



CASTLE BROMWICH JUNIOR SCHOOL

DECEMBER 2013 NEWSLETTER



Forthcoming events in December

Christmas Celebration Concerts

Year 6 Monday 16th December
 Year 5 Tuesday 17th December
 Year 4 Wednesday 18th December
 Year 3 Thursday 19th December

They all start at 9.30 and we will collect after each show for Children In Need, or a gift donation to the food bank

Christmas Parties

Year 4
 18th December
 Year 3 & 5
 19th December
 Year 6
 20th December

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT BY YEAR TEAMS

School closes for Christmas at 3.30pm on Friday 20th December.

Christmas Post for CBJS children

We have Christmas post boxes available for children to use. One



is outside Mrs Timms' room and the other is in reception. Children are encouraged to use the school post to send cards. They need to make sure that envelopes are clearly marked with the full name and class of the person the card is being sent to.

www.cbjs.co.uk
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Celebrations from November

Remembrance Parade- Thank you to the pupils who braved the cold conditions to take part in the Castle Bromwich Remembrance parade. The children were incredibly respectful as they laid the school wreath.

School Choir – Thank you to our school choir who gave a fantastic performance at Arden Hall last week as part of the carol service there. They were rewarded by a visit from Santa and a large box of chocolates to share!

Netball Skills Team – congratulations to the 8 Year 6 pupils who took part in this event. The team had to complete a number of netball drills including scoring 10 goals in the fastest time possible. We finished 3rd out of 17 schools with a fastest time of 5 minutes and 54 seconds – missing out on the final by a few seconds.

Netball team - On Thursday 28th November the Year 6 netball team played their very first match against Kingshurst Primary School. After only having two practices and never playing as a whole team before, the girls, Miss Pittaway and Miss Varnam were quite nervous! However, they had nothing to be nervous about as CBJS scored within the first few minutes of play. The full time score was 7-2 to CBJS. An excellent achievement and well done to all of the team.

Charity Support

Thank you to all who supported **Children in Need** and the school council for their superb organisation - we raised £ 385.35

With support from a local church group we were able to send off a massive 155 shoe boxes of gifts as part of **Operation Christmas Child**. This is the highest number we have ever collected and our pupils should feel proud that they will be brightening another child's Christmas

Parents will also recall that in October we collected tins for the local **food bank** and were able to give food to 17 families. In order to support this organisation further the staff have decided not to send Christmas cards this year but instead to donate a small gift that can be given to a child whose family finds it needs to visit the food bank this Christmas. If anyone would like to join us in this it would be much appreciated - gifts need only be small, like a packet of crayons, a colouring book or a selection box. Children should bring their gifts to their class teacher; we will then put them into a Christmas sack and deliver them to the food bank.

Behaviour Support From Parents

At times members of staff contact parents to discuss issues that may have arisen in school. I myself had to do this last week, when speaking to the parent she was concerned that she didn't know what punishment she should now give at home. Whilst we would never tell



parents how to manage this we believe that we will deal with the school behaviour and under our systems deliver an appropriate sanction and parents do not have to feel they have to manage another home sanction as well. The best way for parents to support us is by talking to their child at home and acknowledging and supporting the school based sanction. We hope this helps parents and will save additional conflict at home.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



A reminder that The Friends of CBJS are organising our annual Christmas Fayre between 3.30pm and 4.45pm on **Friday 6th December.**

Words of Wisdom

It is not your aptitude, but your attitude, that determines your altitude.



School Uniform

Details are on the reverse to remind parents how to order uniform online. Following a request from the parent consultation group we are looking at adding a new thinner cotton cardigan to our range – available in red and also blue for our school councillors only. We will inform you when this has been set up.

School Website

With support from staff, Mr Smart our ICT technician is now regularly updating our website with information and activities our pupils have been involved in. www.cbjs.co.uk

We would be interested in any feedback from parents – items you find useful and indeed items that you would like to see on the website. Please email bsmart@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk if you would like to contribute any ideas.

Parental Support

We are wishing to extend the number of parents that are currently involved in our Friends Association and parent consultation group. We are aiming to have one parent per class who represents these groups. If you would like to be involved or know more please contact: Mrs Timms for the parent consultation group s10ttimms@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk and Mr May for the Friends Association s10amay@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk Or contact your child's class teacher.

Both groups are an excellent support of the school and increase parental voice and involvement

Sex Education

Parents have asked about books linked to relationships and puberty. We recommend the Sex Education Forum website. They have book lists for different ages. It is difficult to recommend a certain book as one parent will love it while another may hate it. The list will enable you to choose what's right for your child and family.

School Ties



These are now available in the school office. Normal ties cost £2.50, we also have in stock at a cost of £2.85, clip on ties to make it easier for pupils when getting dressed after PE or swimming. As more and more children are ordering ties we are looking into adding to our online uniform V necked logo jumpers so that the tie can be visible.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We have decided to extend our lunchtime provision and are looking to recruit a new member to our lunchtime team. If anyone is interested in this post please email Mrs Hobden for further details or contact the school office.



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Message From School Nurses



We would like to remind parents that the school nurses are available to offer support and advice to you in relation to your child's health and well-being, along with the routine surveillance offered as set out in the Healthy Child Programme (DOH 2009). School nurses can be contacted via North Solihull Team – 0121 770 1919