



# CANFORD HEATH JUNIOR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

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## Christmas message from the Chief Executive Officer

Dear Parents and Carers,

It truly is the most wonderful time of the year and the children in the TEACH Trust make this time of year absolutely magical for all! It has been so lovely to get back to some semblance of normality this year - and I know the staff and children have loved it too!

The four schools have been a hive of Christmas activity for weeks, with the children decorating the school and their own classrooms with decorations they have made themselves. Even in November, Christmas songs were playing in the classrooms and in whole school singing assemblies in preparation for the all-important Christmas performances. As Elf said once, I certainly believe that the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear - and there is nothing like it in a primary school!!

Your children have worked so hard this term, as you would have seen either from your child, via social media, our school website, through parents evening or school events. I am sure you are, understandably, very proud of them. Your children are an absolute testament to you and a pure indication that there's room for everyone on the nice list!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Wilson and his amazing team at CHJS who work tirelessly to ensure your children always come first, every day.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you all a wonderful Christmas, because at Christmas, it is really important to be with the people you love and if you can't be, then to hold them dear to your heart.

With all my best wishes for a prosperous and healthy 2023.

With very best wishes,

*Kate Carter*

Mrs Kate Carter  
Chief Executive Officer





# Christmas message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you for your continued support to the school through the autumn term. The children, as always, have been the stars of the show showing commitment and resilience in their learning.



Out of interest, I decided to have a look at last year's Christmas message and through doing this, it reminded me that only last year the festive celebrations had to be cancelled due to the high numbers of Covid at the time. Well, this year it was absolutely fantastic to be able to host and welcome back so many of our festive events. The highlight for me was to be able to take the whole school down to St George's Church: to hear, once again, a church filled with the sounds of children singing at Christmas time is something magical and certainly something that has been missed. We have also welcomed parents back in for our Winter Wonderland performance which allowed our Year 4 children to demonstrate their acting and singing skills for a truly festive performance – thank you Year 4! It was also lovely to see so many of you at the PATCH Christmas fair, another event that has been missing for the last couple of years. Thank you to all the members of PATCH who were involved in the organising and running of this event.

While recently we have been in the festive spirit, there has been lots to celebrate throughout the first term. As I mentioned, the children are the star of the show and I have been really impressed with how many housepoint certificates the children have earned so far this year. It has been wonderful to see the children take such pride in their work and try so hard, even when they find things tricky! I have loved hearing, in our celebration assemblies, about their achievements in their different clubs outside of school too. We have so much talent, which is a real pleasure to celebrate, so please do keep this information coming into school.

The children's learning has been in full flow with a number of experiences that brings the learning to life and makes it so memorable. Our Year 6 children kick started the year with a visit to Hengistbury Head and have had a visit from the army to start their World War 2 topic. Year 5 have travelled through space and experienced life in Mayan times through the realms of virtual reality. Our Year 4 children have been busy learning all about the Anglo Saxons and Vikings through an Anglo Saxon time traveller; they have been busy sewing Christmas decorations and, of course, have showed off their acting and singing skills through their Winter Wonderland performance. Finally, Year 3 have enjoyed their visit to the Ancient Technology Centre where they got to experience what life was like in the Stone, Bronze and Iron Age and have been introduced to a foreign language through their Bonjour! Topic. The children really have had a jam packed term of learning!

All that is left to say is that I wish you all, on behalf of all the staff and Trustees, the best for the holiday season and hope that you are able to spend some quality time with the people that mean the most to you. We look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year refreshed and ready for a successful 2023!

With very best wishes,

*M. Wilson*

Mr Mark Wilson  
Headteacher





# Christmas message from the Pastoral Care Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

You may have noticed the whole school has been really busy recently and there is a lovely festive atmosphere. We have all enjoyed some lovely Christmas events. The Christmas Fayre, YR4 Winter Wonderland performance, the Christmas lunch (no sprouts!) and the Pantomime have all helped to get the whole school into the Christmas spirit.

Pastoral Care aims to help every child feel settled, secure and happy as they progress through the school and to ensure they receive the right kind of support to help with their individual and specific needs. We offer a variety of in-school interventions for the children and can also signpost parents and carers to further support such as the School Nurse, Family Support Workers and Mental Health Organisations.

In addition, we now have a BCP School Navigator who comes into school every 4-5 weeks. Navigators can provide parents with personalised support on a wide range of subjects. These include parenting programmes, behaviour support, general wellbeing, attachment and anxiety. Please let me know if you would like further information and to book an appointment.

We would like to send a huge thank you to the staff of Tesco Tower Park, Canford Heath Baby Bank and Poole Food bank who have once again been amazingly generous in offering Christmas gifts and support to those families that our less fortunate than others.

Below this message is some information and possible support from BCP. Please do read it carefully as there may be information that will be helpful to you.

