CVJS News

Friday 25th September 2026

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Weekly Update

I feel very lucky to have such a supportive team around me at CVJS. As well as staff, Governors and children, I know that I am very lucky to have the support of parents, carers and families too. Today, I am looking for your support with two very specific tasks.

Firstly, I am looking for two parents or carers to take on the role as Parent Governor. This is a very important role and one which will give you a unique strategic insight into the running of school life here at CVJS. The relationship between the governors and the school is often described as that of a critical friend. In practical terms, this means having an involvement in and approving all of the school's policies, the school self evaluation programme and the school development and improvement plan. It has many other responsibilities covering such areas as finance, premises, curriculum and personnel. As a Governor myself at my own children's school, I can highly recommend the role! More information will be coming home next week.

Secondly, I am on the lookout for some adults to help at our Family Firework Evening on Saturday 7th November. There is more information on the next page, but to sign up to offer your help, please **CLICK HERE**. As you will appreciate, we simply can't run and operate an event of this size without lots of volunteers.

Have a great weekend

Mr Bacon

Churchdown Village Junior School
Inspiring Learners

FOREST SCHOOL

3T (Mr Tasney's Class) will be doing forest school on **Tuesday 29th September** (afternoon) and **3G (Miss Green's Class)** will be doing forest school on **Wednesday 30th 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
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:

'SHOWING RESPECT TO THOSE AROUND US'

ELSIE AYOOLA 3G
JACK FREITAS 3G
ROWAN BLACKER 3T
NORA KING 3T
JAKE HANCOCK 4B
CALLEN HENDRY 4F
WILLOW HARPER 5A
HYWEL LLOYD 5A
ADAM HESSO 5S
DELILAH PARRY 5S
ESME HUNT 6C
GEORGE HOLFORD 6C
SHERLOCK LEUNG 6K

SPORTS NEWS

We have had two football tournaments this week. On Wednesday, our girls played their first matches of the season in the ESFA knockout cup. They played games against St Mary's and Parton Manor. With one draw and one loss, we came second overall. Well done to all of the girls who took part.

Last night, the boys played in the local finals of their ESFA cup. They played multiple matches, complete with penalty shootouts, and I am very pleased to announce that the boys won the Gloucester Schools' final! They returned with medals and a trophy and now head into the Gloucestershire finals next month. FANTASTIC!

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents' evenings this term take place on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October. Meetings with the teachers take place in the hall and are ten minutes. At CVJS, we use an online booking platform to make appointments with the class teachers. This platform is part of the ParentMail PMX system. If you are one of the few people who do not have a ParentMail PMX account, please contact the office as soon as possible, so that a registration email can be sent to you. Without this, you won't be able to make a booking.

The booking facility will go live for you to book an appointment on **Monday 5th October**.

PTA AGM & FIREWORK PLANNING

The PTA AGM takes place on Tuesday next week (29th Sept) at 6.45pm at Churchdown Club. At the AGM, we set out our plans for the year and hand out a few key roles. This year, one of the other major aims of the meeting is to plan ahead for the CVJS Family Firework Evening.

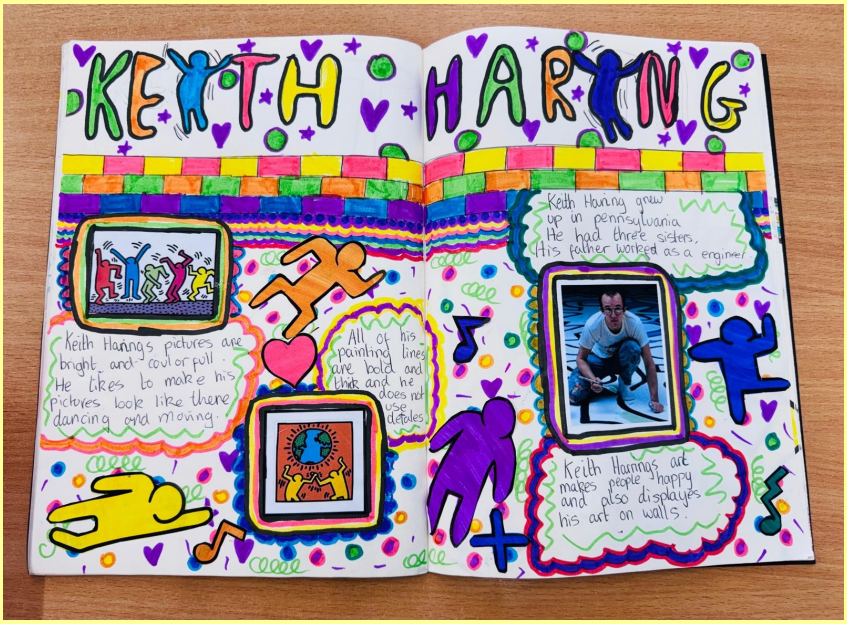
The Family Firework Evening has been running for over 10 years and is one of our most popular out of school events - not only for the school community, but also the wider local community as well. It usually raises between £5k and £6k profit.

We fully appreciate that everyone's time is precious, but to be able to run this fantastic evening, which is currently scheduled to take place on **SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**, we need **at least 10 volunteers** to commit to helping. In order to plan effectively, and to start the planning process, we need to have a firework team in place by Friday 2nd October. As you can imagine, an event catering to over 1,200 attendees needs a team of volunteers to share the load and to share the fun and success at the end of the night! This help does not have to be for the whole event. It could be before the event to help with planning / buying, to help set up on the day or during the event to serve drinks / food / assist on the gate.

If you are able to help out at the firework event, we would be very grateful if you could complete this very short Google Form. **Firework Helper Form**

Your support would be very much appreciated by us all. If you have any questions, or would like more information, please do not hesitate to ask and we will be very happy to help.

CVJS ESFA FOOTBALL SUCCESS

CVJS ART INFORMATION

Mrs Hobbs, our art coordinator, has recently completed a display in school of children's artwork in the style of Keith Haring. He was an American artist born in 1958 in Pennsylvania and his work is known as pop art or street art. Keith's art often showed people and animals. He is well-known for his drawings of a baby, a dog, a television and a flying saucer. He cared a lot about making people feel happy and liked working with children. The art that Keith created was used to express the things he cared about.