



Parent Bulletin – Whole School

26 November 2021

House Points

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

Parks	7545
Frank	7396
Hawking	6993
Rowling	6790
Attenborough	6764
Owens	6606

Dates for your Diary

- **Monday 29th November inset day (students do not attend)**
- **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 Disco**
- **17th December Christmas Jumper Day**

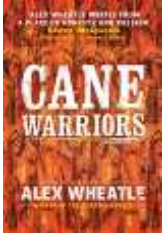
More details to follow soon!

School Notices

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](#).

There will be an opportunity to meet key governors for an informal conversation about the role on **Thursday 2 December at 5pm** via Zoom (link below).



<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83779739297>

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

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.

Scholastic Book Fair – 25th November



The Book Fair has happened in terms of the after school access, but you can still buy books.

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

Gift Vouchers/ payment information is available [here](#) . They're a great way to ensure your child doesn't miss out. Please note vouchers cannot be refunded/or change given.

Students will be able to browse and purchase books in school 25th-30th November.

We earn FREE BOOKS for every book sold at the Fair so this is a great opportunity to stock up our library with brand new resources.

The Literacy Team

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 30th November)

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

Tuesday 30 th November	
Yr 8	Rugby Churchdown (A) time TBC
Yr 7	ABC Rugby Crypt (H) 3:10 Start
Wednesday 1 st December	
Yr 11	Rugby Cleeve or Tournament TBC
Thursday 2 nd December	
Yr 9 A & 10 A	Netball Crypt (H) 3:45 pm Start
Yr 9	Rugby Churchdown (H) 3:45 pm Start
Friday 3 rd December	
U12	Hockey Tournament CLC (A) TBC

Key Links

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