

CASTLE BROMWICH JUNIOR SCHOOL



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NEWSLETTER



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Staff News I am sure parents are aware that of late we have had a bit of a baby boom! Mrs Evans, who went on maternity leave last summer had a baby girl called Harriett. Mrs Chaplin has a baby girl called Nancy. Mrs Lavender had a boy called William and Mrs Talibudeen a boy –George. Finally Mrs Woakes finished work at Christmas and two days later had her baby daughter, Katie.

Congratulations to the 169 pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Undergraduate Awards** from Children's University for 30 hours of out of school learning. They received their certificates in a ceremony last week watched by their proud families. We look forward to seeing a number of pupils achieve their Silver and Gold awards in the summer term as well as many more Bronze awards before the end of the year. Keep it up!

Spring Term 2017

February Year 5 Inspire workshops [7th 5C and 5D 8th 5B 5S]
9th February – Safer Internet Day
Year 4 Inspire workshops [Feb 28th – 4B and 4D 1st March 4V and 4S]
13th March – Assessment Week
15th /16th March - Parents Evenings
24th March – Red Nose Day
30th March – Friends Disco
31st March University Sharing Event -pm
7th April – Y4 Easter Concert at 9.30am

Entry and exit from school A reminder to parents that children must enter and leave school via the playground doors and should not be picked up from the school office unless a prior arrangement has been made with a senior member of staff.

Talent Show Following on from the success of recent years we are once again holding our CBJS has talent on Friday 3rd March. Each class has been holding its own talent show to narrow down the entries to 2 per class; this has now been followed by year group finals to identify the three winners per year group. Tickets for finalists will be available from February 6th, before going on general release.

We have recently started **Relax Kids** classes with some children across the school, including an after school club involving parents. The classes aim to help children find strategies to relax and manage stressful situations - including stretching, deep relaxation and massage. We have already received lots of positive feedback from both parents and children and look forward to future sessions. For more information visit www.relaxkids.com or contact Mrs Keen if you are interested in a place s10akeen@cbjs.solihull.sch.uk

Communication with parents At school we endeavour to do all we can to keep parents up to date with news, events, trips etc through letters, newsletters, texts, emails, our website and DOJO messages. Some parents tell us they get too many messages and reminders and then others say they never knew anything about an event. You can see how challenging this is for the school. DOJO is a quick and efficient way for school and parents to communicate, however we have received some complaints that staff are not responding quickly to these messages. During the day staff generally cannot respond to DOJO messages as they are teaching. On occasions, if they have release time, they may be able to do this but again they more often than not have specific work related tasks that must take priority. If you have a message that is urgent can I please suggest parents call the school office and do not rely on DOJO for urgent communications.

Attendance- The flow chart on the reverse details how we support and promote good attendance with our families

School Uniform. We have recently had to remind some pupils and families of the correct school uniform. Thank you to the 95% of families who follow our school policy, sending their children in the correct uniform. Please see our brochure for clarity.

Internet Safety Day On February 9th we will be taking part in the national 'Safer Internet Day' to support our children in the safe, positive and responsible use of technology. Children will be doing work in school looking at how they can be safe on the internet. Guidance will also be sent to parents to support you in ensuring your children are safe when using technology.

PARENTS' EVENING Pupil progress meetings this term are the 15th and 16th March. This is a very important term for pupil progress and we will be supporting all pupils to achieve their targets. If any parent has any concerns with regard to progress please contact your child's class teacher. Please do not wait till parents' evening. We want to address any concerns immediately and then be able to report back to you at the progress meetings.



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Attendance Procedure below 95%

