



## CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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

Dear Parents / Carers

We have busily been preparing school for wider opening on Monday 8th March and we are very much looking forward to seeing you all. Please remember to continue conversations with your children about school, talking to them positively about what they can expect.

Like so many, our community has sacrificed a great deal over the last few months, so it is imperative that as you descend upon our school site on Monday morning, we are not complacent: please maintain a physical distance from others, wear a face mask while on school premises and arrive/leave promptly via the one-way systems to avoid congestion.

CJS staff have been thinking carefully about the week that lies ahead to ensure that your children are given the best possible opportunities to reconnect with their peers, share their learning, redevelop relationships, use our outdoor spaces and continue their learning journey. Please keep the lines of communication with school open and we will do our best to help every child settle back into our routines quickly. Just three sleeps to go!

*S.R. Fuller*

#### WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day vouchers will be distributed to children in the week beginning Monday 8 March. We hope your children enjoyed the various activities that took place.

#### PREPARING TO RETURN

Please talk to your children positively about the return to school, reminding them of the following:

- They will be back with their peers and classmates, rekindling relationships.
- They will have the face-to-face familiarity of adults that they know well, and please reassure them that the staff are very excited to see them again (and not through a computer screen!).
- Children will be able to celebrate their learning that has taken place at home (and in school for some).
- Particular consideration will be given to nurturing children and supporting their wellbeing.
- Where there are gaps in learning, staff at CJS will work with your children to support them in catching up.

You may like to visit the linked website which has some excellent resources to support parents / carers: <https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond-support-hub>

	<p><a href="https://www.barnardos.org.uk/see-hear-respond-support-hub">See, Hear, Respond Support Hub   Barnardo's</a></p> <p><a href="https://www.barnardos.org.uk">www.barnardos.org.uk</a></p> <p>We're living in extraordinary times right now, and it can feel overwhelming. We've collected resources on different topics that are affecting people right now.</p>
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The video link below, created by the Mental Health Support In Schools Team within BCP Council, also offers advice to parents / carers , on how to support your child returning to school after lockdown.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D3GkzXqKjHQ>

## **THREEHOUSE THEATRE VISITING SCHOOL**

We are delighted that on 18 March, Year 3 will benefit from a travelling theatre visiting our school to help them learn about the 'Awesome Egyptians'. Then on 26 March Year 5 will benefit from the same theatre group returning to CJS to teach them about World War II. These are super learning opportunities which support us in bringing our curriculum to life. We hope they thoroughly enjoy this and you will receive a letter giving you further details next week.

## **HARRISONS HOT SCHOOL MEALS**

The menus are now live on ParentPay and we will be offering hot meals from Monday 8 March 2021. The cut off date for ordering for next week has already gone, so parents will need to provide their child with a packed lunch, if a meal has not been ordered.

The cut off date for ordering meals is 6 days prior, for example, if you wish to order meals for w/c 15 March, parents would need to order by Tuesday 9 March, using ParentPay.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES**

If you have concerns for your child that you believe may be impacting upon their learning, over and above those items that the class teacher is able to support you with, then please get in touch with Mrs Curry through this dedicated email address: [senco@cjsdorset.org](mailto:senco@cjsdorset.org). We are committed to giving every child an excellent, world class education and communication between home and school is an important part of the process.

## **A ROAD SAFETY MESSAGE**

During lockdown, the roads have been a lot quieter than usual. As the school run starts again, we want to keep all children safe and well as they travel to school. Over the last few months, there have been less vehicles on the road. We anticipate the roads will become busier when schools reopen fully, so now may be a good opportunity to remind your child about the importance of being aware of their safety, however they are using the road (as a pedestrian, cyclist, on a scooter or as a passenger). This is especially important if they are beginning to make this journey independently.

Why not spend a few moments looking at the "Tales of the Road" with your child, helping to remind them about staying safe. [Tales of the Road \(think.gov.uk\)](https://www.think.gov.uk) The interactive booklet can be viewed online, just follow the instructions on page 2 to navigate to the sections relevant to your child, or if you wish you can print a copy. If you would like to look at additional resources to help discuss road safety with your child, visit [Education resources – THINK!](#)

If you've been staying at home, with only maybe the odd trip to the shops or to care for a vulnerable loved one, the chances are you may feel a little nervous getting back on the road yourself. Please have a look at this leaflet to ensure you are as safe as possible. [DWFRS-Back-on-the-Road-4.pdf \(dwfire.org.uk\)](#)

Please remember as the school runs start again for all children, the roads around the school can become busy with vehicles such as cars and buses as well as children walking, biking and scooting. Please take extra care, both as a pedestrian or a driver, and be aware of the many other, very young road users around the school during drop off and pick up. We understand the pressure when dropping off and picking up children; most people are considerate when parking and understand the risks of blocking the road for other road users, but there have been a few issues in the past when emergency service vehicles have not been able to get easy access to school premises. Please watch this video for further guidance on driving with emergency vehicles. [Blue Light Aware \(YouTube\)](#)

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Education and Road Safety Teams  
Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service

[www.dwfire.org.uk](http://www.dwfire.org.uk)

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