

## CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been another great week in school and on Wednesday we welcomed visitors from our Twynham Learning Trust. During their day in school, they carried out a review of the quality of education and the leadership of CJS. The feedback we received was very pleasing indeed: they were extremely impressed by both the social and learning behaviours of your children and also identified a true momentum and drive for excellence. This pursuit of excellence will become a key theme in our communication with families and our community over the coming months. As we work hard to become a truly excellent learning environment, we will, of course, require your support and feedback.

Many thanks

*S R 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.

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 98.2% and our cumulative attendance over the first 5 weeks is 96.8%, compared to the average for BCP which sits at 92%. Thank you for your continued dedication to your children's education.

The winners of the attendance race for last week are:

Year 3	3BB	97.4%
Year 4	4CC	98.1%
Year 5	5EY	99.7%
Year 6	6AB	99.4%

### **DAMIEN HIRST ARTWORK**

We are delighted to have received an incredible piece of Damien Hirst's artwork. We are extremely thankful that our school was nominated by one of our families (see picture below). The Butterfly Heart is digitally made up of bands of photographed coloured butterfly wings, one of the artist's best-known motifs. Limited editions of this artwork were sold with all profits from the sales being donated to NHS Charities Together and The Felix Project. We have Tweeted about this through our school Twitter account @CJSDorset so please do take a look.



## **CHRISTCHURCH FOOD BANK HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION**

We will be supporting the Christchurch Food Bank which is a very worthwhile charity. The Food Bank was set up to help those people going through crisis. It provides them with emergency food parcels, sources of support and a warm welcome. Please could children begin bringing in items from Monday 12th October, when Tracy Blick from the foodbank will be leading assemblies. Last year we had a wonderful response and the representatives who collected our donations were delighted with the variety of items we were able to pass onto them. Any of the following items are particularly sought after at the moment:

- Donations of tinned carrots
- Sweetcorn and potatoes
- Tinned tuna and ham
- UHT Milk and fruit squash

## **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

Parents' evenings are scheduled to take place during the week beginning Monday 19th October. We will be using a virtual format. Next week, you will be provided with details explaining how to book your appointment and how the evening will work.

## **PARENT GOVERNORS**

We are seeking two new parent governors. Please see the original emails for further details. It is a rewarding experience being a school governor, and we appreciate the effort these volunteers give to supporting and challenging CJS. While these positions are open to all, we would certainly find it beneficial to have new governors with a background in education, safeguarding and special educational needs/disabilities, as this knowledge would particularly complement the skills of our existing members. The deadline for nominations is Friday 16th October 2020.

## **TWYNHAM SCHOOL VIRTUAL OPEN EVENING**

As I am sure you are aware, Twynham School would normally be running a series of Open Mornings and school tours at this time. With the current situation as it is, they have made the decision to hold a Virtual Open Evening for Year 6 students and parents **next Tuesday, 13th October**. A flyer went out yesterday to all Y6 parents with details on the event.

Pre-registration for this event is essential and is via the school website ([www.twynhamschool.com](http://www.twynhamschool.com)). For those parents who are unable to attend, please also register and Twynham School will be happy to supply a recording of the event to them by email afterwards.

## **PTFA AGM MEETING**

A reminder that it is the PTFA's Annual General Meeting followed by their first meeting of the year on Monday 12th October at 7pm. The meeting will be held via Zoom and, if you are interested, please email [ptfa@cjsdorset.org](mailto:ptfa@cjsdorset.org)

## **PARKING—CLARENDON & PORTFIELD ROAD**

We ask that parents park in a responsible and considerate way when dropping off or collecting your children from school. Portfield Road is very narrow and we have had reports that parents are mounting the kerb to park, but are not always being mindful of the families who are using the pavement. We also remind you that parking is strictly prohibited on the zig-zag lines outside school and on double yellow lines. We would ask you to abide by the law to keep our children and other road users safe from harm. Thank you.

## **HARRISON CATERING**

From today parents will be able to book hot meals to start after half term. The menu choices have not changed, however, from 2 November, the cost of a hot school meal will be £2.35. A reminder to parents that the cut-off for ordering hot meals is 9 days prior to the start of the week you are looking to book. For example, to be able to book for w/c 19 October, you must have placed your booking by the end of day Friday 9 October 2020 (today).

## **CHANGING YOUR END-OF-DAY ARRANGMENTS?**

A reminder to parents/carers that if your child is going home with someone different, please send a note with your child for their class teacher, so that they are aware. If home arrangements change during the school day, please notify the school office as soon as possible so they can get a message to your child.

## **LIBRARY BOOKS and VOLUNTEERS**

Due to COVID restrictions, we are not always able to change your child's library book as quickly as we would like. It would be great if you could access Christchurch Library or read books from home, whilst we are in this situation. Many thanks for supporting us on this. If you feel able to offer us some voluntary time in our library, after the end of the school day when the children have gone home, we really would appreciate it. Maybe this would suit someone whose child is at an after-school club? We are delighted that one parent has already volunteered to help each Wednesday, but more would help.

## **WEATHER, COATS and WATER BOTTLES**

Keep sending your children with their coats everyday please, regardless of what it looks like first thing in the morning. We will always do our best to get the children outside for a run around, even when damp and cold. As our water fountains are not in use at the moment, please can we ask that all children come into school with a water bottle. Due to the current ongoing situation we are currently unable to allow parents onto the school premises, therefore, please can we ask that younger children use the facilities before leaving their home or their school eg. Infant School. Thank you.

## **LOST JUMPERS & CARDIGANS**

We have had reports of a lot of jumpers and cardigans going missing. Please can we ask that all parents check their child's uniform to ensure that they have not brought home the wrong item of clothing. Please do not forget to clearly name all items of school uniform. This will help with returning any school uniform that ends up in lost property.

## **SCHOOL BASED CLUBS—YEAR 4, 5 & 6**

We are now full for the following clubs:-

Year 5 Football

Year 6 Football

Year 5 Netball

If your child would like to join any school based clubs, please email [sport@cjsdorset.org](mailto:sport@cjsdorset.org) with the following information:-

- Child's name
- Class
- Club they would like to join
- Emergency contact details
- Home time arrangements

We are looking to expand the clubs that are on offer to our younger children as soon as possible. We have had to prioritise our older children due to the greater opportunities to take part in fixtures and therefore preparation is required to do this.

## **COACH ADRIAN SPORTS ACADEMY (C.A.S.A) - YEAR 3 & 4 ONLY**

If your child is interested in Football with C.A.S.A, please visit <https://www.casaltd.net/cjsafterschoolbookings> to sign up.

## **YEAR 6 DANCE CLUB**

Year 6 Dance club on Wednesdays will not be running until further notice. If your child would like to sign up, please email [sport@cjsdorset.org](mailto:sport@cjsdorset.org) and we will let you know when this club is back up and running.

## **SAFETY IN SCHOOL GROUNDS**

It is lovely to see so many people coming to school on foot. Please can we remind our pedestrians to make use of the footpaths, and for safety reasons, please avoid coming in or leaving the school via the large vehicle gates in the car park. Please also remember that we do not allow cycling or scooting in the school grounds; please dismount before entering the premises.

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

Wednesday 14 October

3BB Cranborne Trip

Thursday 15 October

3DH Cranborne Trip

Friday 23 October

INSET day

Monday 25 October — Friday 30 October

Half Term

Thursday 5 November

Non-uniform day—Theme: Be bright, be seen (details to follow in a future newsletter)