



## CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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

Dear Parents / Carers,

Three weeks with a full school has raced by and as we close in on the Easter break, I want to thank you and your children for the way in which you have embraced life in school once again. We have continued to 'take the temperature' of moods and attitudes, recognising that the full return to school will have impacted on each of us differently. Having eased back into school with the focus very much balanced between nurture and learning, this week teachers have begun to gather more detailed feedback from children regarding areas in which they need support, particularly in reading, writing and maths. Please be reassured that this has been done in a 'high challenge, low threat' manner, and will enable my teaching staff to support children accurately. I must express that we are not being pulled into the media-generated rhetoric of 'a lost generation' and 'missed learning'. Your children and my staff have done us all proud by engaging with high-quality education since January!

*S.R. Fuller*

#### ATTENDANCE RACE

The winners of the attendance race for w/c 8 March are:

Year 3	3GF	99.1%
Year 4	4CC	99.4%
Year 5	5FL	99.4%
Year 6	6JW	99.7%

The winners of the attendance race for last week are:

Year 3	3GF	99.4%
Year 4	4SF	98.7%
Year 5	5FL	98.7%
Year 6	6AB	99.1%

#### RED NOSE DAY/COMIC RELIEF

We had a great time last Friday with plenty of red clothes around school and a few people demonstrating super powers as well. Thank you to everyone for their contributions which have raised £423.70 for this excellent charity.

#### CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to Tilly-mae (Year 5) who gave herself a challenge to support the Rainbow Trust, which is supporting families who have poorly children. Tilly-mae did this by running or walking everyday throughout February! This month she is challenging herself with a chocolate 'dechox' - she's finding it hard but hasn't given in.



Elliot (Year 4) has done an amazing job of painting stones and selling them, raising £140. He is going to spend this money on items for the Christchurch Food Bank! We are delighted that Elliot has demonstrated such incredible social responsibility, supporting the Food Bank. It will be amazing if this inspires some of our families to make donations as well, which can be done at the checkouts of most local supermarkets.

## READING PLUS

We are launching our new reading scheme, Reading Plus, over the course of the coming weeks both before and after Easter. As a school, we have invested in Reading Plus to help our students develop the skills they need to be proficient readers and lifelong learners. Through regular Reading Plus practise, reading will become easier, comprehension will increase, and your child will make meaningful connections between reading and learning. The children will be taking an initial assessment in school but eventually they will be able to complete Reading Plus assignments at school or home on a computer, laptop or tablet. When it is your child's turn to complete the assessment, your teacher might ask you to supply headphones (if you have them at home) as all children will need these to complete the initial assessment. Look out for more information on Class DOJO.

## RAIL AND ROAD SAFETY

Assembly on Monday morning was focused upon safety. Mr Fuller discussed key information with children about the electrification of the railway network alongside the importance of keeping safe. As a community with a railway line running through our town, and with it being so close the school, we all have a responsibility to discuss this regularly with our children. The pupils were also reminded about the health benefits of cycling/scooting/walking to school, as well as the fact we are fortunate to have a large, covered storage area of bike and scooters.

Remember, it is imperative that children cycling to school wear a helmet. Please also remind your child about being respectful of pedestrians as well as using our road network thoughtfully.

## YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY

Year 3 enjoyed a fantastic Egyptian Day! The Treehouse Theatre Company led an exciting Egyptian themed drama activity which all children thoroughly enjoyed and learnt lots from. As well as this, the children took part in food tasting, Egyptian artwork and they created their own cartouche! This has been a great opportunity for all of Year 3 to celebrate their studies of Ancient Egypt!

## HARRISON CATERING—SUMMER TERM MENU

The Summer Term menu has now gone live on ParentPay and parents are now able to book hot meals for their child starting after Easter. **The cut off date for W/C 19 April is Tuesday 13 April.** Please ensure you have booked by this date and if you have any problems, please contact the school office before Thursday 1 April.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

On Monday parents will have received an email letting them know that afterschool clubs will be starting up w/c 19 April. If your child would like to sign up to a club, please follow the below link and ensure this is completed by **Tuesday 30 March**—<https://forms.office.com/r/yc82FuxhbR4IWGRUN0xCUjFFWU5aWE1RTEdTWVNYMkNGRIIdDTi4u>  
If your child is placed on the waiting list, you will be told via email.

## BREAK THE RULES MUFTI—APRIL FOOLS DAY—1st APRIL

Please support our 'Break the rules' non-uniform day taking place next Thursday, on the last day of term. All monies raised will support our PTFA who are looking to fund our final installation of playground gym equipment. Remember, it is 50p for each rule broken! Please be reassured that children will only handle their own cash and collections will take place in a Covid-secure manner.

## FORGOTTEN ITEMS

A reminder to parents that children should have their lunchboxes, water bottles, musical instruments (if they have lessons), bags & homework before they start their school day. We have had many forgotten items being dropped in over the last week and we ask that if your child has forgotten something, please ensure they have their name and class clearly marked.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Tuesday 30 March 2021 3:30pm –6:00pm

Thursday 1 April 2021

Friday 2 April 2021 - Sunday 18 April 2021

Saturday 29 May 2021—Sunday 6 June 2021

Monday 7 June 2021

Thursday 17 June 2021

Saturday 24 July 2021—Wednesday 1 September 2021

Parent Consultation (Virtual)

Break the Rules Mufti

Easter Holidays

Half Term

INSET DAY (No children in school)

Class Photographs

Summer Holidays

# Christchurch Junior School PTEA

## BREAK the RULES DAY



### Rules to be broken include:

#### You must NOT

1. Wear pyjamas
2. Wear odd socks
3. Have crazy or coloured hair
4. Wear a hat
5. Wear Football shirts
6. Have a tattoo or Nail varnish
7. Wear your own clothes

Here's how it works:

### When?

Thursday 1st April 2020



**Parentkind**  
Member Association

Pay 50p for every rule you would like to break, you decide how many!

Funds raised will go towards the Outdoor Fitness Equipment for the Trim Trail

# COVID-19 testing for families



If you have a school age child or school worker in your household, support or childcare bubble you can access twice weekly testing

- Get a test through your employer if they are part of an employee testing scheme
- Pick up a home test kit from your nearest testing centre
- Order home testing kits online

If you get a positive result:

Report the result of your test to NHS Test and Trace online or call 119

Self-isolate and book a PCR test to confirm the result

Follow the stay at home guidance for households with a positive coronavirus infection

Test kits are for adults in a household, support or childcare bubble

Secondary school pupils, college students and staff will have test kits provided by their school or college

Primary school pupils do not need to be tested

Find more at [gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

