



CJS NEWS

Weekly news from Christchurch Junior School

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THE BEST FOR ALL—THE BEST FROM ALL

Dear Parents / Carers

Today the children are enjoying the fun of the Christmas Fair, and my thanks go out to the PTFA for arranging this event.

Next week, you will receive your child's termly data report through Arbor (please ensure you have activated your account). With a view to keeping you well-informed about your child's progress, we are now reporting to you termly. As always, there will be an opportunity next term to discuss this information with the class teacher. More information will follow next week.

Enjoy the weekend, and please do all you can to help get our pupils, staff and community safely through to the Christmas break.

SR Fuller

ATTENDANCE RACE

The winners of the attendance race for w/c 06 December 2021

Year 3	3AB	93.8%
Year 4	4VD	94.9%
Year 5	5EL	95.7%
Year 6	6AM	98.1%

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

You will receive a DOJO message from your child's class teacher regarding their plans for a Christmas party. Year groups are having their parties on the following days:-

Year 3	Friday 17 December (Mufti & extra snack/treat for the afternoon)
Year 4	Wednesday 15 December afternoon (Mufti & bring extra snacks for after lunch)
Year 5	Wednesday 15 December morning (Mufti & children to bring in party food to eat at lunchtime)
Year 6	Friday 17 December (Mufti & children to bring party food to eat after lunchtime)

YEAR 3 CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Y3 will be holding a Christmas sing-a-long for their children and parents/carers, after school on Thursday 16 December. We will aim to begin at 3:20pm (giving time for collection of siblings from CIS). We would like all children in Year 3 to be involved. This event will be held outside, come rain or shine, so bring an umbrella if necessary and wrap up warm. The light should hold, but you may want a torch!

- If your child cannot take part, please let the teacher know ahead of time, and collect at 3:05pm as normal.
- For all other children, who are taking part, parents/carers can arrive at approximately 3:15pm.
- If you are unable to attend, but your child is taking part, please aim to collect them at 3:40pm.

YEAR 6 HANDBALL COMPETITION

On the afternoon of Wednesday 8 December, 11 hardy children from Year 6 braved the cold weather and took part in a 'Handball' development tournament which took place at The Grange School. It was a fantastic competition! Our children played in two teams, with smiles on their faces and determination in their eyes. The children took part in a series of seven matches and demonstrated excellence throughout, behaving impeccably; they were a real credit to CJS. Well done to all those who took part.

CELEBRATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Well done to Molly Fidler for competing in her first ever street dance competition at the weekend and making it to the semi finals to be in the top 10 out of 80 children!

We are always keen to hear about your child's out-of-school achievements, so please let our school office know and we will add the details to our newsletter.

A MESSAGE FROM IAN MAYHEW, CHAIR OF THE CJS LOCAL ADVISORY BOARD

I am pleased to announce that James Tyndale-Biscoe was elected as Parent Governor following the recent ballot. I would like to thank the unsuccessful candidate, Joanne Chandler, for her interest in supporting the school. The role of the Governor is a very important one: governors support the school by being a critical friend, we monitor the quality of education provided for your children so that outcomes are high, we check that agreed policies are adhered to, we support the school to achieve agreed targets, we monitor the school's use of finances and, most importantly, ensure leaders safeguard pupils effectively.

Next time we hold a ballot for a Parent Governor it would be great to have more parents/carers voting. For a school with nearly 500 pupils, we only received a disappointingly low number of votes. It is important to me, the LAB and our school leadership team that our community is fully engaged, so that together we can help CJS make great progress towards 'Excellence'. As parents you have a massive part to play in our joint journey, from responding to requests from staff at the school, volunteering to support the PTFA or simply voting in a Parent Governor election to the LAB.

James joins the other members of the board (Alison Day, Natasha Gerber, Maggie Fidler, Karen Butler, Marcus Fidge and myself) at a great time as we end the first term of Mr Fuller's second year as Headteacher of CJS. Despite our continued struggle against the conditions the pandemic presents us, we are beginning to see real progress and impact of changes and tweaks made to the school over the last 14 months and I was particularly pleased to read the outcome of the Trust's Autumn Health check on CJS with recognition of the impact of some of those steps as well providing us some super pointers to support our next steps towards 'Excellence'.

The other members of the LAB and I would like to share more of the work that we undertake as governors and are considering the best option to do this in the New Year. For now, however, we will simply wish you all a happy festive period!

SNOWFLAKES FOR THE PRIORY

Christchurch Priory is holding performances of The Snowman before Christmas. They would like to cover their ceiling in paper snowflakes and are asking for our help with this. Why not make some snowflakes at home and either bring them to the school office or take them directly to Christchurch Priory? This will help to make it truly magical this Christmas.

