



# CJS NEWS

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## Belonging - Achieving - Growing

Dear Parents / Carers

Class Dojo is a valuable tool for fostering communication between home and school, allowing us to work together to enhance your child's experience. It is great for sharing simple updates, however, more complex conversations are better suited to face-to-face meetings or phone calls. You can speak to a member of staff at the gates at drop off, 'catch' the teacher at the end of the day, or you can email/call or pop into the office. We really do want every opportunity to get it right for your family!

The following guidance has been designed to support Class Dojo communication. It has been written to ensure that we can all use Class Dojo effectively.

### Information and guidance for Parents / Carers:

- **Messaging hours:** You are welcome to message your child's teacher through Class Dojo, but please note that responses will typically only be sent between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours, teachers may not check their messages, as it's important they have time to rest and recharge.
- **Response time:** Teachers will aim to reply within 48 hours during working days. Due to their teaching commitments, they may not see your message immediately, but rest assured, they will respond as soon as possible.
- **When to arrange a meeting:** For more complex or sensitive issues—such as discussing your child's progress or behaviour incidents—it's best to arrange a meeting or phone call. Class Dojo is designed for short, quick messages and may not be the best platform for in-depth discussions.
- **Urgent matters:** For urgent issues such as absences, changes to pick-up arrangements, or medical matters, please contact the school office directly via phone or email. This ensures that your message is received promptly by the right people.
- **Photos and content:** Class Dojo is a wonderful way to celebrate your child's achievements. If you have any concerns about the sharing of photos or information, or if you prefer not to have your child's photos shared, please contact the school office.

### This is the information / guidance which I have shared with teachers:

- **Working hours:** Teachers are encouraged to check messages between 8am and 5pm, Monday to Friday. Outside of these hours, they are advised to set Class Dojo to 'quiet hours' to protect their personal time and wellbeing.
- **Response expectations:** It's important that teachers feel no pressure to respond outside of these working hours. Responses should be provided within 48 hours during working days.
- **Class Dojo updates:** Teachers are encouraged to update class pages with reminders (e.g., for non-uniform days, homework, or school trips) and to celebrate pupils' work. When posting content, only use first names (and, if necessary, the first initial of the surname if there are children with the same first name in the class).
- **Sensitive issues:** Any messages regarding absences, sickness, or sensitive topics should be referred to the school office. Teachers are advised to remind parents to use the correct communication channels for these matters.

Many thanks for your support in making Class Dojo a really positive platform to connect school and home.

*SRFuller*

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to all members of our fantastic community who supported this joint event, either by spreading the word, donating cakes or spending some time chatting in the hall over a fancy hot drink. Sopley Bakery kindly donated a delicious cake; thank you for supporting Macmillan! A very special thank you to members of our dedicated PTFA for donating delicious hot drinks and their time to serve these this morning. Our pupils really enjoyed their visit to Christchurch Infant School and shared memories of their time spent there. Money raised to be announced next week!



This was a fantastic opportunity for all the children to demonstrate their leadership skills and understand the importance of 'giving back'.

## A MESSAGE TO PARENTS—WHATSAPP

Please take the time to read the information flyer, “What parents and carers need to know about WHATSAPP”. Talk to your child about the importance of staying safe online and their online behaviour. It is good practice to monitor the content of their WHATSAPP group messages, and to ensure you are aware of how they communicate and who they communicate with.

# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about WHATSAPP

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

**EVOLVING SCAMS**

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

**CONTACT FROM STRANGERS**

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

**FAKE NEWS**

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

**'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT**

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

**CHAT LOCK**

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

**VISIBLE LOCATION**

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

**AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

**ONLINE**

**FAKE NEWS**

**NEWS**

**MSG ME...**

## LANGUAGES

Here at CJS, we are keen to celebrate the diversity of languages spoken by our children. To our knowledge, based on the information parents/carers have provided through Arbor, more than 15 different languages are spoken fluently by children across the school. This academic year, Mrs Chung hopes to coordinate opportunities for these languages to be shared across our community and would love to know if there are any other languages spoken by our children. Please contact the school office to let us know if an additional language is spoken in your home (see the list below for the languages we are already aware of). Many thanks for your support with this initiative.

Sinhala, Dari Persian, Tamil, Turkish, Portuguese, Estonian, Bengali, Thai, Polish, Italian, Romanian, Moldavian, Moldovan, Spanish, Castilian, Ukrainian, Cantonese, Brazilian Portuguese.

## ANTI BULLYING WEEK—SCHOOL STAFF AWARD 2024

Anti-Bullying week will be held during the week of 11-15 November – more information on the activities taking place are to follow. Before then, we would like to invite children to nominate any member of CJS staff who they think has gone above and beyond to prevent and respond to bullying or to raise awareness of bullying in our school. Children need to write a short paragraph explaining why they are nominating that person and why they think they deserve the award. We will be submitting these to the national Anti-Bullying Alliance on 16 October.

## TRUSTEES AND LAB MEMBERS—RECRUITMENT

Our Trust, Twynham Learning, is recruiting for the Trust Board and for Local Advisory Boards. This is a brilliant way to make a significant contribution to our growing community. A separate letter has been sent to parents/carers giving details of these roles. Please read the letter and contact [governance.manager@twynhmllearning.com](mailto:governance.manager@twynhmllearning.com) with any queries.

