



CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

Issue 8 —Friday 5 November 2021



THE BEST FOR ALL—THE BEST FROM ALL

Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to draw your attention to our Vision and Aims: **to create a caring community of motivated young learners who develop the confidence, skills, attitudes and qualities to realise their full potential.** My colleagues and I regularly refer to BELONGING, ACHIEVING, GROWING (click on the image below to go to our website), using the associated statements to harness pupils' understanding, drawing upon examples from school life and helping children see what is possible. You can support your child and our school by revisiting these with your children regularly, asking them to explain how they demonstrate these aspects. Getting children focused on these and actually living the value will help accelerate our drive to **EXCELLENCE!** Have a great weekend.

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ATTENDANCE RACE

The winners of the attendance race for w/c 1 November 2021

Year 3	3AB	99.3%
Year 4	4CC	98.7%
Year 5	5AA	100%
Year 6	6DB	96.0%



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CAKE SALE FOR MACMILLAN

We have a wonderful group of Year 5 pupils who have planned a cake sale for 3:05pm on Friday 5 November, taking place outside the front of school. They have been busily baking and raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

SCHOOL GUINEA PIGS

You may or may not know that the school are proud owners of two Guinea Pigs, Joey (brown) and Ross (black and white). If you do not wish for your child to handle the Guinea Pigs, please let your child's class teacher know via Class DOJO.



SHOEBOX APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the appeal so far. We have already taken delivery of more than 60 shoeboxes. You still have time to contribute though as the deadline is set for Monday 8 November.

REMEMBER, REMEMBER—THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER

If you are going to an organised firework display this year, have a great time. It is possible that many families will enjoy their own mini-displays, bonfires or share sparklers with friends and families. Whatever you choose to do, please **STAY SAFE!** We want our children in school on Monday with smiles on their faces and wonderful memories. Some useful advice for enjoying sparklers:

- Wear gloves
- Hold at arm's length
- Do NOT wave a sparkler close to others
- Extinguish in a bucket of cold water.



[Firework safety guide - CBBC Newsround](#)

ART COMPETITION

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POPPY APPEAL

Since Monday 1 November, we have been selling poppies and related items in school, and each year group will have 2 boxes of merchandise. If your child would like to purchase a item, please allow them to bring in some money as a donation. All donations support the Royal British Legion to help provide life-long support to our Armed Forces Community.

ROAD SAFETY FORUM

Mr Fuller will be hosting a road safety forum from **2:20-3:00pm on Friday 12 November**. This will serve to update interested members of the community (parents/carers of CIS/CJS and local residents) about steps taken so far to keep the community safe and our ideas to continue this work. If you would like to attend, please meet at the main office at CJS. Tea/coffee/biscuits available...!

PTFA DISCOS (CANCELLATION) AND COVID-19

We are sorry to disappoint children by cancelling our discos. We have reviewed our risk assessments for Covid-19 in light of increasing coronavirus cases in the community. Steps taken to reduce risks include limiting the number of opportunities for children in different year groups to mix indoors (especially in a disco where they will be singing and dancing!), increasing the frequency of the cleaning of toilets and touchpoints such as rails and light switches, twice weekly testing of all staff and encouraging close contacts to carry out LFD testing daily for at least 5 days after contact with a positive case. Our risk assessment will be reviewed at the end of November.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

If your child takes instrumental lessons and you were expecting a text with regards to payment, please can you log in to your Parent Pay where you will find the payment instruction for this term.

BARRACK ROAD PROPOSAL

You might be interested in taking a look at the plans below, which outline the proposed changes for Barrack Road. These changes are intended to make the area of pedestrians and cyclists alongside other criteria. As you will be aware from previous communication, CJS is in favour of any scheme which will improve safety for our community.