It is always a pleasure to welcome your children into school every morning and to catch up with them throughout the day. Have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing the children return to school in 2023.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

The Pastoral Team

## Information from BCP

### Other support with the Cost of Living situation

As the cost of living increases it is important to be aware of the benefits, payments and support options available to you. There are local and national schemes that can help you with rent, food, energy and more. The government has a national cost of living hub which can be found here [Cost of living support - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support). In addition there is a range of local support which is available which is detailed below.

## Household Support Fund 3

This funding is to support residents in BCP with the cost of living situations around keeping warm, reducing energy bills and accessing food across the winter.

In addition to the funding provided to schools for the flexible food vouchers, residents can also apply for short term financial help through food and/or energy vouchers through Citizen's Advice BCP here [Household Support Fund - Citizens Advice Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole \(citizensadvicebcp.org.uk\)](https://citizensadvicebcp.org.uk) If residents don't have access to the internet to complete the form you can help them by signposting them to their nearest drop-in or outreach session which can be found here: [Get Advice - Citizens Advice Bournemouth Christchurch & Poole \(citizensadvicebcp.org.uk\)](https://citizensadvicebcp.org.uk) These are the current drop-in sessions:

### **Bournemouth Outreach Hub**

- **Civic Centre, Town Hall, (BH2 6DX)**  
Monday – Thursday 10am – 2.30pm (Drop-ins only)

### **Christchurch Outreach Hub**

- **Christchurch Central Library (BH23 1AW)**  
Fridays 9:30am – 12:30pm (Drop-ins only)

[Citizen's Advice BCP](https://citizensadvicebcp.org.uk) also has other support and advice available. Their [Community Advice Vehicle](https://citizensadvicebcp.org.uk) will be visiting various locations in the BCP area in the coming months.

## Energy Advice

Eligible households can also benefit from a visit from an energy advisor who will support them with ways to reduce their bills, access energy saving advice and in some instances provide a new boiler depending on circumstances. Full details can be found here: [LEAP Home Visit | Ridgewater Energy](https://leapenergy.co.uk)

## Access to Food

There are a number of options for accessing community food support and these are detailed on the webpages here [Community support if you are struggling to pay for food \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](https://bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

Frontline staff may want to download the Access to Food map which details all the offers of community food support across BCP along with the locations and opening times so that you can find support quickly: [Food Map \(v88.co.uk\)](https://v88.co.uk)



# Year 3

The children have been fantastic scientists this term, learning all about light and about the human body.



We have been very arty and crafty this term, with textile printing, flag making, thumb pot shaping and Christmas tree decorating. The children have loved applying their creative skills to these different tasks.



We had a fantastic time visiting the Ancient Technology Centre to begin our topic all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.



We have been getting our musical hats on this term, learning to play the jumbie pans and the glockenspiels!

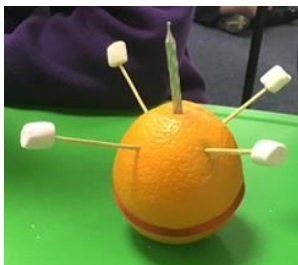


# Year 4



The children thoroughly enjoyed Saxon Day, dressing up and pretending to go into battle! They even made their own jewellery!

Baking their biscuits was a sweet way to end the Anglo Saxon and Viking topic.



We had a visit from Matt the Vicar to explain the meaning of Christingles, as well as a visitor share their knowledge of being Jewish.



Year 4 even had a go at sewing their own Christmas decorations! They looked brilliant!



# Year 5



VR headsets were a great success and a memorable way to start our Marvellous Maya topic. They were able to explore city of Chichen Itza. We also made our own Mayan Headdress!

As part of our What's Out There topic, we were incredibly lucky to have a visit from Space Odyssey. Inside the dome, space is truly brought to life for the children.



Thank you for the outstanding effort with our home learning! Your continued support is greatly appreciated by us and the children. Have a wonderful Christmas break for the year five team.

# Year 6



Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to Hengistbury Head where they studied the river system and braved the 'not so lovely' weather!



The military visited us to launch our World War 2 topic. The children learnt lots about the equipment they use and discovered just how heavy their bags were!





