



CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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THE BEST FOR ALL—THE BEST FROM ALL

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcoming your children back this week has been a delight. They have come into school smiling and left feeling fairly shattered – ideal! I would like to extend a particularly warm welcome to all those who join Christchurch Junior for the first time. In addition to more than 120 new children, we also have two new members of staff. Mr Gorsuch has joined our Year 4 teaching team and Mrs Cook joins CJS as Year 4 Leader and Assistant Headteacher. Do say hello to them both when you can!

Inevitably, Covid-19 continues to be a talking point. I was disappointed to have to communicate a positive case to you so soon, but realistically, this is something that will happen under the current guidance which encourages us to continue our daily lives regardless of close contact with positive cases. A reminder though: if your child has any symptom of coronavirus, they should not be in school and a PCR test should be taken.

Well done and thank you to everyone—children, staff and parents/carers—it has been a successful start to the new academic year.

SR Fuller

ATTENDANCE RACE

The winners of the attendance race for w/c 6 September 2021

Year 3	3SC	100%
Year 4	4CC	99.0%
Year 5	5KL	99.0%
Year 6	6JW	98.7%

DROP OFF/PICK UP

Thank you for quickly falling into routines regarding drop-off and pick-up times. These feel very busy at the moment, generally because we have all become accustomed to staggered timings and less people. From Monday, we will be encouraging adults to leave children in the playground to wait for their classrooms to be opened. This is just another small stepping stone on the path to developing independent young people. Gates will now open at 8:30am and will close at 8:50am—this is in line with our registers closing at the same time. All children arriving after 8:50am need to enter school via our front reception where they will be signed in. At the end of each day, gates will open just before the collection time of 3:05pm, in order to keep our site secure.

CELEBRATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Congratulations to the three girls, pictured, who took time out of their holiday to make a range of beautiful bracelets. They then sold their items and donated the profit to NHS Charities Together. Selfless acts like this truly demonstrate excellence; it is just the type of contribution we want our pupils to make to their community.



CONGRATULATIONS!

We are delighted to announce that Miss Bartlett got married during the holiday and is now Mrs Edkins! We wish you a very happy married life.

MRS ELLIS & MRS ROBERTSON

On Sunday 19 September, Mrs Robertson and Mrs Ellis are doing a 10km sponsored walk/wheel in aid of the MS Society. The MS Society works to support people with MS (Multiple Sclerosis) and their families. They are also heavily involved in research, with the eventual aim to cure/stop MS forever. Please go to [Helen ELLIS is fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis Society \(justgiving.com\)](https://www.justgiving.com/HelenEllis), if you would like to support them.

THANK YOU

We are so fortunate to have generous parents who contribute to our school in so many ways. You may recall that one family, who own the local transport solutions firm Efret (www.efret.net), donated £1000 to our PTFA duck race event last term. This has been used to support the final purchase of outdoor gym equipment which was installed on our school field during the holiday. The children are already thoroughly enjoying using this and staying fit.



We are also indebted to the Gibson family who arranged for two goals to be manufactured and installed in the main playground over the holiday. These goals are going to give many cohorts of children enormous pleasure. Thank you to both these families.



This is a great opportunity to mention that our PTFA are always on the look out for support, helping them to raise money which gets spent on all sorts of fun items for your children. If you would like to know more, please get in touch with Nick and Tash by emailing ptfa@cjsdorset.org or by joining a PTFA meeting which will be advertised in future newsletters.



SLT SURGERIES

On Tuesday 21 September from 8:30 – 9:15am, Mr Fuller and Mrs Cook will be hosting a surgery for parents and carers to drop in to. The purpose of the surgery is simply to give you a voice, a chance to tell us what we are doing well and to share any ideas you might have to make our school an even more excellent place for your child to learn. Each surgery will be hosted by different members of our Strategic Leadership Team (SLT). There will even be a tea/coffee/biscuit available. If you can, join us at the rear entrance to the Main Hall (by Year 4 and opposite the CIS playground).

LIVING STREETS

Your children may well begin to pester you to leave the car at home so they can travel to school in other ways! We take full responsibility for their persistence—by logging car-free journeys to school they can collect monthly badges. The purpose of this approach is to make our local roads less busy, safer and less polluted, as well as promoting good health for your child. Please support us with this venture, and if you really must bring your car, try parking further from school and striding in.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Parents will have received a link to sign their child up for an after-school club and a detailed timetable of all internal and external clubs that are on offer. The link for our internal clubs will expire on the evening of Sunday 12 September. Orchestra & Jumbie Jams start date is to be confirmed and parents will be emailed with an update soon. Parents will receive any email if their child has been placed on the waiting list otherwise your child will have a place.

There will be no clubs running on Tuesday 14 September due to staff training.

HARRISONS HOT MEALS

Parents will now be able to book hot meals w/c 4 October 2021 to w/c 18 October. Please ensure you have pressed 'checkout' once selecting meals to ensure these have been booked. Harrisons have informed school that the price of meals will increase to £2.40 after October half term.

HEAD LICE

As head lice in school are a recurring problem, could we please ask that you continue checking your child's hair on a regular basis with a detection comb? Should you require further information or help regarding detection and treatments, please consult your family doctor, your local pharmacist or contact our school nurse on 01202 891157.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

We remind parents and carers that if your child is unwell or off school for any reason, a phone call into the school office is required for each and every day that your child is absent. The office is open from 8am. Thank you.



Twynham TGS

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YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 30th September

5.00 – 7.30pm



EXCELLENCE
IS IN OUR DNA

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5.00pm – 7.30pm

The Grange School, Redvers Road,
Christchurch, BH23 3AU

HEADTEACHER PRESENTATIONS

FROM MR TAYLOR
at 5.15pm & 6.30pm

Tour our facilities, meet our
wonderful staff and students and
'experience' Twynham TGS lessons

Why Twynham & TGS?

- ▶ **Two schools, serving one community** with a vision to unlock potential through world class educational experiences.
- ▶ We are a **values-driven organisation**, passionate about improving the lives of young people and sharing the same ethos, culture and commitment to our students.
- ▶ We offer a **broad and rich curriculum** to all of our students drawing on the expertise of our **shared staffing** and extensive facilities across two campuses.
- ▶ We have a history of success with **excellent GCSE and A-level results** and teachers and leaders who have been recognised nationally for their work.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Thursday 16 September 2021	Individual Photographs
Thursday 16 September 2021	5AA Christchurch Library Visit
Tuesday 21st September 2021	5DH Christchurch Library Visit
Thursday 23rd September 2021	5KL Christchurch Library Visit
	5EL Christchurch Library Visit
Monday 20 September 2021	3SC & 3EY Swimming Lessons (running for 5 weeks)
Wednesday 6 October 2021	Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre Trip - 3MF
Thursday 7 October 2021	Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre Trip - 3SC
Wednesday 13 October 2021	Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre Trip - 3EY
Thursday 14 October 2021	Cranborne Ancient Technology Centre Trip - 3AB