

CJS NEWS

Issue 1 — Friday 8 September 2023

Belonging - Achieving - Growing

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been great to welcome the children into school this week, to see the joy on their faces as they have renewed friendships and developed relationships with the adults in school. They have settled in brilliantly and have got used to their new routines. We have made our school values of Belonging/Achieving/Growing central to many conversations this week, helping pupils to understand how they can demonstrate these values daily. They have risen to the challenge and done you proud!

Seeing our new school uniform being worn proudly has been superb. Thank you for all your support with this, even in the warm weather. Please help us by ensuring children have their shirts tucked in (both gold polos and white shirts please) and that those in shirts and tie have their top button done up. We are looking really smart and as I have told the children, if you look smart you think smart!

Have a great weekend.

SkFuller

START OF DAY ARRANGEMENTS

The children have come into school excellently this week, and while it was very busy with lots of adults in the playground on Tuesday and Wednesday, this has eased off as the week has progressed.

From Monday, children are asked to come through our gates independently between 8:30-8:40 am. All our gates have staff members on duty and there are staff on the playground itself, so once children are through a gate, parents/carers can be assured that they are kept safe. Then, once classroom doors are opened for children to enter school at 8:40 am, children can be accompanied through gates by an adult if required.

This process helps ensure a calm start to each day without having large groups of unfamiliar adults in the vicinity. It also means that parents/carers can have a quicker, more efficient start to the day! Thank you for your support.

SAFETY FIRST

The safeguarding of our pupils and community will always be the number one priority at CJS. To this end, on Monday 11 September we will be beginning the delivery of the NSPCC's 'Speak out. Stay safe.' programme. A letter giving more details is attached.

THE ONE SHOW!

Hopefully, many of you were able to see Christchurch Juniors featuring on The One Show on Monday evening. If you didn't manage to catch the show, you can always tune in via the BBC iPlayer. I was delighted to hear our community talking so positively about the huge benefits that can be gained from active travel to school. The more children that can walk, scoot or cycle to school, the better! BBC iPlayer - The One Show - 04/09/2023

A MESSAGE FROM SUSTRANS - CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK CHALLENGE



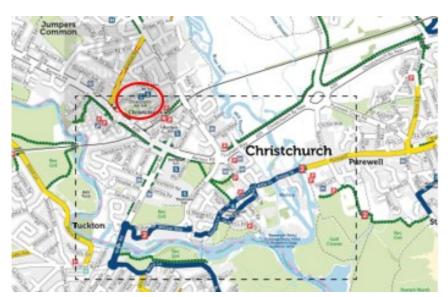


Welcome back to the new school year. My name is Denise Thomson and I work for Sustrans and BCP council to help to get more families actively travelling. This ensures healthier children, better quality air and less congestion. Christchurch Junior School is one of the schools lucky enough to be a 'Bike It' school which means you get extra support. During the term, there will be some activities and events to aim to help you to travel in a healthier way.

The first of these is a focus on 'Cycle to School' Week. This is being run by Bikeability, with support from **Sustrans** and is happening between **Monday 25 – Friday 29 September 2023**.

The challenge...

Can you get out and about on bikes (don't forget you can hire Beryl bikes) or scooters or even go on foot. Below is a map of the cycle routes around your school. Please go and explore some with your family and then email: bcpschools@sustrans.org.uk to tell me where you went, what you liked and what could be improved. The rest of the map is available here: bpc-area-cycle-map-christchurch (bcpcouncil.gov.uk)



Everyone who emails describing their exploration by 2nd October 2023 will be in with the chance of winning a new secure bike lock.

Bikeability are also offering a chance to win a Frog bike. Please visit <u>Cycle to School Week - Bikeability</u> and complete your pledge to enter.

Now the sun has finally got it's hat on, I hope you can find a way to actively travel to school or to nearby destinations. If you have ideas or suggestions of what may help you or others to travel on foot/non-motorised wheels more often, please email the address above and include the name of the school in your email. I look forward to supporting you and your children over the next few months.