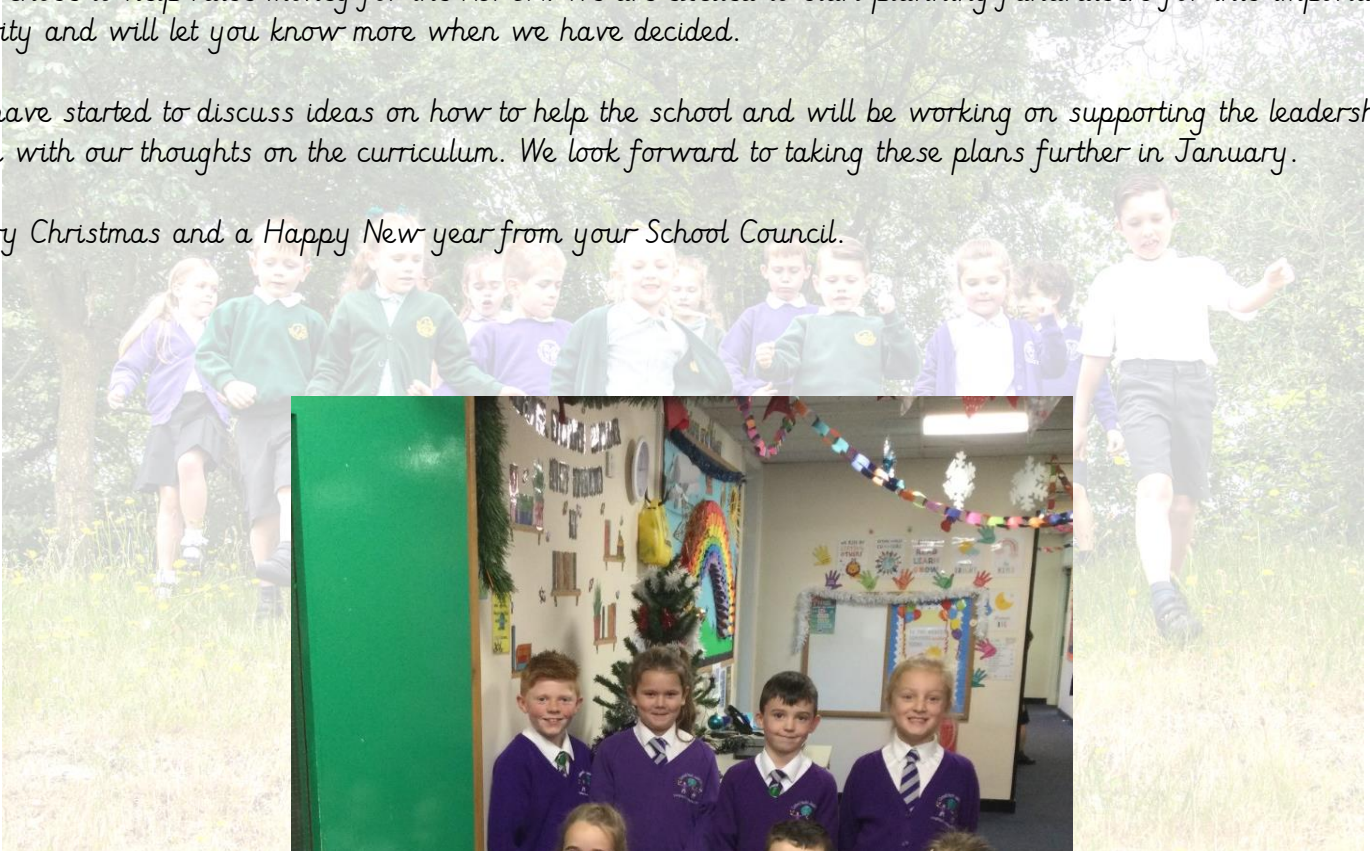
# Pupil Voice

*This term, the School Council has been meeting on a weekly basis to discuss different agendas. We have created a pupil-friendly behaviour triangle which allows pupils to see how the school's behaviour system is used.*

*We met with the Rights Respecting Ambassadors and narrowed down the choices of charities to support this year and the final three were Julia's House, RSPCA and Poole Lifeboats. We got the whole school to vote and they chose to help raise money for the RSPCA. We are excited to start planning fundraisers for this important charity and will let you know more when we have decided.*

*We have started to discuss ideas on how to help the school and will be working on supporting the leadership team with our thoughts on the curriculum. We look forward to taking these plans further in January.*

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New year from your School Council.*



# Whole School Diary Dates

5 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 3 Roman Hook Day (Children to dress up as Romans)
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Evacuee day
20 <sup>th</sup> January	PATCH Pizza Night
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 National Heights and Weights check with NHS nursing team
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Number Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	PATCH Family Bingo
7 <sup>th</sup> February	4T and 4W Birds of Poole Harbour Trip
7 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm and year group exhibitions
8 <sup>th</sup> February	Parents' Evening 4:30 – 7:30pm and year group exhibitions
9 <sup>th</sup> February	4G and 4Y Birds of Poole Harbour Trip
13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> February	February Half Term
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Year 4 Survival day
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Class Photos
28 <sup>th</sup> March	PATCH Spring Disco Y3 and Y4 5:00 – 6:15pm
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Wonderful Me Exhibition 3:15 – 4:15pm
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Y5 Sewing exhibition 3.15- 4.15
30 <sup>th</sup> March	PATCH Spring Disco Y5 & Y6 5pm to 6.15pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday



# Pupil Premium

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## Funding to support your

### Did you know?

Schools can claim extra money for some children.

This money can make a real difference. It helps us give your child the best support we possibly can.

### Benefits for you:

- Free school milk
- Free school meals
- Help with the cost of the Year 6 residential trip
- Free music tuition (1 instrument per year)
- All eligible pupils will receive £50.00 on their School Gateway Online Account to use towards the cost of a school jumper or cardigan, school tie, book bag, clubs and trips.

**If you think your child may be eligible, please complete the form in your child's admission pack, or ask at the school office.**

