



## CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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

Dear Parents / Carers

Earlier this half term, CJS took part in our annual Twynham Learning Trust review of the school. This was a positive experience, getting the eyes of Trust leaders on our school, helping to identify aspects that are working well and elements that we could do even better. I love this type of feedback as it supports school leaders to ensure our educational offer gets closer and closer to 'Excellence'! Some highlights extracted and summarised from the report (*with my commentary*):

- **Safeguarding:** Secure processes for safeguarding are in place with an apparent shared narrative around 'it is everyone's duty to safeguard children' which resonates with authenticity... Children can articulate why they feel safe in school. (*The safety and wellbeing of our community will always be my highest priority.*)
- **Behaviour:** Pupils were highly attentive, purposeful and focused in all lessons visited over the course of the day. There was no evidence of low-level disruption in any classrooms. At break time, pupils were observed playing safely on both the playground and school field with high levels of pupil supervision. (*I am justifiably proud of the behaviour and attitudes of our pupils—please reinforce this message with your child!*)
- **Teaching and learning:** Teachers deliver effective and well-structured lessons and there is consistency between classrooms... pupils are carefully questioned to check for understanding... (*Children engage brilliantly in lessons and contribute to their learning. They enjoy being in class and love the challenge provided.*)
- **A next step:** Develop a consistent definition of 'excellence in teaching and learning' which is shared by all staff. (*This will give greater clarity for every colleague at CJS and we will develop it collaboratively.*)

Please stay safe and look after one another. Have a great weekend.

SRFuller

#### ATTENDANCE RACE

The winners of the attendance race for w/c 22 November 2021

Year 3	3AB	96.6%
Year 4	4PG	98.0%
Year 5	5KL	97.2%
Year 6	6CC	95.7%

#### YEAR 2 PARENT/CARER OPEN MORNINGS/AFTERNOONS

This week a number of prospective parents have visited and toured the school. I have been incredibly impressed with the way in which our Y6 School Councillors have shown these adults around and the way they have spoken so positively about our school. The parents have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about CJS from the pupils' perspective. The atmosphere in school has been impressive during these visits: children have been incredibly attentive and the parents have walked away with a superb and accurate reflection of what it is like for a pupil at our school.

If you know a Year 2 parent/carer who was unable to visit, please put them in touch with our school office staff, who will then let them know of any future opportunities.

#### COVID-19 UPDATE

Coronavirus cases in BCP have been high over the last couple of weeks. Around Christchurch numbers are particularly high, with some schools having to revert to online learning for specific year groups. We want to avoid this at CJS. Please work with us to ensure that children do not come to school with symptoms of Covid-19. If you are in any doubt, we urge caution: book a PCR test. For classes where there are cases, we may also encourage daily Lateral Flow Device testing. We continue with high levels of handwashing, regular use of sanitiser and an increased cleaning regime.

## **GIFTS FOR GIVING**

Next week the PTFA will be holding their Gifts for Giving. This is an opportunity for all year groups to buy one or more presents (up to a maximum of 6 presents) to put under the tree and is very similar to the Santa Surprise event that happens at the Infant School. The event takes place during lunchtime; all presents are £2 and are suitable for adults.

Please provide the correct money in an envelope on the applicable day—see below. There is an opportunity on the Friday for all year groups to buy additional presents.

Monday 29 November	Year 4
Tuesday 30 November	Year 3
Wednesday 1 December	Year 5
Thursday 2 December	Year 6
Friday 3 December	All year groups for extra prezzies!

Please provide a shopping bag for the gifts to be brought home in.

## **SLT DROP-IN**

A letter was sent out last week giving parents an update regarding our Feedback Policy. If you have any questions or would like to come to our next SLT drop-in which will be hosted by Mr Croton (Deputy Headteacher) and Mrs Cook (Assistant Headteacher), please follow this EventBrite link to book your place—[Feedback Drop-in Tickets, Wed 1 Dec 2021 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

This drop in will take place on Wednesday 1 December from 9:00am—9:45am. Tea/coffee/biscuits will be served.

## **END OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS**

We ask that parents inform their children of home time arrangements before dropping them off to school, wherever possible. In the event that there is a last minute change of arrangements, we will endeavour to get the message to your child, however, this becomes increasingly difficult when we are informed late in the day. Also, we ask that if your child is going home with another family, you inform the class teacher via Class Dojo or call the school office. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **SICKNESS**

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea we ask that you keep them at home for 48 hours after the last bout of illness. This is to try to ensure that the spread of infection in school is kept to a minimum and that children have the best chance of recovery. 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 rather than using Class Dojo, as these messages will not always be seen by teachers during the school day. The school office is open from 8am. Email [office@cjsdorset.org](mailto:office@cjsdorset.org) or call 01202 485579.

## **YEAR 5&6 AFTERSCHOOL FOOTBALL CLUB—MONDAY 29 NOVEMBER**

Due to a school fixture, after school football on Monday 29 November is cancelled. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## **YEAR 5**

On Tuesday 30 November, Year 5 are looking forward to a workshop with visiting musicians from the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. All children from Year 5 will be taking part. We would like to invite those children that play a musical instrument in Year 5 to bring their instrument to school on Tuesday - flutes, clarinets, violins, guitars, cellos, ukuleles, etc.

Children who have drum lessons should not bring in their drum kit(!) but please feel free to bring in your own drumsticks. Children who have piano/keyboard lessons should not bring in their own keyboards but will be able use a school one. This will be only for those children that have lessons due to the limited number of available keyboards. All children will have access to percussion instruments to use in the workshop.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

Monday 29 November—Friday 3 December 2021	PTFA Christmas Gifts for Giving event
Wednesday 1 December 2021	SLT Drop in 9:00am—9:45am
Friday 10 December 2021	Christmas Fair (Christmas jumpers!)



# GET INTO TEACHING

## Open Mornings for Teacher Training Candidates

Wednesday 1st December 2021; Thursday 9th December 2021;  
Monday 10th January 2022; Friday 28th January 2022;  
Wednesday 9th February 2022; Tuesday 8th March 2022  
From 9.30 am - 12.00 pm

@ Avon Campus, The Grange School, Redvers Road, Christchurch,

The open mornings include a presentation of the teacher training programme and an opportunity to ask questions and meet staff.

To reserve your place: email us at: [scitt@twynhamschool.com](mailto:scitt@twynhamschool.com) or  
give us a call on: **01202 402790**  
or visit the website [www.bpdscitt.org.uk](http://www.bpdscitt.org.uk)



# TRAIN TO TEACH

## Recruitment event for Teacher Training Candidates

Thursday 18th January 2022  
16.30—18.30

@ Stour Campus, Twynham School, Sopers Lane, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 1JF

Meet with local SCITT providers from:  
Bournemouth Poole & Dorset SCITT (secondary)  
Poole SCITT (primary)  
Wessex Schools Training Partnership (secondary)

To reserve your place: email us at: [scitt@twynhamschool.com](mailto:scitt@twynhamschool.com) or  
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**FUN  
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HOLIDAY CLUB

# **FUN TASTIC HOLIDAY CLUB**

**20th-31st December 2021**  
**Arts and Craft, Games, Drama and much  
more...**

**We also hope to see Santa Claus**  
Held at the Christchurch Infant school  
To book please contact us on 07591705862 or email us at  
**funtastic101@hotmail.co.uk**

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