



## CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been brilliant to meet so many of you over the last two weeks. Thank you for your positivity and support in helping children to settle back into the routines of school-life after their holiday. We are now seeing far less foot traffic through the playground first thing in the morning and from Monday, we will be encouraging adults to stop at the gates and send children independently into the playground. There are a range of reasons for this: it will help your child develop independence; it reduces the risk of coronavirus spreading; the site will be safer and more secure.

I understand there will be occasions when you have a message you wish to pass on; we will happily receive messages on any of the three gates into school, with each of these gates being supervised, or you can speak with our office staff. Additionally, a member of staff will be on duty in the areas where children gather, just as we do at a break or lunch time.

Gates will open at 8:30 and close at 8:50 a.m. Children will enter the school building from 8:40 onwards so if you prefer, you could delay your child's entry into our school playground until this time. Please do not interpret this as being unwelcoming! We enjoy the chance to engage and speak with you but feel this approach will provide your child with a focused start to each day. At the end of each day, adults can come into the school grounds to collect children and this also acts as an opportunity to speak to the class teacher, should you need to. Have a great weekend!

*SR Fuller*

#### ATTENDANCE RACE

The winners of the attendance race for w/c 13 September 2021

Year 3	3AB	100%
Year 4	4CC	99.3%
Year 5	5KL	99.7%
Year 6	6AM	99.3%

#### CELEBRATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Kesania in Year 5 organised and arranged a charity table-top sale in aid of WWF, the wildlife charity. She sold her toys and bric-a-brac which she collected from friends and relatives.

Beatrice also in Year 5 helped organise the sale on the day and they sold the items together. They raised £44.08 for the charity. Well done!



#### SLT SURGERY (DROP-IN!)

On Tuesday 21 September from 8:30 – 9:15am, Mr Fuller and Mrs Cook will be hosting a 'drop in' for parents and carers. The purpose 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 which could 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 school office where you will be shown to our drop-in location.

#### WE LOVE READING!

We want all our children to love books and this includes reading to themselves, reading out loud and being read to. There can be something very special about enjoying a book with someone else and discussing it. We also know that if children read every single day, for approximately 10-15 minutes, they really do make rapid progress. Please encourage your child!

Reading Plus is a fabulous online resource which we encourage children to use regularly throughout the week. The evidence from this programme shows that children who complete 100 'See Reader' lessons during the school year make excellent progress. (Year 3 children will be introduced to this resource very soon and will bring home details of how to log in.)



Last year, we removed the expectation for children to keep a reading journal updated when reading at home. Our monitoring and research showed that the process of recording was proving a hindrance, and for many, it was also taking away from their enjoyment of reading.

## **VOLUNTEERS**

We would love volunteers to help out at CJS! Maybe you would like to help in our library by keeping shelves tidy, or you are well-placed to make suggestions to children about good books to read, or you can support by covering books in sticky back plastic...? Maybe you can support with Maths, or listening to children read? There really are voluntary roles for you, whatever your interests and skills.

If you are keen to help out in school, please visit our website and complete the application form: [Volunteers – Christchurch Junior School \(cjsdorset.org\)](https://www.cjsdorset.org) and from there, we will work with you to find a suitable role. We require all volunteers to be DBS checked as the safety of our children will always be our highest priority. Please ask at our office if you have any questions.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS ELIGIBILITY CHECKING**

Parents can go on line to [Dorsetforyou.com](https://www.dorsetforyou.com) to complete the electronic application form to see if their child is eligible for free school meals. The online application can be found at this address <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals>. A search of 'free school meals Dorset' or 'Dorset free school meals' from any search engine brings the correct page to the top of the searches too. Alternatively, we have a form in the school office which you are welcome to complete to allow us to apply on your behalf. Did you know that where children are registered for Free School Meals, we can also help you with the funding of school trips, uniform and music lessons?

## **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.

## **HARRISON CATERING**

A reminder to parents that the cut off for ordering hot meals is 6 days prior to the start of the week you are looking to book. For example, to be able to book for w/c 27 September, you must have placed your booking by the end of day Tuesday 21 September.

## **QUEEN'S JUBILEE**

Friday 22 July has now been added to our calendar as an additional day of holiday, in line with DfE guidance, in order to enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. As the jubilee falls during half term, schools can close for what would have been the last day of the academic year to ensure that staff and pupils also benefit from the additional Bank Holiday.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Tuesday 21 September 2021	5DH Christchurch Library Visit
Thursday 23 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
Saturday 23 October 2021—Sunday 31st October	Half Term



# Twynham TGS

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## YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September

5.00 – 7.30pm



EXCELLENCE  
IS IN OUR DNA

# Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 30th September  
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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**The Grange School – BH23 3AU**  
From U6 up to U14 - boys and girls welcome!  
Get in touch to discuss your child attending



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