



**Autumn Half
Term 2017**

COLMAN JUNIOR SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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YEAR 3 VISIT BEWILDERWOOD

Year 3 had a fantastic time at Bewilderwood on Wednesday 27th September. The children embraced all of the challenges on offer and had a fantastic day working in teams. There was a variety of things to do including going on a boat ride to see where the characters live and playing on the giant slides. Both pupils and staff got a chance to reveal their inner Boggle or Twiggie!



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OUR NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL

On Tuesday 26th September a democratic election process took place in school to elect officers for the three key roles of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer. The process involved 16 year 6 pupils putting themselves forward as candidates for nomination by presenting in front of the whole school in the morning.

In the afternoon, a voting station was created in the dining room. Everyone completed their voting card and posted it in their class ballot box.

Votes were counted during the afternoon and during Celebration assembly on Friday, the winners were announced.

WELL DONE to all sixteen year 6 candidates who presented in front of the whole school.

Congratulations to the following who were elected for CJS School Council 2017/18 roles.

Chairperson - Madeline

Secretary - Charlie P

Treasurer - Lily E

CATHEDRAL VISIT

Over the last few weeks, every class has been to visit the Cathedral of St John the Baptist, as part of our commitment to exploring buildings of religious importance in our local community. The children were shown key elements of the building that are important in Roman Catholic worship and had time to examine the stained glass windows. As always the children were respectful and asked some interesting questions. TG



SPORTS LEADERS

During the summer term, year 5 and 6 pupils were given the opportunity to apply to become a CJS Sports Leader.

In July, the selected Year 5 and 6 children undertook a day's training with the School Sports Partnership to prove they had what it takes to be Sports Leaders. The day focused on key leadership attributes including communication, cooperation, responsibility and organisation, not forgetting having fun.

The children involved rose to the challenge and we are now lucky to have a team of enthusiastic and trained leaders to run activities during lunch times at school.

Well done to all involved and we look forward to seeing your leadership skills in action around the school. RS



A NEW DEFIBRILLATOR

We are delighted to be installing a brand new defibrillator at the swimming pool for everyone to use. This has been generously donated by Ms.Smith's family in memory of her parents who passed away recently. Ms.Smith's mother swam regularly at the pool as a child and had fond memories of this time. We are incredibly fortunate to receive this machine that can help save lives in the event of an emergency and would like to thank Ms.Smith's family for their generosity. JS



MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Parents and staff from Colman Junior organised a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September. There was a wide range of delicious homemade cakes and treats on offer and we managed to raise £109.50 altogether. Thank you to everyone who bought or baked any cakes. KL



YEAR 5 VISIT HOLT HALL

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Holt Hall to find out more about the Stone Age. The children built a fire to cook the fish they had gutted and baked some bread. Once cooked, many enjoyed eating the food! LH



CHARANGA MUSIC WORLD

All children have been given their own passwords and usernames to Charanga Music World, which enables them to access parts of their music lessons at home. This is a way of extending their learning if they wish to. In the first week alone, 19hrs and 43 mins were clocked up, scoring nearly 1500 coins!

Do take a look with your child to see what they have been learning about and maybe have a go at composing, improvising or learning an instrument yourself! KD



Rylee, Djimon, James, Jayden, Arthur, Sienna, Charlie, Callum, Dexter and Aidan celebrating their win against White Woman Lane. Well done!



ENTERTAIN MRS. DENTON

Every term pupils are given the opportunity to show off their individual talents and interests. This is a friendly and relaxed occasion where pupils can share with me the expressive arts they enjoy themselves. All children are invited to either: play their instrument, sing a song, perform a dance routine or read a poem. This is done in their normal music lesson to their classmates. I would expect all children to at least prepare something, even if they don't end up performing. Dates and more details to follow in class. KD



Year 3 enjoying themselves at Bewilderwood!

PARENT SUPPORT ADVISOR

We're sad to be saying goodbye to Kate Lloyd who has been the Parent Support Advisor at both Colman Infant and Junior schools for over two years. Kate has supported many of the families that come to our schools and will be missed by all. We wish her all the best of luck in her new job at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

We have appointed a new Parent Support Advisor, Mrs. Geraldine Preston, who will start in the role during the second half of this term.

KORFBALL

After school Korfball club has started really well, with many children now learning ball skills, team building skills and preparing for our next tournament. Children should be prepared with warm clothing for outside, just in case we experience some seasonal British weather! SC

PARENT GOVERNORS

As you will be aware, we had two vacancies for parents on our governing board and recently invited nominations for these positions. We are delighted to welcome **Dr Stephanie Makins** and **Dr Andrew Tullett** to the governing board and look forward to working with them. JS

SWIMMING REMINDER

Please remember correct kit, trunks, one-piece costume, towel, swimming hat and a bag to carry everything when your child has swimming for games. All swimming kit should be clearly named.