## ATTENDANCE RACE WINNERS

The winners of the attendance race for w/c 07 October

Year 3	3SF	99.6%
Year 4	4PG	96.1%
Year 5	5CH & 5NS	99.6%
Year 6	6VD	98.5%

## DARE TO BELIEVE FESTIVAL

On Tuesday, we went to The Grange School to participate in the Dare To Believe Festival. The children enjoyed a variety of activities, including Dodgeball, Bench Ball, Boccia and Curling and all represented CJS brilliantly.

Well done everyone.



## YEAR 5 & 6 GIRLS' FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, we took some of our Year 5 & 6 girls to a football development tournament at The Grange School. This was the first competitive match that the girls have played as a team and for some of the girls, the first match they have ever played. They played brilliantly and came third out of five teams, displaying great teamwork and sportsmanship. Well done!



A MESSAGE FROM CJS PTFA—SCHOOL DISCO

**Fancy dress**  
CJS PTFA

**disco**

£3 VIA  
PARENT PAY

GET YOUR BEST COSTUMES READY  
AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF FUN  
AT OUR FANCY DRESS DISCO!

WEDNESDAY 16TH OF OCTOBER

YEAR 3&4  
16:45 – 18

YEAR 5&6  
18:30 to 19:45

PRIZE FOR  
BEST COSTUME!





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday 16 October	School Disco ( please see the flyer for more information)
Monday 21 October	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 22 October	Year 4 Mudeford Beach clean
Tuesday 22 October	Shoebox Appeal collection day
Wednesday 23 October	Parent Consultations
Thursday 24 October	Last Day of Term
Friday 25 October	Staff Training (no pupils to attend)
Monday 4 November	Staff Training (no pupils to attend)
Tuesday 5 November	First Day of Term

## CURRENT VACANCIES AT TWYNHAM LEARNING

<https://www.twynhamlearning.com/187/staff-vacancies>

We are an excellent multi-academy trust to work for and have Twynham Learning employee values that underpin our work together:

Twynham Learning Employee Values	Attributes that support living this value
 Aim high	Ambition for excellence Professionalism
 Keep improving	Humility Championing change
 Don't leave anyone behind	Inclusiveness Positivity
 See the bigger picture	Community-mindedness Being collaborative

VACANCY	SCHOOL	CLOSING DATE
Cleaner	Twynham School	21/10/2024
Head of Chemistry	Twynham School	21/10/2024
Teacher of English	Poole High School	14/10/2024
Teacher of Maths	Poole High School	18/10/2024
Teacher of Physical Education	Poole High School	14/10/2024
Teacher of Science	Poole high School	14/10/2024
Teaching Assistant	Twynham School	21/10/2024

A MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA - COME AND JOIN US THIS TUESDAY

JOIN US FOR CHRISTCHURCH JUNIOR SCHOOL'S



# 1ST PTFA MEETING

*of the 2024-2025 school year!*

**TUESDAY 22ND OF OCTOBER AT THE GEORGE  
INN AT 19:30 PM**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Come learn about the Christchurch Junior School PTFA, opportunities to get involved, and the positive change you can make in the lives of our school & students!

**TEACHERS, STAFF, PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS,  
AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS CAN JOIN THE PTA!**

PLEASE CONTACT [CJS.PTFAEVENTS@GMAIL.COM](mailto:CJS.PTFAEVENTS@GMAIL.COM) WITH QUESTIONS!

*We hope to see you there!*



# Behaviours that Challenge Us Information Sessions



"I implemented one of the strategies the next day with great results!"

**We are pleased to be able to offer Free one-off sessions for parents living in Dorset to understand more about 'Child Behaviours that Challenge us'**

**For parents with children between the ages of 5 and 11**

**The session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist and an Action for Children Parenting Practitioner**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024**  
09:30am - 11:30am  
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025**  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
Venue in Kinson area

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024**  
09:30am - 11:30am  
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2025**  
09:30am - 11:30am  
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
07:00pm - 09:00pm  
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

"I found it really useful to know about why the behaviour occurs, even if you can't always change it, having the understanding makes it easier for me to cope with"

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**  
09:30am - 11:30am  
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

These are one-off sessions so you only need to attend one event

Places are limited and can be booked via our website: [www.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset)





# OCTOBER HALF TERM CAMPS



*MULTI ACTIVITY SPORTS HOLIDAY CAMP*

8:30AM–3:30PM  
8:30AM–5:30PM  
8:30AM–12:30PM/1:30PM–5:30PM



**VARIETY OF THEMED DAYS!**

**TROPHIES AND MEDALS TO BE WON EVERYDAY!**

**BOOK AT [CASACAMPLTD.NET](http://CASACAMPLTD.NET)**

**28/10/24–01/11/24**

**BADEN POWELL  
OCEAN ACADEMY  
RINGWOOD JUNIOR  
HAMWORTHY PARK JUNIOR**





*\*TIMES MAY VARY*






**AGES  
4\*–13**