CHELLASTON JUNIOR SCHOOL



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Friday, 18th June 2021



Looking Ahead

Tuesday 13th – Friday 16th July Sports Days

- Tuesday 13th July Year 3
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Friday 23rd July

Last day of term

Monday 26th July – Wednesday 1st September

School Holidays

Thursday 2nd & Friday 3rd September INSET Days

Monday 6th September

Children return to school

Amazon Smile

Prime members who shop Amazon Prime Day deals from 21st – 22nd June can do more than discover great deals: Simply shop at smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1175655-0 or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon Shopping app, and AmazonSmile will DOUBLE donations to Chellaston Junior School Parent, Teacher And Friend Association at no extra cost.

Sunny Weather

It's that time of year when, hopefully, we will have some sunny weather. Please can we ask parents to send their children to school with sunscreen and hats. Hats with the flaps at the back are particularly good, especially for children with short hair, to protect their necks.

Scholarpack

A reminder that an email was sent out to all parents inviting you to download a free app that links to our information management system, Scholarpack. This enables you to check the details we hold for you and your child/ren. We can also use this as a communication service with messages coming straight through to you on your app.

If you have not already downloaded this app can we please urge you to do so. If you are experiencing any problems or haven't received a code please contact the school office who will try to sort this out for you.

Author Visit

On Wednesday 16th June, the year 5 children at Chellaston Junior School were paid a visit by award winning children's author, Elle McNicoll. Elle has recently been awarded the 2021 Blue Peter Book Awards and has also been shortlisted for the Waterstones Children's Book Award 2021. She spent the day answering questions from the children (who are all very big fans!), reading some of their work, signing books and reading extracts from her own novels.



Elle was encouraging and genuinely inspiring!

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Sports Day 2021

Due to a delay in the easing of COVID restrictions, our 'Sports Day' will look slightly different this year. We still hope that parents/carers will be able to attend, although due to restrictions and government guidance, we ask that only one parent/carer/adult supports their child(ren) and that younger siblings attend only if absolutely necessary. To limit numbers and to follow government guidance, each year group will have their own dedicated Sports Day:

- ·Tuesday 13th July Year 3
- · Wednesday 14th July Year 4
- ·Thursday 15th July Year 5
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As with many forced changes due to COVID, we have had to adapt and re-think how we approach things, often assessing what has worked well previously but also how things can be improved. Due to this, we have adapted our traditional timetable in favour of a Sports Day which encourages the children to take part in many more events both competitively and as a team member, being actively involved for most of the day.

Field events (throwing and jumping) will take place throughout the morning and track events (running, skipping, dribbling, relays) will take place throughout the afternoon. Parents/carers/adults are invited onto the school site from 1pm, entering via the main gates. We ask that children arrive in their usual games kit, with a bottle of water, sun-cream and a hat (preferably that covers the neck).

We have taken the following steps to ensure the safety of the children and staff at CJS, as well as the wider community:

 Children will remain in their 'bubbles' and in zoned areas to stay consistent with our current safety measures.

- Equipment will be sanitised/wiped down before and after use.
- Parents/carers will remain in clearly marked zones within their child's class group, maintaining a 2m social distance where possible.
- Parents/carers are asked to stick to designated walkways and areas.
- Parents/carers are asked to wear masks unless they have a valid reason not to.
- Parents/carers are asked to use the toilets in the Hub (the old children's centre).
- Raised voices and shouting is discouraged as guidance suggests this may mean an additional risk of infection.
- Minimal chairs will be provided in parent/carer zones to minimise cleaning and avoid the chance of transmission.

Parents/carers are welcome to take their child home at the end of Sports Day from approximately 3pm.

We thank you for your understanding and hope you appreciate the hard work behind the scenes to ensure children still have the opportunity to have some sense of normality with their Sports Day this year.

Coats

The weather in Britain is never predictable and we would therefore request that children always have a coat (waterproof, not necessarily warm) with them to ensure that should the heavens open children can still get outside and play.

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