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Friday 16th October 2026

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Weekly Update

It's the end of the penultimate week of term already; a week that has seen school photos, sports fixtures, Forest School, a Lockdown Drill, a visit from the Maths Man and our regular CVJS curriculum timetable. Being the end of the penultimate week means that there are just 5 school days left until the half term break. These are, as always, set to be a busy 5 days! We've got a K'nex STEM Challenge in Y5 on Tuesday next week, parents' evening meetings on Tuesday and Wednesday, a Y4 trip to Chedworth Roman Villa on Thursday and flu immunisations on Friday.

Although I have thanked the children in their classes and in our assembly this week, please pass on my thanks to them for their support with our lockdown drill. This is an essential part of our health and safety and our safeguarding procedures here at CVJS. As well as learning about key rules around the school, it is important that we practice fire drills (how to leave the building) and also lockdown drills (how to stay in the building). Our lockdown drill was perfectly executed by everyone.

When explaining why we have these lockdown procedures, we explained to the children that there are times that we need to move everyone from outside into a classroom or the main building for safety. The children all listened receptively to the assembly when we explained the drill and they all took part perfectly when we carried it out.

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 20th October** (afternoon) and **6K (Miss Kittle's Class)** will be doing forest school on **Wednesday 21st October** (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 20th Oct	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Weds 21st Oct	Parents' evening 3.30pm - 7.00pm
Thurs 22nd Oct	Y4 trip to Chedworth
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
Weds 4th Nov	Y3 Stone Age Day
Thurs 5th Nov	Y3 Stone Age Day
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:

'BEING A GOOD FRIEND'

JOSHUA FAUX 3G	**IVAYLO ZLATEV 3T**
JESS HITCHINGS 3T	**EDISON MURRAY 3T**
JACK DAVIS 4B	**WINNIE PROBIN 4F**
PURDY HIBBERD 4F	**JACK HASELEY-NEJRUP 5A**
RONNIE HOLMES 5A	**LILLY ROBERTS 5S**
GOSHEN ADEGBEMI-AJAYI 5S	**HARRISON WEBB 6C**
GABE MELTON 6C	**FELICITY FOORD 6K**

PARENTS EVENINGS

We look forward to welcoming you to our autumn term parents' evening meetings next week. As a reminder, these take place on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October**. Meetings with the teachers take place in the hall and are for ten minutes. You are very welcome to walk around the school and to visit your child's classroom before or after your teacher meeting. If you haven't seen it already following the refurbishment last term, we definitely recommend a visit to the CVJS library to see how amazing this looks.

Y4 TRIP TO CHEDWORTH

A reminder to parents of children in Year 4 that we are going on our history trip to the Roman Villa at Chedworth on Thursday next week (22nd October). Children will be asked to wear their regular CVJS school uniform, but they are encouraged to wear comfortable shoes such as trainers, walking shoes or similar. They will also need a coat, a packed lunch and a drink / drinks bottle. We are departing and returning within the school day, so normal drop-off and pick-up times will apply.

THE NATIONAL TRUST

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL:

The CVJS netball squad played 2 games on Tuesday; a league fixture and a friendly against St Mary's. In the league match, CVJS showed their brilliant skills and strength and very quickly took a 1 - 0 lead in the first quarter. St Mary's battled hard and brought the game level by half time. In quarters three and four it was a case of we score, they score! The final result was 4 - 4. In the friendly, many of the team were playing their very first match. Despite some great play from us, it was St Mary's who took the 3 - 0 win in this game. It was great to see the smiles on everyone's faces at the end. A lovely afternoon of netball for all of our amazing players. Fantastic teamwork on show throughout.

FOOTBALL:

Last night, Mr Cox hosted a boys' A team league fixture against Heron Primary School. It was a very physical encounter and our boys battled well throughout. Some excellent teamwork and skill was on show and everyone played their part in this very close match. CVJS took the lead in the first half and managed to keep the Heron attack limited on multiple occasions. The final result was a very impressive 1 - 0 win for CVJS. Well done to everyone who played and thank you to everyone who came along to support the boys from the sideline.

BBC 500 WORDS COMPETITION

The BBC's annual 500 Words competition is now live! Over the years, many children from CVJS have entered the competition and it is a wonderful opportunity to share their creativity and ideas with others. For more information about what to do and where to send entries, please use this link:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words

The 500 Words website provides ideas, resources and a range of videos to explain the competition and how to enter. The deadline for all entries is **Friday 6th November**. Good luck!

FIREWORK TICKETS - GET YOURS BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE!

A huge thank you to those people who have purchased their firework tickets nice and early. We are already rapidly approaching the 50% sales mark after just 2 weeks, so our sincere thanks for your early support. Remember….once they're gone, they're gone! Tickets available online here:

www.cvjs.org.uk/fireworks

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

This year, we are inviting all children at CVJS to take part in a 'Run for Pudsey' Children in Need fundraiser. During the week commencing Monday 9th November, each child will be asked to run or walk 1km each day in school for 5 days. On the final day (Friday 13th November), we will be joined by the team from BBC Radio Gloucestershire who will be broadcasting live from our final lap.

We are an official 'BBC Run for Pudsey' school, so this means that we have our own dedicated BBC fundraising page. This also means that each entrant who raises some money will receive an official Children in Need medal. To enter your child, or for more information about our event, please go to:

www.cvjs.org.uk/pudsey

The CVJS School Councillors will be helping to plan this event with their teachers and their classes and they will be deciding on a fancy dress theme next week. Children will then be welcome to wear fancy dress / non uniform for our 'Golden Lap' on Friday 13th November. Watch this space for more details!