



CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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THE BEST FOR ALL—THE BEST FROM ALL

Dear Parents / Carers

I do hope you all managed to enjoy a restful Easter holiday. What a fabulous start to the new term it has been with settled children and brilliant weather! There is a lot to look forward to this term with the children even enjoying a visit yesterday from a Paralympian! You can read all about this below, alongside the various ways in which we continue to strive for excellence.

ATTENDANCE RACE

The winners of the attendance race for this week

Year 3	3SC	98.4 %	
Year 4	4CC	100 %	★ ★ ★ ★ ★
Year 5	5FL	99 %	
Year 6	6AM	100 %	★ ★ ★ ★ ★

S.R. Fuller

PARALYMPIAN VISIT

On Thursday afternoon, our children were treated to a live assembly with Aaron Phipps! Aaron is a wheelchair rugby player who has represented Great Britain at the Paralympics. He is a double amputee, losing both legs as a teenager when he contracted meningitis. Aaron inspired our children by recounting his remarkable ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro – he crawled up on his hands and knees once his wheelchair could go no further.

Please do talk to your child about Aaron's main message: that we all have choices. Everyday we will each meet varying levels of adversity, and we choose how we respond. Aaron inspired and encouraged our children to always be the best they can be. This will be an assembly that stays with our children for a long time.



SAFEGUARDING

A reminder that the safety of our children remains our highest priority. As Headteacher, Mr Fuller is our school's Designated Safeguarding Leader. Deputy Safeguarding Leaders are Mr Croton, Mrs Cowling and Miss Byles. If you are ever concerned for the safety of a member of our community, please speak to one of our DSLs who can be contacted through the school office. Remember: it is much better to regret saying something to us which turns out to be incorrect, than to regret not saying something to us that turns out to be correct. You may just be holding a significant piece of a safeguarding jigsaw that means we can keep people safe.

There have been two related incidents in the BCP area over recent days where an adult male has tried to engage children in discussion. The incidents have been reported to police. This is an opportune moment to remind your children about 'stranger danger' and giving them strategies to manage situations such as this.

Example strategies include:

- never go anywhere with a stranger.
- never accept gifts or sweets from a stranger.
- never get in a car with a stranger.
- never go off on your own without telling your parents or a trusted adult.
tell your child it is okay to break the rules if they are in danger.

Always try to discuss this type of situation with your child in a matter-of-fact manner, so their response is proportionate to the risk.

FEEDBACK AND MARKING DEVELOPMENT

I have asked our teachers to draw upon research relating to 'feedback and marking'. During the course of this term, they will design and then carry out a trial of a range of innovative strategies. Their focus will be to identify approaches which result in your children making accelerated progress. I will look forward to updating you later in the year about this area of development, which is integral in our drive for excellence.

Your views about the ways in which your children are given feedback, and the type of marking that is carried out, is important to us. If you would like to contribute to a parent forum where 'feedback and marking' will be discussed and if you can join a virtual meeting on Thursday 29th June from 1:30-2:30pm, then please email office@cjsdorset.org to let us know of your interest.

HEALTH AND SAFETY BUSTERS

A big thank you to our Health and Safety Busters – a prestigious position in school for a children with an eye for detail! These nine pupils carried out their first site walk this week. We toured key areas of the school together and the children identified aspects which they felt could be made even safer. This is another element of our journey to excellence.

CHRISTCHURCH ROTARY – THANK YOU

We are delighted that Christchurch Rotary have agreed to support CJS with funding to the tune of nearly £500! Our application for this grant was submitted in order to enable a Learn To Move initiative to be established, and will enable us to purchase key items and equipment. A large number of children across our school will subsequently be supported in developing a more active lifestyle, gaining confidence in PE whilst developing social skills, resilience and team work.

VOLUNTEERS

Firstly, a big thank you to those lunchtime supervisors who have been giving up their time and coming into school ahead of their shift in order to listen to children read. This is a generous act at a time when we have been unable to invite external volunteers into our school buildings. Thank you.

GARDENING

Are you a keen gardener or a local member of the community who would like to support us in keeping our plants thriving? We will shortly be purchasing a range of plants for our raised bed and greenhouse, and are looking for a small group of volunteers to water the plants at weekends and during school holidays. If this is something you could support us with, or you know someone who could help, please contact the school office: office@cjsdorset.org.

PAYING FOR SCHOOL TRIPS/SUNDRIES/MUSIC

ParentPay

We would like to inform you that we will be switching our school trip/payment system from School Money to ParentPay. Any future requests for payments will now come from ParentPay and all parents/carers will need to ensure that they have their ParentPay log in details and these accounts are activated. Some parents may have activated their account already because they order/have ordered hot school dinners and therefore will not require new log in details. However, if you have not activated your account, you will receive your log in details in the coming weeks. We please ask that any outstanding School Money trip/music payments are settled as soon, many thanks.

WELCOME

We are delighted to introduce our newest member of staff, Miss Byles, who is our Welfare Officer. Miss Byles will support children across the school working with pupils on a 1-1 basis and in small groups, as well as providing lunchtime activities to engage children. She is also a Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leader. Please make Miss Byles welcome.

RECEPTION

We would like to remind parents to try and avoid coming into reception where possible and either call us on 01202 485579 or email office@cjsdorset.org with any queries you may have. If you do need to come to reception, we ask that masks are worn and only one family at a time. Many thanks

ABSENCE

Please communicate any absence to the school by either calling our office 01202 485579 or emailing office@cjsdorset.org. Please do not use any other avenues, such as Class Dojo, as these messages will not always be picked up in a timely manner.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 29 May 2021—Sunday 6 June 2021

Monday 7 June 2021

Thursday 17 June 2021

Saturday 24 July 2021—Wednesday 1 September 2021

Half Term

INSET DAY (No children in school)

Class Photographs

Summer Holidays

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)

