CVJS News

Friday 18th September 2026

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Weekly Update

I would like to start today's newsletter with a few important reminders to ensure that we get the year started as we intend it to continue.

Firstly, we've noticed a few children with large smart watches - some of whom have been receiving text messages from parents. Please note that any child who brings a phone in to school must switch it off when they enter the school and hand it to their class teacher to look after for the day. There is no exception to this rule. Please use the school office for all communication during the day.

A reminder to parents and carers that you can move beyond the wooden playground 'pencils' when you come to school to drop off or pick up. I know that it can be a crush behind these in the mornings in particular, so do please feel free to move across the playground to give yourself more space. We used to use these many years ago, before we had a fence, as a marker to stop children moving near the cars in the CVIS car park. Now that we have the green fence in place, there is no need to wait behind them. Please do feel free to spread across the playground at drop-off and pick up.

Finally, a polite reminder that the adventure playground is out of bounds before and after school when dropping off and collecting children. This is the case for children at CVJS as well as younger children too. We know that it looks tempting, but it cannot be used without staff supervision. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Have a great weekend

Mr Bacon

Churchdown Village Junior School
Inspiring Learners

FOREST SCHOOL

6C (Mr Cox's Class) will be doing forest school on **Tuesday 22nd September** (afternoon) and **6K (Miss Kittle's Class)** will be doing forest school on **Wednesday 23rd September** (afternoon). Please ensure that the children have appropriate (old) clothing for the weather on the day. They will need long sleeves and long trousers in all weathers. This is to ensure that they are covered to protect against the natural hazards outdoors. Wellies, boots or outdoor shoes are also needed. Any clothing that will keep children warm and dry (and that you don't mind getting muddy!) will be perfect. On Forest School days, children should wear their Forest School kit to school in the morning. Any wellies or boots can be brought into school in a bag to change into at lunchtime. Many thanks for your support. If you have any questions, please just ask.

Mr Gue, CVJS Forest School Leader

Forest School

KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 29th Sept	PTA AGM 6.45pm All welcome
Thurs 8th Oct	Jonathan's Jungle Y3
Weds 14th Oct	School Photos
Tues 20th Oct	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Weds 21st Oct	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Fri 23rd Oct	Flu Immunisation
Fri 23rd Oct	Last day of term 1
Mon 2nd Nov	INSET day for staff only
Tues 3rd Nov	Start of term 2
Sat 7th Nov	CVJS Fireworks 5pm - 7pm

GOLDEN BOOK AWARDS

Every Monday morning, we announce our Golden Book theme of the week and present the awards in assembly on Friday. The theme this week has been:

'FOLLOWING THE SCHOOL RULES & SETTING A GOOD EXAMPLE TO OTHERS'

JASMINE GALLIGAN 3G	**EBEN OTTER 3G**
JENNY CLIFFORD 3T	**ALEX LINDSEY 3T**
TILLY BROWNING 4B	**ALICE DUFFY 4F**
FLORENCE THOMAS 4F	**IDRIS POLGREAN 5A**
MIA BUDD-SALLIS 5A	**FLORRIE SPARROW 5S**
HAYDEN EGGLESTONE 5S	**HARRY CURTIS 6C**
ISABELLA GEESON 6K	**NAOMI WASEY 6K**

SPORTS NEWS

Netball:

Our new CVJS netball squad took part in their first tournament of the year on Tuesday. For many, it was their first time playing competitive netball and both Mrs France and Miss Astle were very impressed with the squad's skills, determination and teamwork. Following a busy afternoon of 5 matches, the team came back to school and then took part in more training. True commitment from everyone. We'll keep you updated with results once the inter-school league commences.

Football:

Well done to the boys' football team who took part in the second round of the national ESFA cup last night. They played three really tough matches and they now proceed to the third round of the cup.

Well done to everyone who took part in our sporting events this week and our thanks to parents for helping with lifts to both the football and the netball tournaments.

CVJS 0 - Coney Hill 0
CVJS 3 - Parton Manor 1
CVJS 0 - Kingsway 1

FAMILY FIREWORK EVENING - SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

If you know a company who might be interested in sponsoring this year's Family Firework Evening, we would love you to get in touch! Sponsorship is £200 and, for this contribution, their company logo will appear on our advertising flyers and on our ticketing web pages. All sponsorship donations will be used to purchase soft drinks and refreshments which will, in turn, provide a greater profit for the PTA and then more funds for the school to use for the children here at CVJS! For more information, please contact me at mr.bacon@cvjs.org.uk Many thanks in advance for any companies who would be willing to sponsor the event.

CVJS GARDEN CLUB SUCCESS!

Thankfully, two of our volunteers have been diligently watering the school vegetable garden throughout the summer. This meant that the school gardeners had some produce to enter in three of the local horticultural shows.

At the Shurdington & Badgeworth Gardening Society show, the school were awarded two 1st places and three 2nd places. The Cheltenham Horticultural Society show was far more ambitious and realised four 1st places, three 2nd places, four 3rd places and two Highly Commended awards.

The final show was the Reddings & District Community Association Horticultural Show. Here the chillies grown from the seeds given to garden club by BBC Radio Gloucestershire took 1st place. The school entries scooped a further three 1st places, one 2nd, three 3rds, one Highly Commended and a very Special Award for "Gardening Achievement".

What an amazing achievement - particularly when you think that none of the classes entered were children's classes. Also worthy of note is that the school took 1st place for the Longest Runner Bean at all three shows with a bean measuring a mighty 36cm!