



Parent Bulletin – Whole School

03 December 2021

House Points

Congratulations to Parks who remain top of the leader board this week!

Parks	8200
Frank	7972
Hawking	7614
Rowling	7400
Attenborough	7394
Owens	7160

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 6th December Y13 mock examinations commence**
- **Friday 10th December Covid-19 vaccinations for students aged 12-15 -**
(Further details can be found below in the update on Covid-19.)
- **Monday 13th House events week**
- **Friday 17th end of term 2 (Students will finish school at 1pm)**

Christmas Events

- **13th December Year 7 Christmas Movie Night**
- **15th December Christmas Concert at St Matthews Church**
- **16th December Year 8 Christmas Movie Night**
- **17th December Christmas Jumper Day**

NB 16th December Year 8 Christmas Disco postponed until February

Letter about individual Christmas events will be sent out next week.

School Notices

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be on Thursday 16th December. Lunch will be a traditional Christmas dinner with all the trimmings with a choice of either a chocolate or Christmas pudding. Crackers will also be given to everyone who has a school lunch on that day. A selection of sandwiches, salads, Pasta King and jacket potatoes will be served as normal.

Prices for a Christmas dinner will be £3.50 for a main course or £4.50 for a main and dessert. All other food choices will be priced as normal.

Letter regarding Covid precautions and end of term events can be viewed [here](#)

Christmas Concert, St Matthews Church – 15th December

The Bournside Christmas Concert is happening again this year! It will be held in St Matthew's Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th December. We're incredibly excited to get to do a live Christmas Concert again after last year's virtual edition.

Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions the Church has asked us to limit audience numbers to 190 so we have taken the difficult decision to only sell tickets to the parents/carers of the students performing in the concert. If you have a child involved in the concert you will receive an email with instructions on how to purchase tickets.

Despite the restrictions we're incredibly pleased that the event is able to go ahead and promises to be a fabulous occasion.

Book Fair

A big thank you to everyone who bought items from our recent Scholastic book fair. Your purchases have earned the school rewards to spend on new books for our library.

The Literacy Team

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is currently a vacancy for the position of parent governor. Further information about the application process and the role can be found [here](#).

Science revision guides

Please be advised that any Science revision guides that have been purchased via the School Gateway can be collected by students from the Science department (Room C12) every day at the end of school after tutor time.

Supporting our local community this Christmas



Every Christmas, students and staff at Cheltenham Bournside School pull together to support a range of local causes and charities. This year is no different, with a busy schedule of activities and events designed to support our local community.

Advent Calendars for The Pied Piper Trust

We donated more than 100 advent calendars to the [Pied Piper Appeal](#) this week. Mike Stratford delivered the treats on behalf of the students, which will be handed out to families across the hospital to spread a little festive cheer. Thank you for your support.

Annual Food Collection for the P3 Charity

Our annual food collection launches on Friday 26th November and this year we will be collecting the following items on behalf of the [P3 Charity](#), see flyer [here](#) The food items P3 are most in need of are listed on [our website](#). Please give as generously as you feel able to by the collection deadline on Monday 13th December. Students can bring their donations in and leave them on the donation tables set up under the stairs near student services.

House Christmas Card Competition:

Our annual House Christmas card competition begins today! **All students are invited to:**

- Design a Bournside themed Christmas card
- Submit their entries in person to their tutor **or** submit electronically to the Showbie group **688R3**
- Every sensible entry will earn a House point
- Every year group in each House will have a winning design
- One overall winner from each House will be selected
- The ultimate winner of the competition will have their card made professionally as the school Christmas card this year.

Deadline for entries: Monday 6th December 3.10pm

Year 11 Photo Day: Thursday 16th December 11am onwards

On Thursday 16th December, year 11 students will be having their individual photographs taken by Tempest photography. We have also arranged for them to have an entire year group photograph taken to mark their final year in main school. Both individual photos and the year group picture will be available to purchase in the new year. As part of this day, students will also have their mock exam briefing, have time for a year group Christmas dinner and take part in a House competition. We hope to mark this occasion with an enjoyable afternoon of events for them all.