Map of the proposed plans on Barrack Road:

<https://haveyoursay.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/8251/widgets/23579/documents/11596>

CGI of proposed changes:

<https://haveyoursay.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/merley-to-from-christchurch/widgets/23580/photos/5761>

The proposed plans on Barrack Road:

<https://haveyoursay.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/merley-to-from-christchurch#Iford%20Roundabout%20%E2%80%93%20Fountain%20Roundabout>

Plans for the Merley – Christchurch route:

<https://haveyoursay.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/merley-to-from-christchurch>

Consultation results (Barack Road on page 147):

<https://www.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/image-library/transforming-travel/TCF-Sustainable-travel-corridors-main-report-for-publication.pdf>

COVID-19 UPDATE

We continue to have cases of coronavirus in school and ask that you remain vigilant for symptoms. Where we understand that your child has been a close contact of a positive case, we will let you know so that you can arrange for a PCR test to be taken.

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YEAR 5 & 6 FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Well done to all the Year 5 & 6 boys who represented CJS at the football tournament on Wednesday. Everyone involved worked extremely hard and did themselves proud, with some excellent football on display.



ONLINE SAFETY

Attached to the newsletter today is an online safety leaflet regarding Roblox. Please take the time to read this and be informed about an online game your child might be using. Please be aware users are able to access Squid Games content via Roblox. Parents were informed about Squid Games in a previous newsletter.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Monday 8 November

Shoebox deadline

Friday 12 November

Road Safety Forum 2:20—3pm

Thursday 18 November 2021

Family Photographs (4pm-7pm)

PTFA Discos are cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions regarding mixing of year groups inside. We will reinstate these as soon as possible.

Monday 29 November—Friday 3 December

PTFA Christmas Gifts for Giving event

Wednesday 8 December

PTFA Film for pupils after school

TREE OF HOPE—A MESSAGE FROM MEG BROCKWAY

As you will have seen in the newsletter a couple of weeks ago, CJS worked in partnership with Twynham Secondary and Christchurch Baptist Church on The Tree of Hope Project: each child recording on a leaf what acts they were taking to tackle the Climate Crisis. Many children, with their families in tow, have passed the installation at the church in Bargates and looked for their leaf.

This Saturday at 12 noon the church will be open and everyone is invited to come along to see their leaf and be part of big photo which will be sent to the press to make sure our acts are seen.

We also want our voices to be heard. This Saturday is the Global Day of Action on the Climate Crisis and so after gathering for a photo we will be lead by some local musicians in singing The Song for The Climate. This will be filmed and shared.

As we are all hearing a lot about COP 26 this week and the conversations going on in Glasgow, this is an opportunity for us in Christchurch to stand up, speak out and be heard.

Just turn up at 12 noon on Saturday 6th November at Christchurch Baptist Church for about half an hour to say to the people with power that this matters to us.

If you and your children would like to get familiar with the song, here are the words and please click on the YouTube link below to hear it.

The Song for The Climate

We need to wake up

We need to wise up

We need to open our eyes

And do it now, now, now!

We need to build a better future

And we need to start right now

We're on a planet

That has a problem

We've got to solve it, get involved

And do it now, now, now!

We need to build a better future

And we need to start right now

Make it greener

Make it cleaner

Make it last, make it fast

And do it now, now, now!

We need to build a better future

And we need to start right now

No point in waiting

Or hesitating

We must get wise, take no more lies

And do it now, now, now!

We need to build a better future

And we need to start right now



<https://youtu.be/c7V1qLLsn7M>

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday.



Christchurch History Society

Reflecting the past
Reflecting the future

A MAGIC LANTERN EVENING

with

Our Very Own
JANET BURN

Tuesday 7th December

@ 7.30.p.m.

Christchurch Junior School,
Clarendon Road, Christchurch

All are very welcome
Members: £ 2.00. Visitors: £ 5.00.

Students: £2.00.

Parking available on site
Tea & Coffee in the Break

www.historychristchurch.org.uk

Enquiries: Ian Watson-Programme Secretary

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BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN this winter.



Now that the clocks have gone back and it's getting darker earlier on, it's more important than ever to make sure you can be seen when you're out and about near roads.

There are loads of ways to be seen and stay safer - so check over the page for some top tips!

