



Newsletter Date: 10th September 2021

A New Academic Year at CWJS!

A huge warm welcome to all our children and their families. It's been 'BRILLIANT' to see everyone on the playground in the mornings. All staff have been so impressed how quickly the children have settled into school and the eagerness to line up ready for the day's learning at CWJS!

Some parents have asked what they need to do in the mornings, so here is the information below:

What time are we allowed to enter the school site in the mornings?

Not before 8:40am and children walking to school on their own not before 8:45am due to staff supervision.

Do I need to stay with my child once they are in the playground?

The answer is no, as long as you can see a member of staff out on duty. Please do not leave your child unaccompanied if there is no member of staff out on the playground. As soon as a member of staff is present (this will be after 8:45am) you can then leave your child to line up ready for their teacher.

What time is morning registration?

Morning registration is at 8:55am. This is the time we need all children in class. Due to Y3 & Y4 having to walk across two playgrounds to get to their corridor, an 8:50am bell will ring to signify that classes will start to walk into school from the playground ready for registration.

What are all the school bells for?

8:45am staff out on the playground.
8:50am Classes to walk in from the playground.
8:55am All children in class ready for registration.

A polite request for all parents to stand at the edge of the playground to see their child or children walk into class. It makes it very difficult for staff to check if all children are in the line when parents are standing by the side. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter. It's very much appreciated.

Dates for your diary will be circulated next week!

Important Dates to Remember this Autumn Term 1:

Monday 20th September—After School Clubs start

Wednesday 6th October—Individual and family school photos

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School Council 2021/2022

We are delighted to announce that over the next few weeks we will be selecting this year's School Council members. The School Council plays a vital role within our school; representing their peers' thoughts and ideas, organising whole school events, and representing our school both internally and externally amongst many other responsibilities. Each class will nominate a class representative and within Year 6, we will be appointing a Chair, Vice-chair, and Secretary to form the council. Children who would like to be considered will need to put together a short explanation for their class describing why they would be suitable for the role. The class will then vote and appoint their representative. We wish all of our applicants good luck and look forward to working alongside them throughout this academic year!

Homework Changes

This year, homework will focus upon reading for pleasure and practising times tables, as well as theme project homework.

As part of their weekly homework, children need to be practising their times tables and corresponding division facts from the diamond band that they are working on. This information will be given to the children by their class teachers following a baseline assessment. Some children may find they are revisiting a band from last year to ensure that they are able to rapidly recall the multiplication and corresponding division facts. As part of their times tables practice, children need to be logging onto Times Tables Rock Stars at least once a week. Logins for this remain the same for existing pupils and Year 3 have been provided with their new log ins.

Alongside their times tables, children are expected to read regularly at home at least three times a week, using their school reading book. This needs to be recorded in their reading planner and brought into school every day. Reading planners and Times Tables Rock Stars will be checked every Thursday, and the new week for homework starts every Friday.

Exciting theme homework will be set for the children to complete to help them to discover more about their year group's theme, where they will need to submit 10 creative pieces of their choice throughout the term, to share with their peers and staff at CWJS. We very much look forward to seeing all of the fantastic pieces of homework from the children.

Science Ambassadors

We have an exciting opportunity for children at our school to represent their class and our school as Science Ambassadors, helping Mrs Hulme to continue to promote Science across the school and in the local community. As a Science ambassador, they will have the opportunity to organise events, competitions, trips and much more, as well as help to implement new strategies across the school for Science. Next week, each class will be selecting two Science Ambassadors.

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Parents Parking

Please can we remind parents about parking in the surrounding area of the school, particularly Strawberry Fields. We must consider our local residents and not block any access requirements, which emergency vehicles may need. Please do not block driveways or park on the grass verges in The Crapen and other roads adjacent to the school.

Morrisons Gardening Vouchers

The school has signed up with Morrisons Gardening Voucher scheme. Parents can download the 'It's Good to Grow' app up until 24th October and select our school to donate tokens for the school to purchase a wide range of gardening equipment. You will receive one token for every £10 spent at Morrisons. We are hoping that everyone will start collecting so that the school can benefit from purchasing gardening equipment for our Forest school project.

eSchools

Thank you to everyone for your patience while we were sorting out our IT issues. Log in Details have been sent home with children today. New Y3 children with older siblings in school can use the same log in details to access the system of any of their children.

Dursley Music Project

Our Y4 children took part in a music project in July. Mr Swaine from Dursley Music has informed us that the final piece 'Picture at an Exhibition' was broadcast on 24th July. The whole project has received very many excellent comments and has been well received. The piece can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://www.dursleymusic.com/edge-music-festival-2021-schools-pr>

Cross-country at KLB

Unfortunately, the cross-country event at KLB has been postponed by the organisers. In light of the recent rise of covid cases, the organisers did not feel that this event could go ahead as it could not ensure the safety of all involved. Those organising the event hope to start the cross-country season after Christmas (at the earliest). However, a decision about this will be taken closer to the time. As a school, we will inform you of any updates regarding this event.

Year 3 Parent Overview

Unfortunately, due to gremlins in the system, the Year 3 parent overview was missing a few words on page two for PE and reading. Please see the missing sections below:

PE
A PE kit should include a Cam Woodfield Junior t-shirt, black or blue shorts and daps or trainers. It is recommended that children have warm clothes for outdoor PE. This can include a jumper and jogging bottoms. Alongside this, children need a water bottle.

Finally, if all children's clothing can be named it makes it easier to return if lost.

Reading

Children are expected to read at least three times each week as part of their homework.

To all our children and their families, have a lovely weekend!



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