

CASTLE BROMWICH JUNIOR SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER

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European Referendum

Message from the local authority

Further to the announcement by the Prime Minister that the EU Referendum is to take place on Thursday 23 June 2016, the Local Authority has decided to authorise school closures for an additional day.

We have tried to look at alternative sites for this but unfortunately the Council has been unsuccessful.

Therefore on June 23rd CBJS and CBIS will be closed to pupils and will be an additional inset day for staff

Parking Around School

We acknowledge that parking remains an issue around the school site, mainly at the end of the day. I am meeting with the police and the local authority this week to look at how we can address our concerns, which we know are shared by many parents. Parents may have seen on the news recently that we are clearly not alone in having this problem. In the meantime can I ask that parents drive and park with courtesy and consideration to our families on foot and our residents.



School Games Talent Show Audition

A number of our Y5 and Y6 pupils are taking part in this event on Friday 4th March in Leamington Spa. We wish them all the very best and look forward to them sharing their experience with us in assembly.

PARENTS' EVENING

Pupil progress meetings this term are the 16th and 17th March (3L have slightly different times to the rest of the school and 5S parents evenings are on 9th and 10th March). Letters were recently sent out for parents to request an appointment. In autumn parents evening was attended by 96% of parents and we hope to at least maintain that figure. Parents evening is a crucial opportunity for pupils to show you their work and for important progress discussions between parents and teachers.

Spring Term 2016

Term Ends 3.30pm on Wednesday 23rd March.

Term Starts 8.50am Monday 11th April.

2016 Inset Dates

5th May

17th June

23rd June

Spring Term Events

4th March CBJS Talent Show

w/b 14th March- Assessment week

16th/17th March- Parents Evenings

18th March- Sports Relief

23rd March- Y4 Easter Concert-9.30am



Do our newsletters give parents the kind of information they want to know? If there is anything you would like to see in our newsletters please contact Mrs Hobden.

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ECO News

We are in the process of re-applying for our Green Flag award. Miss Callow leads this area and works very hard behind the scenes on the schools behalf. Our recent ECO achievements are now updated on our website. It showcases children's achievements in the school with awards, competition and events.



Children's University

All Year 3 and 4 children have been working hard on their CBJS University courses this term and are ready to celebrate the completion of their first subject.

As a celebration, we are inviting parents and families to come to CBJS on the afternoon of Friday 11th March between 2.30 and 3.00pm to find out what we have been learning. Children will receive their celebration certificates and will show off what they have been doing during their sessions. Please check with your child which activity they have been taking part in so you will know where to go to once you arrive in school.



Pupil's work.

Nothing gives me greater pleasure than looking at the fantastic work of our pupils. Many of these I see as I visit classrooms and others are sent to me. Just before half term two year 6 boys presented me with poetry they had written as part of their topic work. I was so impressed with the quality, the level of detail and superb language choices that I had to share it. Please see the reverse of this newsletter.



Learning Mentor

Mrs Pritchard is our new learning mentor and as such will be supporting pupils to access their learning and maximise progress. She is also responsible for improving school attendance. Parents can contact her on s10pritchard@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk

The struggle

Struggling through the winter night,
Breathing heavily.
We are desperate for a rest,
Yet no opportunities came.
The constant uproar of bombs,
Leaving us worried, alarmed, petrified.
RPGs, constantly creating crimson, never-ending
waterfalls.
A domino effect started close by,
Yet travelling on, we remain.

Deadly torrents of excruciating mist surround us,
A dismal future hangs in the balance,
Our pierced, burgundy-coloured skin brings us down,
Yet our spirit and will, and passion keep us up.
Death greets the battlefield every minute,
Courageous soldiers trudge towards a measly grave,
Everyone hopes the war will end.

A wave of realisation crashes into the soldiers,
They need to retreat!
Limping as if time was against them,
Some of them make it to the shelter,
The rest are lost, stranded, targeted.
BOOOM!! There goes the unlucky soldier,
The others stand back,
They now know they have to fight.
The old lie: Dulce et decorum est pro patria mori.

By Callum Year 6



Life holds different surprises

Dark clouds engulf the air,
Covering every inch of the firm ground.
Explosions boom in the midnight sky,
Crimson waterfalls cascade through my mind.
Landscapes and soil getting destroyed.
Screeching cries echo through the wind.
Paralysed citizens yell for help,
As their helpless bodies drop on the solid soil.

In the misty fields,
Bodies lie lifelessly.
Others lie with fatigue.
Skin is pierced by shards of fragmented glass.
Bright pools of liquid covered by a ruby curtain.
Gunshots pierce the air and heart.
His hanging face,
Like a devils sick of sin.
We flung the powerless body in the wooden wagon,
With the other corrupted lives that met their bitter
demise.

Dying for your country. A terrible way to end life?

By Joshua Year 6