There are still some tickets left if you would like to go to watch The Snowman: [Parish of Christchurch - The Snowman \(christchurchpriory.org\)](http://Parish of Christchurch - The Snowman (christchurchpriory.org))

DONATED CHRISTMAS TREE

Thank you to B&Q Christchurch for donating a Christmas Tree for our reception area. This has been decorated by various students this week!

FLU VACCINE UPDATE

The NHS school nursing team who organise the school flu vaccination programme have had to reschedule this from the Autumn term to the Spring Term due to COVID vaccinations taking priority. As and when we have details from them, this will be communicated to parents.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Saturday 18 December 2021—Monday 3 January 2022

Christmas Holidays

Tuesday 4 January 2022

Children return to school

Friday 18 February 2022

INSET—staff training—no pupils in school

Saturday 19 February—Sunday 27 February 2022

Half Term

Saturday 9 April—Sunday 24 April

Easter Half Term

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS - JANUARY 2022

Parents will have received an email yesterday morning advising them that sign up for clubs will go 'live' on Arbor today at 6pm. All parents will need to have logged into the parent portal on Arbor to be able to access the sign up and this will be on a first-come-first-served basis. The closing date for signing your child up will be Wednesday 15 December at 9:00am. Once a school-led club reaches its limit, please telephone the school office on 01202 485579 to place your child onto a waiting list.

If your child is taking part in any our school based clubs currently and would like to continue, they must be signed up again for the Spring Term.

Please also be aware, that when relevant, club lists are used to support our staff in selecting pupils to represent the school. We are working hard to provide as many opportunities as possible for children to represent CJS.

Our club sign up will be available through Arbor and parents/carers will need to log into the parent portal via the below website or you can download the Arbor App. If you cannot remember your password, please use the 'reset password' button.

[Log in to your School | Arbor](#)

We will be sending out sign-up forms for our external clubs as and when we receive them so please keep an eye on your emails. These clubs have a cost implication.

CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL - CLUBS & ACTIVITIES – SPRING TERM							
	CLUB / ACTIVITY	SCHOOL COORDINATOR	TIME	LOCATION	YEAR	START DATE/END DATE	COLLECTION FROM
Monday	Handball	Mr Line/Miss Dunk	Finish 4:10pm	Field	Year 5 & 6 only (Boys and Girls)	10 January 2022/4 April 2022	Year 3 Gates
	Creative Writing *	Chantelle Atkins	Finish 4:10pm	3EY	All Years	10 January 2022/14 February 2022	Year 3 Gates
	Dance 4 All*	Stella	Finish 4:00pm	Main Hall	All years	10 January 2022	Main Hall Doors
Tuesday	Dance	Miss Binney	Finish 4:10pm	Main Hall	Year 4,5,6	4 January 2022/5 April 2022	Main Hall doors
	Jumble Jams	Mrs Green	Finish at 4:00pm	Music Room	Year 6	4 January 2022/5 April 2022	Old Hall Doors
	Handball	Mr Line/Miss Dunk	Finish 4:10pm	Field	Year 3&4	4 January 2022/5 April 2022	Year 3 Gates
Wednesday	Netball	Mr Line/Miss Dunk	Finish 4:10pm	Hard Courts	Year 3&4	5 January 2022/6 April 2022	Year 3 Gates
	Rippa Rugby*	Rippa Rugby	Finish at 4:10pm	Field	All years	5 January 2022/6 April 2022	Main Reception
	Fresh Air Club*	Craig	Finish 4:05pm	Hard Courts	All Years	5 January 2022/6 April 2022	Main Reception
	Rhythmic Gym	Miss Binney	Finish 4:10pm	Main Hall	Year 4,5,6	5 January 2022/6 April 2022	Main Hall Doors
Thursday	Netball	Mr Line/Miss Dunk	Finish 4:10pm	Hard Courts	Year 5&6	6 January 2022/7 April 2022	Year 3 Gates
	Football*	Premier Education	Finish 4:10pm	Field	Year 3&4	TBC	Year 3 Gates
	Orchestra	Mrs Green	Finish at 4:00pm	Music Room	Year 4,5,6 (Musicians Only)	6 January 2022/7 April 2022	Old Hall Doors
Friday	Football*	Premier Education	Finish 4:10pm	Field	Year 5&6	TBC	Year 3 Gates
	STAMP Drama*	Susannah	Finish at 4:10pm	Old Hall	All Years	7 January 2022	Old Hall

*Clubs run by an external company. Bookings to be made directly with the club.



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



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)

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MR LINE'S SPORTS

SATURDAY CLUB



CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL

SATURDAY MORNINGS

9:00 TO 10:30AM

**8 JANUARY TO 12 FEBRUARY (6
WEEKS)**

£30



SCAN ME



**HANDBALL
CLUB**



MY LIFE ON THE FAIRGROUND

with

Kay Townsend

Tuesday 4th January

@ 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

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