5 top tips on how to BE BRIGHT & BE SEEN

- 1 Brightly coloured or fluorescent clothing shows up well in daylight and at dusk when you're heading to and from school.
 - 2 If you're out and about when it's dark, wear reflective gear to make sure you can be seen in car headlights. Reflective vests, sashes or wristbands work well. Remember, fluorescent clothing doesn't work after dark!
 - 3 Don't forget to accessorise! Even small items such as clip-on reflectors, armbands and stickers on your outfit or school bag are a great way to improve your visibility.
 - 4 If you like to cycle, remember that it's the law to have clean and working lights at night (white at the front, red at the back), as well as a rear reflector. It's good to fit spoke reflectors too.
 - 5 Of course, 'Being Bright' isn't the only way to stay safer. If you're out at night, choose routes and crossing places that are well lit and remember to always use the Green Cross Code.
- For more road safety tips, games and videos, visit the Tales of the Road website at www.direct.gov.uk/talesoftheroad

**Be Bright,
Be Seen**





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 or
give us a call on: 01202 402790
or visit the website www.bpdscitt.org.uk



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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 or
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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

ROBLOX



With more than 150 million users worldwide, Roblox is one of the most popular video games of recent times. Roblox allows users to create their own gaming experiences using Roblox Studio: building levels and games then allowing other people to play them. Similarly, players can play each other's creations, either on their own or with other people online. While it's a tool that can help foster creative thinking, Roblox is also intermittently in the news amid concerns over young users' safety.

No Age Rating

Roblox is rated 7+ by PEGI, but the platform itself doesn't have a minimum age requirement. It does ask for a date of birth when registering, but this can be easily fabricated. The sheer quantity of games available on Roblox means that some will fall into teen/adult categories. Users can also interact with each other freely – and the game has, historically, attracted scammers, griefers and online predators.



Chat Functionality

Users can join group chats with almost anyone through the Chat & Party function. While the chat has some filters, predators still try to find ways around these to prey on young children. There have been recent reports of adults pretending to be children, attempting to groom younger players and encouraging them to chat privately in an unmoderated environment away from the game.

In-App Purchases

Robux is the in-game currency used to buy things like special outfits or emotes, and to play certain sections of the game. A subscription service (costing £4.99 per month) called Roblox Premium offers more privileges and more in-game currency. Robux can also be purchased in batches, for up to £4.99. Children can easily pay for these, or purchase a membership, without realising it.



ODers

An 'ODer' (online dater) joins Roblox to find someone to 'date' online. While there's nothing inherently wrong with finding love on the internet, it becomes an issue in a space that's populated by children and young teens, like Roblox. Online dating is against Roblox's community guidelines, but certain player-built games on the platform are specifically for 'ODers' and should be avoided by children.

Online Predators

Roblox's developers aim to maintain a safe place for children; they employ human moderators for their players' protection. But there will, sadly, always be individuals who try to bypass these safeguards so they can chat to children and attempt to communicate outside the game. Anyone asking for your child's personal information or to talk privately should be blocked and reported.



Advice for Parents & Carers



Take Note of Ratings

Recent press reports drew attention to Roblox's issues with potentially offensive content. Some players were using Roblox Studio to create games featuring nudity, sexual activity and extreme political views. In response, Roblox is introducing a ratings system which will rank content by age appropriateness, with clear warnings if a game is not suitable for younger players.



Set Parental Controls

Roblox has controls that allow parents to moderate who their children can talk to and which games they can play. To enable these, add your email address to your child's account through the Security menu, and create a secure PIN to stop settings being tampered with. Then head into the Privacy menu where you can apply moderation to in-game chat, personal messages, invites and more.

Disable Messages

It's advisable to block all messaging if you have concerns over your child's safety. If they're playing with friends they know in real life, encourage them to chat in another way (like on the phone), so you know exactly who they're talking to and how. Accounts can be tweaked to allow messages from specific groups of people, such as friends or users that your child follows.



Block and Report

To report players in a game, find the Roblox symbol on screen (or the 'Settings' button on some devices). Identify the offending player and click the flag icon. Clarify why the player is being reported by choosing a reason from the list. If you think a particular game is inappropriate, you can also flag it for a moderator to check by following the same steps but selecting 'Game' instead of 'Player'.



Encourage Creativity

It could prove a little too complex for younger children, but Roblox Studio is a great place to start learning the fundamentals of game design. Many budding developers have created Roblox games which have become popular among the community. There are plenty of tutorials on making games on sites like YouTube. You never know, your child's creation might be the next big thing!



Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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