Bournside Community Book Club

Our first book, 'Cane Warriors' by Alex Wheatle has been selected and the first meeting took place on Thursday 25th November, 3.15 - 4.15pm in the School Library. All students, staff and families are welcome. See promotional poster [here](#) or speak to Mr Cratchley for full details.

School apps on the website

For your awareness, there is a useful link on the [school website](#) to applications via the school's SharePoint site including Showbie, ClassCharts, Student Bulletin and many more.

See picture below to illustrate.



Golden Anniversary Garden Plans

We're excited to reveal early plans for a new green garden space to mark the 50th anniversary of the school site on Warden Hill Road. The plans will transform the concrete space that many students and parents, past and present, will remember as the Quad. Read more [here](#)

COVID-19

12-15 vaccination programme update

The Immunisation Service have confirmed that Covid-19 vaccinations will be offered to students aged 12-15 on **Friday 10th December**. Please note children in year 7 under the age of 12 will not be eligible for the vaccine.

A week ahead of this date, parents and carers will be asked to complete a consent form online which is coordinated by the NHS team. Only students who have the necessary consent will be vaccinated so if you wish to opt out of the programme, do not fill in the form please. There should be no need to contact the school regarding consent although we are happy to follow up queries if you have concerns.

Please be reminded that children in this age group are eligible for vaccinations at drop-in sessions too.

Please see information from the NHS attached [here](#).

False negative PCR results

Following the resolution of the UKHSA investigation into errors made at testing sites, schools have been advised to continue to rely on PCR testing:

- As soon as anyone becomes symptomatic, they should isolate immediately and arrange to have a PCR test to see if they have COVID-19. If the result is negative, they can return to school as soon as they feel well.
- Regular LFD testing of asymptomatic staff and secondary age students should continue. If someone tests positive on LFD, they should isolate and take a PCR test to confirm whether they are positive. If the result is negative, they can return to school.
- All close contacts of confirmed cases are advised to take a PCR test. If close contacts are under 18 years 6 months, are fully vaccinated, have taken part in or are currently part of an approved COVID19 vaccine trial or not able to get vaccinated for

medical reasons they do not need to self-isolate.

- If someone has recently (within 90 days) had a positive PCR test for COVID-19, they are likely to have developed some immunity. Individuals are exempt from testing by both PCR and LFD within 90 days of a positive PCR test, unless they develop new symptoms, in which case they should isolate and arrange for a PCR test. “

Current guidance regarding Lateral Flow Testing

We ask that students continue to test regularly at home **twice a week** using LFDs as one means of identifying Covid-19 infection and helping reduce transmission in our communities.

Work for pupils who have tested positive

Please can parents be aware that we will only set subject work for pupils who have **tested positive for COVID-19 through a PCR test** and are therefore isolating for 10 days. There are several reasons for this, not least that if your child is too unwell to attend school then they should be resting, and we will help them catch up on the work they have missed upon their return.

Club updates

Updated extra-curricular timetable for Term 2

Including: Science, Mandarin, Art, Board games, Robotics, Rugby, Badminton, Girls' Rugby, Hockey, Chess, Choir, Folk Group, School Production and many more (there's over 50 to choose from!). Please just turn up or speak to the staff member listed for more information. Look [here](#).

Bournside Production 2021-22

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat

Rehearsals are on Tuesdays and Fridays after school (3.10pm-4.30pm).

Sports Fixtures (w/c 6th December)

Please see the following list of next week's sport fixtures:

Tuesday 7th December	
Yr 7	Hockey A&B Cotswold (H) 4:00 pm Start
Yr 10	Rugby Churchdown (A)
Wednesday 8th December	
U13	A&B Hockey Pates (H)
Thursday 9th December	

Yr 7	Rugby A&B Churchdown (H)
Yr 7	Girls Rugby 5 Acres (H)
Yr 8	Rugby 5 Acres (H)

Key Links

- [Careers newsletter](#)
- [What's for Lunch?](#)
- [School Calendar](#)