

CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

Issue 1—Friday 11 September 2020

THE BEST FOR ALL—THE BEST FROM ALL



Dear Parents/Carers

What a fabulous group of children you have! They really have been a credit to you this week: they have settled into school-life quickly, taken changes in their stride and demonstrated their joy at being back at school amongst their peers.

Having met your children for the first time on Monday, I am struck by the positivity and resilience they have shown. There is a buzz of activity about the school and our playgrounds are dominated by the sounds of laughter and fun.

Thank you for working with us to make this transition back to a fully open school so smooth. By keeping to our staggered timings and vacating the areas around the school premises promptly, you are helping to keep our community safe.

Many thanks,

SR Fuller

CORONAVIRUS GUIDANCE

- If anyone in your household has symptoms of coronavirus, the rest of the household **MUST** self-isolate for 14 days from the **FIRST** day the symptomatic person has symptoms.
- The symptomatic person must get a test.
- If it is your child who has any of the symptoms, they must not come to school.
- Tests can be booked online through the NHS website or by calling NHS 119.

CORONAVIRUS SYMPTOMS

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Please remember, if you have a query about your child's health, our school office can only advise you based on the information above. You know your child best.

ATTENDANCE

This week our whole school attendance is 97%. It is fantastic to have had so many of you back in school!

STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES

We have tweaked our arrangements throughout the week, such as bringing Years 5 and 6 immediately across to the far end of the playground upon opening the gates. We have done this to try to limit the congestion on pavements by the field gate and small car park. Please do not congregate in these areas as blocking pavements has meant that on occasions our children, pushchairs and mobility scooters have all had to move onto the road to get by. Please ensure that these pavements, particularly on Clarendon Road, are not being blocked. It is important that you drop off and collect promptly and that time spent at school gates is minimal to avoid blocking these areas and to help maintain social distancing.

We have a one-way system at the Portfield Road gate where Year 4 are entering and exiting school. However, when foot traffic is light, we are happy to be flexible and let you use your judgement regarding the route you take. Please just be courteous of others.

There is a one-way system in the main car park. Please do make use of this system to help avoid getting too close to others. Our caretaker will be monitoring this system but we really do rely upon you to follow these rules for the benefit of all.

Please remember to maintain social distancing guidelines while dropping off and picking up your children.

ASSEMBLIES

We are up and running with our assemblies and these will now take a blended format. I met each year group individually on Monday, with the children spaced out within our halls. These locations were then thoroughly cleaned between each year group bubble's assembly. As we move forwards, we will continue to hold assemblies with one year group, socially distanced in the hall, while streaming the assembly to each classroom.

On Monday, our assembly focused upon our school charter, which is displayed in every classroom. Please take the time to talk this through with your child.

We have a right to be individual but should take responsibility for our actions. This means we should:-

Help each other

Respect everything and everyone

Keep healthy and safe

Always do our best

Look smart and leave a good impression

RECEPTION

We would like to remind parents to try and avoid coming into reception where possible and either call us on 01202 485579 or email office@cjsdorset.org with any queries you may have. If you do need to come into reception, we ask that masks are worn and only one family are inside at a time. Many thanks.

YEAR 5 & 6 TRAVELLING TO / FROM SCHOOL

We are very happy for Year 5 and 6 children to travel to and from school without adult supervision, but ask that you let us know that your child has permission to do this. Please communicate this to us either through ClassDojo or via our school office so that we can update our records. We also ask that you remind your child about the need to continue social distancing while on these journeys.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS—THURSDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2020

Nicky Wood, our school photographer, will be in school on Thursday 17 September for individual school photographs. Our large numbers on roll mean that individual photographs only will be taken on this day (sorry, no siblings together). This will be done within year group bubbles and socially distanced. Every child in school will have a photo taken as they are required for the school database. We request that all children wear a school jumper/cardigan for their photograph. If your child has PE/Games on this day, please ensure they wear their school shirt and jumper to school, but also have their shorts/trainers on.

ABSENCE

Please communicate any absence to the school by either calling our office (01202 485579) or emailing (office@cjsdorset.org). Do not use any other avenues, such as ClassDojo, as these messages will not always be picked up in a timely manner.