All children will also take part in a sponsored swim to raise vital funds for our swimming pool during the first half of this school year. I am really hoping everyone enjoys the experience of steady sustained swimming for a lesson. SC



REGULAR REMINDERS

- **Please contact the school every day your child is absent. You can do this via e-mail, phone using the school pupil absence voicemail or by visiting the school office first thing in the morning. If you book any doctor/hospital or dentist appointments during school hours, the school is required to see a letter or text as evidence.**
 - **We have a textile collection bank situated at the end of the car park which can accept clothes, shoes and bed linen but not duvets or pillows. All the money raised will go towards new outdoor play equipment.**
 - **There is always lots of lost property in the basket in the school hall or in the lower school cloakroom. Please have a look at the end of any school day for your child's lost items. Anything not claimed will be placed in our clothes recycling bin at the end of every half term.**
 - **If your child has school dinners please make sure that you pay any outstanding money on time and frequently. You can view your dinner money balance on the Pupil Asset app.**
 - **We now accept online payments for school dinners, trips and music tuition. To find out more please visit our school website.**
 - **We have received some complaints from residents of Caroline Court about parking at the beginning and end of the school day. Please show consideration for local residents when collecting or dropping off your children.**
 - **We always welcome donations of spare PE kit, indoor and outdoor kit for both girls and boys. Any donations of swimming kit will also be gladly accepted, especially small trunks, costumes, swimming hats and flotation aids. Please bring these to the school office.**
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

OCTOBER

9TH – 13TH Y6 AT BRANCASTER RESIDENTIAL.
11TH Y5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL MATCH - COSTESSEY
16TH – 17TH WHOLE SCHOOL PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
18TH Y3 OPEN AFTERNOON
19TH Y5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL MATCH HOME – TAVERHAM
Y6 BOYS FOOTBALL MATCH
Y6 HEIGHT AND WEIGHT NHS CHECK
LAST DAY OF THIS HALF TERM
30TH BACK FROM HALF TERM HOLIDAY
31ST Y5/6 GIRLS FOOTBALL AWAY - DRAYTON

NOVEMBER

3RD NON – UNIFORM DAY (DETAILS TBC)
10TH CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
24TH ASSEMBLY WITH MP CLIVE LEWIS
27TH COLMAN JUNIOR OPEN AFTERNOON
29TH NORFOLK CHILDREN'S BOOK CENTRE BOOK FAIR IN HALL

DECEMBER

1ST CROSS COUNTRY EVENT
13TH CHRISTMAS LUNCH & CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY
18TH CAROL CONCERT
19TH LAST DAY OF AUTUMN TERM



There will be more events to be announced nearer the date. Please check our website for latest updates.





CLUBS

AUTUMN TERM 2017 (Second Half of Term)

Children wishing to join an after-school club should see their Classroom Assistant for a letter

	DURING SCHOOL DAY	AFTER SCHOOL
MONDAY	DEBATE CLUB Classroom 6DG, 12.35 to 1.05pm Mr Genders	
TUESDAY	SIGNING CLUB Mrs Wallis - Unit 12.45pm to 1.10pm CHEERLEADING CLUB (YEARS 3, 4 & 5) Hall 12.15pm to 12.40pm Miss Cousins RECORDER CLUB (usually beginners) Mrs McInnes - Music/Art/Science Room 11.45am to 12.15pm Years 3 & 4 LEGO CLUB Ms Smith - 3RS Classroom 12.35 to 1.05pm	YEARS 3, 4 & 5 SHORT TENNIS CLUB Pre-booked places. Finishes 12/12/17 E A Tennis Tel: 07909 730836 Karen Highfield 3.15 to 4.00pm KIDDY COOK Pre-booked places. Finishes 12/12/17 Fran Webster Tel: 07973 724870 Food Technology Room 3.20 to 4.30pm FOOTBALL YEARS 5 & 6 Finishes 07/11/17 Mr Donovan/Mr Genders 3.15pm to 4.15pm
WEDNESDAY		COMPUTING/ICT CLUB 3.15pm to 4.15pm. Finishes 13/12/17 Mrs Wilson - ICT Suite YEAR 4 KORFBALL CLUB Finishes 08/11/17 Miss Cole 3.15pm to 4.15pm ART CLUB Pre-booked places. Finishes 13/12/17 Miss Copland & Mrs Phillips-Jones Music/Art/Science Room 3.15 to 4.15pm JAPANESE CLUB Existing Group. Finishes 06/12/17 Beginner and Continuers (2 groups) Mrs Garrod 3.15pm to 4.15pm
THURSDAY	ORCHESTRA Mrs McInnes, Music/Art/Science Room - 11.25am CHOIR Mrs McInnes, School Hall 12.35pm LIBRARY CLUB Ms Hughes 12.45pm to 1.05pm RECORDER CLUB (usually continuers) Mrs McInnes, Music/Art/Science Room 1.30pm to 2.00pm	FILMMAKERS' CLUB Pre-booked places. 02/11/17, 09/11/17 & 16/11/17 only Food Tech Room/Pod 3.15pm to 4.15pm Please see website for more details & contact number. www.youngfilmmakersclub.co.uk YEARS 5 & 6 KORFBALL Finishes 09/11/17 Miss Cole 3.15pm to 4.15pm
FRIDAY	STRICTLY BALLROOM CLUB (ALL YEARS) Miss Whiteside - Hall 12.15pm to 12.45pm	