talented-students-of-chellaston-junior-school/>

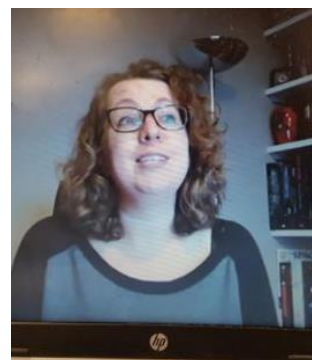
I even managed to create a slideshow of their stories :)

Thank you so much for sharing these with me, it's made my day!

All the best,
Stella

Year 5

Here is a picture of Castleton class after decorating the tree with their homemade baubles!



This is Libby Jackson - an author to whom Year 5 spoke over zoom last Friday. She was telling them about her new book 'Space Explorers: 25 extraordinary stories of space exploration and adventure'. She used to work for Nasa

and was part of mission control when Tim Peake went to the ISS. This was very cool and the kids loved it!



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Helping to Tackle Food Poverty - Cheap Easy Cooking Campaign

These are difficult times, and amongst the many problems affecting people, food poverty is sharply on the rise. According to the UN millions of people in the UK struggle to get enough food to eat.

One of our parents has let us know about a campaign being run by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Burton on Trent, including members of Derby, Burton and Stoke on Trent.

They have produced a booklet: <https://www.loveforallhatredforone.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/Cooking-Booklet-National-Final.pdf> and videos: <https://www.LoveForAllHatredForNone.org/cheap-easy-cooking/> to show people how to cook some delicious Indian curries for as little as 9p per serving.

They are also distributing some Curry Starter Packs to the local Food Banks which will include the basic ingredients so that people can easily and quickly get started.

Absences

Please can we ask that all messages regarding absence come to the office – either phone and leave a message on the absence answerphone or email admin@cjs.derby.sch.uk. This will ensure that the information is received promptly, teachers do not always have the time to check their Dojo messages until break or lunch time.

Thank you.

Tips for Parents over the Christmas Break (re: COVID)

Thank you for following all of the guidance regarding COVID 19. Cases in the school have very much slowed since half term and the sensible decisions made by parents have really helped this.

- Where a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- For the first 6 days after teaching ends (so that's up until Christmas Eve), if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, the Government have told schools that they should assist in identifying close contacts and advise parents and staff of the need to self-isolate accordingly, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.
- Please only contact Mr Smythe (so that everyone else can have a complete break after a very tiring term) if you have any COVID related issues to share over the Christmas break. He can be contacted, preferably, on **Class Dojo** or by email if necessary a.smythe@cjs.derby.sch.uk
- Where pupils are required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case after the first 6 days following the end of term (after Christmas Eve), the government have said that schools do not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term; however, it would be helpful and Mr Smythe is happy for you to contact him as soon as you know.



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Community Superstar!

Our very own Miss Busby received a DCFC goodie bag including a home shirt after she was nominated for being a community superstar! Derby County Community Trust wanted to recognise individuals who went above and beyond during the pandemic so sent the treats out to a select few.



Her efforts with our last group of Year 6s and her lessons on the Black Lives Matter movement were just a few things she was nominated for. Overall it was her positivity and enthusiasm that won her the award. The children (and staff) are very lucky to have her at CJS!

Well done Miss Busby!

Vacancies

We currently have 2 vacancies in the school:

- **Cleaner (3.30pm to 6pm Mon to Friday)** - see the advert and details here: (<http://www.cjs.derby.sch.uk/page/cleaner-vacancy/89084>)
- **Teaching Assistant (8.45am to 3.15pm - but we can be flexible with these times)** - see the advert and application on TES here: <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/teaching-assistant-derby-1386632>

