



## CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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### THE BEST FOR ALL—THE BEST FROM ALL

Dear Parents / Carers

Your children are starting to get a little excited at the thought of Christmas approaching! Understandable, and we will indulge this excitement next week, while also balancing this with keeping children focused on their learning. Providing ongoing structure, for many children, is key to a successful end to term.

This week, due to having a large number of health and safety messages, I have placed these in a separate document. Please do take the time to read it as it could, quite literally, save a life. You can't ignore that, can you?

#### ATTENDANCE RACE

This week our whole school attendance is 97.3%

The winners of the attendance race for last week are:

Year 3	3BB	96.7%
Year 4	4AA	100%
Year 5	5GW	99.4%
Year 6	6AM	100%

#### CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY FOR THE CHRISTCHURCH FOOD BANK

Look what you did! Thank you so much for throwing yourselves into this initiative. Once again, we have all worked together and demonstrated our commitment to supporting those in need in our local community. Brilliant work one and all! If you need support and are unsure who to speak with, please call our school office and we will be happy to signpost you.

#### FAREWELL MRS PATENOTTE

Congratulations to Mrs Patenotte, who has secured her desired role at St Aldhelm's Academy where she will be supporting children and families. Many, many CJS pupils have benefited hugely from the dedication and attention of Mrs Patenotte. She will be missed but leaves CJS with our best wishes.

#### THE FINAL WEEK

We will be in school all of next week. Children will break up at their normal time on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

#### LEARNING FROM HOME

For clarity, we will only be providing remote learning for children who need to self-isolate as a result of coronavirus. This could be because they have a family member self-isolating. Teachers have been putting an amazing amount of time and effort into setting up learning within Google Classroom, and then in many cases, the child returns to school very quickly. This is, of course, the nature of the situation. We will always provide learning, but will now only shift towards Google Classroom once there is greater clarity over the length of absence. Children who are unwell/absent for reasons not related to coronavirus, will not be provided with learning to complete at home. Please remember that your child has subscriptions to useful learning websites: Times Tables Rock Stars, My Maths.

#### CAROL SERVICE

Mrs Green and Mr Christian have been busily filming the children for the Carol Service recording. This will be made available through our school website. We will send you the link as soon as it is ready.

#### COVID

Please see our Health and Safety Update letter for details.

#### SPRING TERM CLUBS

Today you will have received by email a copy of the new Spring Term Club timetable. If your child is interested in a club with Mr Line or Miss Binney, please email [sport@cjsdorset.org](mailto:sport@cjsdorset.org) with your child's name, class, club they would like to join and emergency contact information.

If you are interested in joining a club with C.A.S.A, please visit their website to sign up—<https://www.casaltd.net/afterschool>



### **PROMOTIONAL VIDEO**

Mr Christian has also been working on our school's promotional video. This will go live next week and will be embedded on our school website. Next week, I will let you know when and where this can be found.

### **PTFA CHANGE CHALLENGE**

Congratulations to our children for contributing £501.90 in the Change Challenge. This is a phenomenal effort, especially when most of us are not handling much cash at the moment! 6DB took the trophy, raising approximately £140 just in their class – incredible. The good news for our children is that by raising £200 above our target, they have gained 20 minutes of additional break time for each class.

### **SECOND HAND UNIFORM**

If you would like to donate any old uniform, there is now a donation box outside Portfield Community Hall. The uniform shop is now open and is located at Portfield Community Hall and you can book an appointment to go and view/buy uniform via the following link— <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d45a9a729abfbc43-second>

### **INSET DAY**

A reminder that Monday 4 January is an INSET day and children will not be in school. Our staff will be spending the day developing aspects of our curriculum offer. We will look forward to seeing the children bounce into school on Tuesday 5 January.

### **HARRISON CATERING**

The new menus for the Spring Term are now live on ParentPay and parents are able to book for January 2021. If you have never booked hot lunches before but are interested, please take a look on our website for the menus and contact the school office for log in details.

### **LOST PROPERTY**

Our lost property box contains a great deal of unclaimed school uniform, shoes, PE kits etc. Named items are returned to their rightful owners but we find that the majority of items are not named and do not get claimed. Please could we stress how important it is that items of school uniform are clearly marked with your child's name? If you think that your child may have lost an item of clothing, please ask them to come downstairs to check the box.

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

Friday 18 December—Tuesday 5 January 2021	Christmas Holiday
Monday 4 January	INSET day