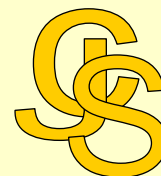


## CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

Issue 2—Friday 18 September 2020

**THE BEST FOR ALL—THE BEST FROM ALL**



Dear Parents / Carers

Your children have had another excellent week in school. This week it has been really pleasing to watch your children begin to re-establish their learning behaviours after their extended time out of school: they are engaging with the learning that their teachers are providing, interacting thoughtfully and, on the whole, choosing the appropriate time to have conversations with their friends! We know that these habits will now continue to develop as we move through the term.

We appreciate your help and support which has enabled your children to return to school so successfully.

Many thanks

### **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.

Please refer to our flowchart to help you make decisions about attendance when your child feels unwell. <https://www.cjsdorset.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/what-if-my-child-is-ill-September-2020.pdf>

### **ATTENDANCE RACE**

This week our whole school attendance is 93.3%.

The winners of the attendance race for last week are:

Year 3	3GF	97.5%
Year 4	4SF	100%
Year 5	5GW	98.7%
Year 6	6AM	99.7%



### **STAGGERED START AND FINISH TIMES**

Thank you for working with us to keep our systems running smoothly. 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.

Clarendon Road pavements are a key area for congestion. Please move into the small car park (Y6) or onto our school field (Y5) to avoid blocking pavements, keeping them accessible.

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

## **HOLIDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS**

Schools may not authorise any leave of absence (including holidays) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Examples of exceptional circumstances may include:

- A parent is service personnel and is returning from a tour of duty abroad where it is evidenced the individual will not be in receipt of any leave in the near future that coincides with school holidays
- An absence from school is recommended by a health professional
- The death or terminal illness of a close relative
- Religious observance
- Attendance at a wedding or funeral

Even with these examples, there are still criteria to be met to show that they are exceptional.

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.

We are seeing increasing numbers of applications for holiday in term time. Please remember that these are highly likely to be recorded as unauthorised. In some circumstances, for example, when previous attendance has been poor or if the request is for 5 days or more, these holidays will also be subject to the school making a recommendation to our Local Authority to issue a Fixed Penalty Notice. The school receives no revenue from this process. We simply need CJS children to be in school and learning.

## **CLUBS**

A selection of clubs will be beginning from the week beginning 28 September. I know you will understand the need for our clubs offer to be limited while we work to maintain the integrity of our bubbles. Further details will follow.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **ABSENCE**

Please communicate any absence to the school by either calling our office (01202 485579) or emailing ([office@cjsdorset.org](mailto: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.

## **HARRISON HOT MEALS**

The new menus are now live on ParentPay and we will be offering hot school meals from w/c 21 September 2020. The cut off date for the w/c 21 September is already gone so parents will need to provide their child with a packed lunch if they haven't been able to book a hot meal. The cut off for w/c 28 September is end of day Friday 18 September.

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.

## **VACANCIES**

We currently have vacancies for a cleaner and midday supervisor. If you or someone you know might be interested, please direct them to the vacancies section of our school website. <https://www.twynhamlearning.com/187/staff-vacancies>

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY CHECKING**

Parents can go on line to [Dorsetforyou.com](http://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?

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

Wednesday 7 October	3SC Cranborne Trip
Thursday 8 October	3GF Cranborne Trip
Wednesday 14 October	3BB Cranborne Trip
Thursday 15 October	3DH Cranborne Trip
Monday 25 October — Friday 30 October	Half Term