

## CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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

Dear Parents / Carers

Well look what happened—it rained all through half term and then the sun reappeared once we returned to school and the national lockdown began! Of course, this means we can give your children plenty of fresh air and time to run around. The weather is getting colder though, and with the need to keep classrooms well-ventilated, do consider the layers your children are wearing. Please make sure you have read the letter sent home yesterday, as this provides much more information about our systems during these tricky times.

Please keep in touch with us with any concerns or feedback. I am acutely aware that this is a tough time for many families, so keep us in the loop as there may well be things we can do to support you over the coming weeks and months. We are, after all, a community and it is imperative that we pull together.

Many thanks

*S.R. Fuller*

### ATTENDANCE RACE

This week our whole school attendance is 98.4%.

The winners of the attendance race for the w/c 19 October were:

Year 3	3SC	99.6%	★
Year 4	4CC	99.2%	★
Year 5	5KL & 5GW	100%	★
Year 6	6AB	99.2%	★



### WELCOME

I am pleased to welcome two new Senior Teaching Assistants to our team at CJS. Cleo Reid started this week and she will be joined by Katie Johnson on 16 November. These two new staff will provide planned and impromptu cover for classes across the school and will quickly get to know our fabulous children. Please make them feel very welcome.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK—UNITED AGAINST BULLYING

16-20 November is National Anti-Bullying Week 2020. We will be spending a good deal of time throughout the week talking to your children about this important theme, and asking them to reflect on their role in school. This website provides excellent information; I urge you to get the conversation started with your child over the coming days:

[https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIsp3ins\\_r7AIVM4BQBh1b4gljEAAAYASAAEgJDIPD\\_BwE](https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIsp3ins_r7AIVM4BQBh1b4gljEAAAYASAAEgJDIPD_BwE)

On the first day of anti-bullying week—16 November—children (and adults!) can choose to wear odd socks to school. It is an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

We will focus upon the importance of kindness to one another throughout much of this special week. However, our approach to anti-bullying is that it is talked about and promoted in school all year round.

### RECEPTION

In response to the latest guidance from the government, and to protect our staff please, can we ask that all parents refrain from coming into the office reception wherever possible and either call 01202 485579, email [office@cjsdorset.org](mailto:office@cjsdorset.org) with any queries or Class DOJO if you need to get in contact with your child's class teacher. If you have any paperwork to hand in, please use the post box which is to the right-hand side of the automatic reception door.

### RED HOUSE MUFTI

Well done to Red House for achieving the most house points from 7 September to 22 October! Any child who is in Red House will be allowed to wear non-uniform on Friday 13 November. If you are unsure of what house your child is in, please check with the class teacher.

## **HARRISONS CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

A reminder to parents that the Christmas lunch will take place over two days:-

Wednesday 9 December 2020      Year 3 & 4 only

Thursday 10 December 2020      Year 5 & 6 only

**Please ensure you book on the correct day for your child and you provide a packed lunch for the day your child's year group is not having their Christmas lunch.**

If you are entitled to free school meals, there will be an option to book a packed lunch on the day your child is not due to have their Christmas lunch.

The rest of the week will follow the standard menu choices.

## **LUNCHBOXES & WATER BOTTLES**

A reminder to parents that all children should have their lunchboxes and water bottles with them before they start their school day. We have had many parents dropping in these items over the last few weeks and we ask that if your child has forgotten something, please leave them clearly marked with their name on the table outside reception and a member of staff will come and collect.

## **CAR PARKING**

We ask that you please demonstrate respect to our local community, by only parking in designated, safe areas on the roads around school. Frequently, residents are contacting school to report drivers parking carelessly and blocking their driveways. Clearly, this is unacceptable and, most importantly, it potentially endangers our children. Our school car park is only for school transport vehicles, staff cars and blue badge holders (badges must be clearly displayed). Please respect this and find alternative parking arrangements, for the safety of our children. We remind you that pedestrians should use the pavements rather than walking through the car park.

## **AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS**

As you will have seen in the letter that was sent out on Thursday, we will unfortunately have to stop running our after-school sports clubs until further notice. Funtastic's after-school club will continue.

## **CHRISTMAS CARD ORDER**

On Thursday children would have brought home their Christmas Card and order form if they designed a card back in October. If you would like to order, please use the order form and return to the post box to the right hand side of the automatic door at reception by Wednesday 11 November.

## **ADDITIONAL HELP FOR FAMILIES**

Due to the ongoing pandemic, many families have found that they are in need of some extra support. Below is a link to the BCP website where you can find information on what help is on offer.

<https://www.bpcouncil.gov.uk/News/News-Features/COVID-19/Help-advice-and-support/Who-to-contact-for-help.aspx>

If you can't find the help you need, please give us a call and we would be happy to discuss with you.

## **POPPY APPEAL**

This week we have been selling poppies and related items in school, and each class have had their own box of merchandise. We are now down to the last few remaining items so if your child would like to purchase a poppy, please allow them to bring in some money as a donation. All donations support the Royal British Legion to help provide life-long support to our Armed Forces Community. On Monday the children will attend, virtually, a Remembrance Assembly and on Wednesday 11 November, at 11am, we will hold a silence.

## **FLU JABS**

On Wednesday you will have received an email with a letter and leaflet advising you of the 'Flu Vaccination which is taking place at school on Thursday 3 December. Please ensure you have taken the time to read the letter carefully and complete the online form, even if you do not wish for your child to have the vaccination.

## **TWITTER**

Do you use Twitter? Please follow our @CJSDorset account so that you can see updates more regularly.

## **QUESTIONNAIRE**

Jason-Lee Marshall, BSc (Hons) Nutrition, who is a member of our school community, is currently studying nutrition in his final year at Bournemouth University. For his dissertation, he is researching the gap between 'attitude and behavioural intention' in relation to food purchasing among parents in Christchurch. He would be very grateful if you could spend a couple of minutes to complete his online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/YMR6CB5>

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

Thursday 3 December

Flu Vaccination

Friday 18 December—Tuesday 5 January 2021

Christmas Holiday