Denise Thomson (Bike It and School Streets Officer)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 11 September Year 3 swimming commences for 3CM and 3GD

Friday 15 September Yellow House Mufti day

Tuesday 19 September Individual school photographs (more information to follow)

Wednesday 20 September Year 4 Parent/Carer Meeting - Old Hall 2pm-3pm

Thursday 21 September Year 5 Parent/Carer Meeting - Old Hall 2pm-3pm

Friday 22 September Year 3 Parent/Carer Meeting -Old Hall 2pm-3pm

Wednesday 27 September Year 6 Parent/Carer Meeting - Old Hall 2pm-3pm

(Parent/Carer meetings—information to parents on key dates for this

academic year and the opportunity to speak to class teachers)

CURRENT VACANCIES AT TWYNHAM LEARNING

https://www.twynhamlearning.com/187/staff-vacancies

We are an excellent multi-academy trust to work for and have Twynham Learning employee values that underpin our work together:

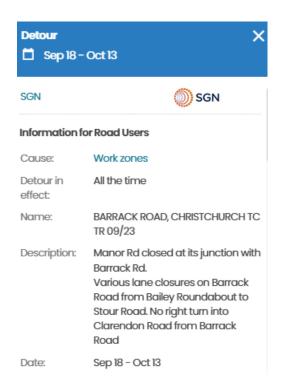
Twynham Learning Employee Values		Attributes that support living this value
	Aim high	Ambition for excellence Professionalism
À	Keep improving	Humility Championing change
i i	Don't leave anyone behind	Inclusiveness Positivity
	See the bigger picture	Community-mindedness Being collaborative

VACANCY	SCHOOL	CLOSING DATE
Cleaner	Twynham School	20/09/2023
Housekeeper	Twynham School	20/09/2023
Peripatetic Brass Music Teacher	Twynham TGS	22/09/2023
Senior TA Sports	Christchurch Junior School	18/09/2023

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS— POTENTIAL TRAVEL DISRUPTION ON THE BARRACK ROAD

Please be aware that there will be road closures between September 18 and October 13 on the Barrack Road area that may affect your journey to and from school. Please follow the link to the one network for further information.

http://one.network/



CELEBRATIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE -MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE

It is Mitochondrial Disease awareness week commencing 18 September, and Freya in 5SF would like to raise money for the Lily Foundation, who support families and fund research into treatment and cures. Freya's sister Harriet is 4 and battles Mitochondrial Disease.

Freya will be selling loom bands that she has made and cakes outside the reception area on Monday 18 September, so please come along and support Freya to raise funds for this worthy cause.

SNOWDON CLIMB

Well done to Ellie in 6CO for completing her fundraising challenge during the summer holidays. Ellie climbed Mount Snowdon to raise funds for Cancer research. Ellie completed the climb in tough weather conditions in just under 6 hours and has raised a massive £650 for Cancer Research. Well done Ellie, what a great achievement.



WORLD STREET DANCE FINALISTS

Congratulations to Lola in 5SF and Mary in 5AM for becoming finalists in the <u>World Street Dance Championships</u> held at the Winter Gardens in Blackpool recently. There were 22 teams in the Under 12's category at the start of the competition so it was a fantastic achievement for the girls to get through to the final.

Well done girls, your commitment, dedication and hours of practice have truly paid off.



Please Help Us Give Jo More Time!

Let her kids grow up with their fantastic Mum in their lives!



Jo is a single mum to 2 wonderful children who have all had their lives turned upside down! At the end of last year Jo received the devastating news that she has bowel cancer and that it had spread to her liver and some lymph nodes! Then just a few weeks later came the unthinkable heart-breaking news that this wasn't a battle to save her life, just to prolong it.

How do you deal with news like that, how do you break that news to your children, your family, your friends, it is unimaginable!

Jo has left us speechless with her strength and courage, she has been thoroughly amazing! She has taken an aggressive chemo option to try to extend the time she can have as much as possible, which has been so incredibly tough going for her. Unfortunately, a recent scan has confirmed the worst news, the chemo is no longer working for her. Jo is the most private and humble person, who under normal circumstances would never want any attention on her. We are determined she should have the treatment that she deserves and that will give her the best fighting chance of more time.

A private consultant who has expertise in bowel cancer has suggested a treatment option called SIRT (radiotherapy direct to the liver) along with bowel surgery to give the best chance of saving or at least prolonging her life for as long as possible, but obviously this comes at a price.... wouldn't any one of us do whatever we could to make more memories?

Time really is of the essence, so we would be so grateful for any donation at all you can afford to make, every little helps. We totally understand that not everyone is able to donate, but if we could please ask that you take a photo of this poster and share on your social media, we really would appreciate anything at all you can do to help.



Fundraiser for Joanne Smith by Natasha Sloan-Perrett: Please Help Us Give Jo More Time! (gofundme.com)





BOOTS BOOK

LOVERS LIBRARY

Who knew that Boots (the Chemists) used to have subscription libraries within their shops?

with

Jackie Winter

Tuesday 3rd October @ 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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