



## NEWSLETTER

### Celebrating learning...

#### WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECEPTION CHILDREN!

A very warm welcome to all of the children and families who have joined CKIS in YR this term. The children have all settled in very well and have already enjoyed a tour of the school both inside and outside during their bear hunt!!



Thank you for bringing in your treasure boxes to school to share with your friends. We have loved finding out all about you as you have shared your treasure!!



#### Budding mathematicians

We have recently joined the Balcarras teaching school alliance and the GlowMaths hub. We are excited to be part of this National action research opportunity into the teaching and learning of mathematics.

We are so pleased that our Year 1 children continue to challenge themselves as mathematicians. They have been actively seeking challenges set by their teachers and have also initiated their own challenges within their learning in the Continuous Provision. Keep up the great



work chil-



dren!!

#### The Great Fire of London

Year 2 children have been busy learning about the Great Fire of London. They have built the City of London out of blocks, built a bridge across the Thames and have been reading stories to the rats in the library!!



This term we have introduced the Letter-join handwriting scheme. Any of our pupils wishing to practise their handwriting at home can now log in to the Letter-join website on iPads and tablets as well as desktop and laptop computers. There you will find the same, easy-to-use handwriting resources as we use at school. Information regarding how to log in can be found on our school website:

<http://www.ckis.org.uk/>



Letter-join 

#### CELEBRATING SUCCESS

We believe in taking every opportunity to celebrate the successes and achievements of our pupils. We recognise that all young people have talents which need to be recognised and developed during their time with us.

During the summer holidays Frank in Y2 ran 5K and raised over £300 for Cheltenham Animal Shelter.  
Kira in Y2 walked 10 miles and has raised over £150 so far for Cheltenham Cobalt Unit.

Well done Frank and Kira, we are so proud of you!!!



## HEALTHIER LUNCHBOXES

School meals are a great choice for your child, but if you choose to make a packed lunch for them instead, the NHS has published some useful ideas:



[www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/Livewell/childhealth6-15/Pages/Lighterlunchboxes.aspx)

## FREE SCHOOL MEALS—is your child eligible for additional funding within school to support their learning and development?

Check to see if you are eligible and apply using our the confidential online form. Save yourself up to £437 per year

## NHS Seasonal Flu Vaccinations from September 2017



You will shortly receive a letter regarding a flu vaccination which will be offered to all children in reception class and school years 1 and 2. The vaccine will be administered by nurses from Gloucestershire Care Services NHS Trust.

More information can be found: <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/child-flu-vaccine.aspx>

## Admission to infant/primary school - September 2018



We have been advised by Admissions, Shire Hall, that paperwork relating to 2018 admissions will be posted out mid-November 2017. If you have not received a pack by December you should contact them directly: [school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk) Tel (01452) 425407

## SAFEGUARDING

### Bikes and Scooters



Can we remind you that children and parents should not be riding their bikes or scooters in or around the school grounds.

This enables all pupils, parents and carers to travel to school in a safe environment and ensure the safety of all the children whilst in the school playground. When approaching the school, children should dismount from their bike or scooter and walk to their class entrance.

## Balcarras Academy Trust - new school proposal

A reminder that the consultation period will close on Friday 6th October, 2017. Please ensure that you register your views.

More information can be found on our website: [www.ckis.org.uk](http://www.ckis.org.uk)

As an EcoSchool, we continue to look for opportunities to reduce waste.

**WANTED - food pouches/biscuit wrappers:** Terracycle is a recycling organisation that collects hard-to-recycle packaging which they strip down and melt into materials that can be used to make new products such as benches or waste bins. For every piece of waste we collect, they will pay 2p to our chosen charity\* so we can save waste and raise money at the same time.

A red bin with the Terracycle logo will be placed in reception from Monday 25th September for you to place any biscuit wrappers or baby food pouches into.



### Ellacycle - Baby Food Pouch recycling

Any baby food pouch is accepted  
Keep the caps on  
Food should all be squeezed out  
2p per pouch will go to charity\*

For more information regarding the Terracycle Scheme go to [www.terracycle.co.uk](http://www.terracycle.co.uk)

### McVities Biscuit Wrapper recycling

Any McVities wrappers accepted  
Crumbs and chocolate smears removed  
2p per pouch to charity\*



### Gate access via Church street

Please can we ask that you do not wait at or talk to your child/ren over the gate. This can be unsettling both for your own child and others and is a Safeguarding issue. All staff have been asked to challenge anyone they see standing at this gate.



We currently have a vacancy for a Midday Supervisory Assistant - the hours are 12.00-1.00pm Monday to Friday. If you are interested, or know someone who may be, please contact Mrs Storey or Mrs Marquess - [secretary@ckis.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ckis.org.uk) or alternatively telephone 01242 514483

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



22 September	2.30-2.50pm - Magenta class family assembly
25 September	Y2 clubs start
29 September	8.50-11.00 am - PFA Macmillan coffee morning
29 September	2.30-2.50pm - Indigo class family assembly
6 October	2.30-2.50pm - Violet class family assembly
9 October	School photographer—portraits
10 October	School photographer—portraits
13 October	2.30-2.50pm - Green class family assembly
17 October	Whole school Harvest Festival
17 October	6.00 pm - Open evening for prospective parents
18 October	9.30 am - Open morning for prospective parents
20 October	2.30-2.50pm - Orange class family assembly
20 October	End of term 1
30 October	Start of term 2
1 November	Parents consultations
2 November	Parents consultations
3 November	INSET day—school closed for pupils
10 November	2.30-2.50pm - Purple class family assembly
17 November	Children in Need day
	2.30-2.50pm - Yellow class family assembly
20 November	Road Safety Week
24 November	NHS seasonal flu vaccinations
	2.30-2.50pm - Red class family assembly
1 December	Ragtex collection
	2.30-2.50pm - Blue class family assembly
8 December	4.30pm Christmas light switch on - choir to perform
11 December	3.00-4.00pm Monday Meander - for parents and children
13 December	1.30 pm EYFS Nativity
14 December	1.30 pm EYFS Nativity
15 December	Xmas Jumper day
	2-4.30pm - Christmas Fayre
15 December	9.30 am Y1 Carol Service
19 December	9.30 am Y2 Carol Service
19 December	End of term 2
2 January 2018	INSET day—school closed for pupils
3 January	Start of term 3
9 February	End of term 3
19 February	Start of term 4