



# CASTLE BROMWICH JUNIOR SCHOOL

## DECEMBER 2014 NEWSLETTER

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### Forthcoming events in December

#### Christmas Celebration Concerts

Year 6 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
 Year 5 Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
 Year 4 Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
 Year 3 Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

They all start at 9.30 and we will collect after each show for Children In Need.

#### Christmas Parties

Year 4 17<sup>th</sup> December  
 Year 3 & 5 18<sup>th</sup> December  
 Year 6 19<sup>th</sup> December  
 FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE SENT OUT BY YEAR TEAMS

School closes for Christmas at 3.30pm on December 19<sup>th</sup>

#### Parental Support

We wish to further 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 to know more please contact:

Mrs Timms for the parent consultation group  
[s10ttimms@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s10ttimms@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk) and Mr May for the Friends Association  
[s10amay@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s10amay@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk)

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

#### CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A reminder that The Friends of CBJS are organising our annual Christmas Fayre between 3.30pm and 4.45pm on Friday 5th December.

### Celebrations from November

**Remembrance Parade-** Thank you to the pupils who took part in the Castle Bromwich Remembrance parade. James Lund and Sophia Fox 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.

**Stroll and Roll** Following the launch of this last month the number of pupils who are coming to school on bikes and scooters or walking at least part of their journey, has significantly increased. Thank you to parents for their support – we are waiting to see which class completes their class record sheet first and wins the fantastic glass trophy.

#### **Girls Football Success**

The girl's 7-a-side football team are through to the next round of the Solihull Shield after a 4-1 victory at home to St John the Baptist. An excellent performance with goals from Rameyah as well as a fantastic long range effort from Yasmin put CBJS in the driving seat and ensured they will be in the draw for the next round.

#### **Sporting Stars**

Our CBJS Sporting Stars display now has well over 100 photos of children taking part in sport outside of school. There is still more space though so please email any photos to Mr Bird: [s10dbird@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s10dbird@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk)

### Local Authority Review

Following our Ofsted inspection in March we asked the local authority to conduct a review of the school and the progress it is making towards the Ofsted outcomes. The school is pleased with the report and below is the summary of their findings.

**The school has made progress since its Ofsted inspection and its overall effectiveness is good. The school is now good in all areas. Achievement is good because progress is stronger and attainment has returned to and surpassed its previous high levels. Teaching is good because expectations are more appropriate and learning behaviour and behaviour around the school are good. Leadership and management is good because systems are well developed, roles and accountability are more embedded and teaching is being well supported.**

**For further development the school needs to improve the percentage of pupils making more than expected progress and to ensure that the quality of teaching is more consistently good.**

#### Maths Investigation

Grandma had made pies for a bake sale. She had carefully put equal amounts of mixture in each pie tin and was now trying to find the weight of the pies.

She had a problem; she only had one 200 gram weight and one 125 gram weight.

She found that one pie balanced on the scale with both weights and a quarter of a pie.



How heavy was each pie?

#### Handy Person Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a 'handy person' to work for a few hours in the day to ensure the school site is well maintained. For further information please contact Mr May [s10amay@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk](mailto:s10amay@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk)

### British Values

As part of the governments curriculum review school are asked to focus on British values through their taught curriculum and school ethos. The British Values are: democracy, freedom, respect, tolerance and following the law.

#### Anti-Bullying

This is an issue we take very seriously in school. Any incident that is reported to us is looked into and logged on our school based system so we can monitor any repeat incidents and identify pupils who may become victims to this. Our pupils recently told Ofsted and the local authority inspectors that they felt bullying incidents are followed up and that their main concern is name calling. We have therefore focused on this with pupils during assembly discussing how hurtful these comments can be and that they are often said to cause offence. Miss Pittaway will be carrying out a review of our policy and practice; she has already led a staff meeting and will be working with pupils and parents so that this concern can be addressed with the whole school community.

#### 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 73 shoe boxes of gifts as part of **Operation Christmas Child**.

Thank you to all pupils who bought their **poppies** through school, we raised £133.53

**Our school disco** raised over £700 for the school. The Friends will be looking at how they can spend this money to support our pupils. Thank you to all the friends of CBJS who do a fantastic job, often behind the scenes planning and preparing the years events.

#### Helping your child with English and maths.

Following the recent success of the maths course for parents, two additional training events have been set up. Parents who have attended have found them very useful in supporting their children and learning how we teach the pupils in school. They are very friendly meetings and there is no pressure on parents to have any significant knowledge of maths and English. All the support is given and no one is tested! We look forward to seeing as many parents at these really useful events.

#### **English**

A 5 week English course - Thursday mornings [ 9-11am] starting on 15th January until the 12th February.

#### **Maths**

A 5 week maths course - Wednesday evenings (6-8pm) starting on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2015 until February 11<sup>th</sup>

#### School Ties

A reminder that school ties are available from the school office. 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 have added to our online uniform, a V necked logo jumper so that the tie can be visible.

