

CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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THE BEST FOR ALL—THE BEST FROM ALL

Dear Parents / Carers

This week, I watched the expressions on your children's faces during assembly as Tracy Blick talked to them about the work being carried out at Christchurch Food Bank. Your children showed surprise and disappointment at the unbelievable numbers that were shared. Please do read on to find out more, including how I believe we can pull together as a community to make some minor but sustainable changes.

We are one week from half-term! I want to thank each of you for your continued efforts in keeping our children and community safe up until now. Please do not let your guards down—it is imperative that we continue to uphold excellent social distancing at the school gates, especially as we see the national picture of increasing coronavirus cases.

Many thanks

JR 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 97.6% and our cumulative attendance over the first 6 weeks is 96.9%, compared to the average for BCP which sits at 92%.

The winners of the attendance race for last week are:

Year 3	3DH	98.4%	
Year 4	4CC	99.7%	
Year 5	5KL	100%	🌟🌟🌟
Year 6	6AM	100%	🌟🌟🌟

CHRISTCHURCH FOOD BANK HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION

Year	Easter Holiday Hunger	Summer Holiday Hunger	Other Parcels given out	Total mouths fed to date
2019	328	1020	962	12,000 Average
2020	1092	2175	3019	29,000+

Let us start with some hard-hitting data. The table shows the numbers of people the Food Bank has helped since Easter last year. You can see that the Food Bank's importance has grown significantly this year. This is happening in Christchurch in OUR community. This situation could impact anyone: it can be as simple as the car breaking down, with the family food money required to get it fixed.

We are supporting Christchurch Food Bank which is an incredibly 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. Thank you to everyone who have already brought in their Harvest Festival donations; keep them coming as the collection date is not until after half term. 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

For any families needing some extra support the half term, Christchurch Food Bank have advised there will be Holiday Hunger Parcels available on a walk-in basis at St Joseph's Church, 67 Purewell, Christchurch, BH23 1EH.

What we would love, is to develop our culture so that we all regularly contribute to the Food Bank rather than just at major holidays. We mentioned to children that a tin of carrots or bag of pasta in the weekly shop would add less than 50 pence. Our local supermarkets collect for the Food Bank, so why not make it a part of your weekly shopping routine?

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

You children have now been issued with usernames and passwords to access Google Classroom. Initially, we will be teaching them how to use this platform in school, before extending this to home. It is a great system which will greatly support us in delivering remote teaching and learning experiences, as and when required.

NON-UNIFORM DAY—BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN

With events like Halloween and Bonfire Night not happening in quite the same way this year, we want to give the children something to smile about. On Thursday 5th November, we invite children to come to school in their casual clothes. Our theme is BE BRIGHT, BE SEEN and we want children to wear their brightest clothing! This is particularly important as the evenings close in and the journey to and from school is a little darker. Please take the opportunity to talk to your child about road safety at the same time. We will also be doing this in school.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Parents' evenings are scheduled to take place on Monday 19 October 5pm—7:30pm & Wednesday 21 October 3:30-5:30pm. You will have received a letter this week with information about how to log in and book an appointment with your child's teacher. Please follow the below link to access the booking system <https://christchurchjuniorschool.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

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.

FLU JABS

Flu jabs are planned to take place the first week of December. When we have information from the School Nursing Team, we will send this on to parents.

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 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 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)

Friday 23 October

INSET day

Monday 25 October — Friday 30 October

Half Term

Thursday 5 November

Non-uniform day—Theme: Be bright, be seen