READING DIARIES

We are delighted that our Reading Diaries have arrived! We are now considering our protocols for how these should be used and whether they will travel to and from school in the current climate. We will keep you updated on our decision. In the meantime, please encourage your child to be reading daily for at least 15 minutes.

HARRISON HOT MEALS

The new menus are now live on ParentPay however we will be offering hot school meals from w/c 21 September 2020. Please do not book any meals for this week or next (w/c 14 September 2020). Year 3 parents should have now received your username and password to access the booking system from your child's class teacher. The cut off date to be able to book for the w/c 21 September is end of day Friday 11 September (today!)

Please note that on w/c 28 September 2020, the meal choices on Thursday 1 October and Friday 2 October 2020 will be switched. This means that Thursday's choice will be Fish Fingers and/or Cauliflower Cheese (with Spring Onion) and Friday will be Mild Beef Chilli and/or Chickpea and Lentil Curry.

Just a reminder to parents that the cut off date is 9 days prior to the week you are wanting to book for. For example, Friday 11 September is the last day to be able to book for w/c 21 September and Friday 18 September is the last day to book for w/c 28 September.

GAMES AND PE LESSONS

Please ensure that your child only comes into school in their PE kit on the days that their class have PE/Games. The table will show you which days your child will need to be in their PE kit.

3GF	Tuesday	Friday
3DH	Wednesday	Thursday
3BB	Monday	Thursday
3SC	Tuesday	Friday
4AA	Tuesday	Wednesday
4SF	Thursday	Friday
4VD	Tuesday	Thursday
4CC	Tuesday	Thursday
5FL	Tuesday	Wednesday
5KL	Tuesday	Wednesday
5GW	Monday	Wednesday
5EY	Monday	Thursday
6JW	Tuesday	Wednesday
6DB	Wednesday	Thursday
6AM	Wednesday	Thursday
6AB	Tuesday	Wednesday

E-SAFETY

We ask that parents are being vigilant and are checking the content their children are engaging with when online at home. We know that our children are growing up in a technological age, and for most, using a computer/tablet is part of everyday life. The children are proficient in their use of technology and we must ensure that they are accessing appropriate content. For further support and guidance, please visit <https://swgfl.org.uk/online-safety/10-online-safety-tips/>.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY CHECKING

Parents can go on line to Dorsetforyou.com to complete the electronic application form to see if their child is eligible for free school meals. The online application can be found at this address <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals> and there is an 'Apply Now' button prominently displayed on the page. A search of 'free school meals Dorset' or 'Dorset free school meals' from any search engine brings the correct page to the top of the searches too. Alternatively, we have a form in the school office which you are welcome to complete to allow us to apply on your behalf.

Did you know that where children are registered for Free School Meals, we can also help you with the funding of school trips, uniform and music lessons?

HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS

Schools may not authorise any leave of absence (including holidays) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Any leave should be applied for using the school's leave of absence form available from the school office or from our website. This is in line with Government legislation; the Educational (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.

LABELLING SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please don't forget to clearly name all items of school uniform. This will help with returning any school uniform that ends up in lost property.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES 2020—2021 (correct at time of going to print)

Thursday 17 September 2020

Individual Photographs

Monday 25 October — Friday 30 October

Half Term

WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK

Mon 14 September

Tues 15 September

Wed 16 September

Thurs 17 September Individual Photographs

Fri 18 September

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

CJS PTFA email ptfa@cjsdorset.org

School Nursing Team 01425 891157

Twynham School 01202 486237

Christchurch Infant School 01202 485851

Harrison Catering 01844 216777

Ray Burningham (Southbourne Tennis Club coach) 07880 910 907

Stella Mavis (Dance for All) 07881 468 967

Taylor Green (Basketball) 07807 203 453

Regine Natchoo (Funtastic after school care) 07791 379 792

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Susannah Moody (STAMP Drama) 07957 215965 or infostampschools@gmail.com

Julie Massie (Pottery Club) neil.julie@ntlworld.com

Coach Adrian Sports Academy (Futsal, Tri-Golf & Hockey) 07787504838

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