

Charlton Kings Infants' School

21st October 2022

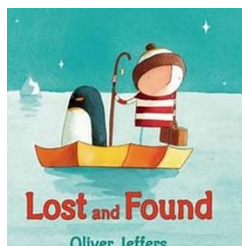
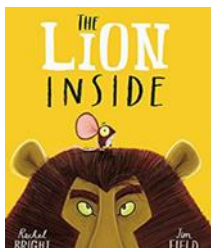


NEWSLETTER

Dear families

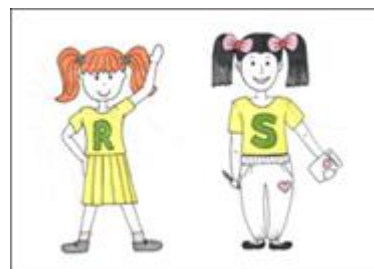
We have had a wonderful start to the 2022-23 academic year and are so proud of the way that our new children have settled into school and the way in which all our children have transitioned into new year groups, classes, and daily routines. I was so proud of how sensibly all our children walked to the Sacred Hearts church to celebrate Harvest together and we received so many positive comments regarding everyone's exceptional behaviour and singing skills. It was such a special moment to have all the school family together and to be able to share this event with our new Year R families. After half term, we will regularly be coming together as a whole school for our daily assemblies.

This term we have been exploring our school theme of 'Community and Belonging'. We have been thinking about new beginnings and the emotions that these provoke, and how we can help ourselves and each other to understand and support these emotions. We have also been thinking about how we can work together to keep everyone safe within our school community (please see our pages on creating a safe community for all, later in the newsletter).



We have enjoyed exploring these texts during assembly time and thinking about the story of Paddington bear - how he was lost and found and who helped him along the way!

We have also been thinking about our RESPECT learning characters – Rebecca resilience and Sophia self awareness and what it means to have self-awareness and be resilient.



This term, we have been taking an exciting new approach to writing throughout the school. It has been wonderful to see the children's outstanding achievements, and their pride in sharing these outcomes with each other and their teachers. We look forward to sharing these with you during our parents' evenings after half term (Wednesday 9th or Thursday 10th November).

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing half term break. We look forward to everyone returning to school and Kindergarten on Monday 31st October.

Mrs James and the CKIS team

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Reception

Year R have had a fantastic first term at CKIS. We enjoyed sharing our treasure boxes and getting to know each other. Our Teddy Bear picnic was a success and we loved making our sandwiches!



'We're going on a bear hunt... We're going to catch a big one... What a beautiful day!...We're not scared!' The children all enjoyed going on a bear hunt around the school. Turns out the bear had been on the hunt for honey and, after rifling through the kitchen, camped out in Mrs James' office!



Something very strange has landed on the reception playground. The children think it may have come from outer space! We are currently investigating to find out what it could be...

Year 1

We have had a great start to Year 1! We have been using our indoor and outdoor environment to practise turn taking, collaborative working and consolidate our previous learning. We have immersed ourselves in nature and the changing of the seasons. We've used our senses to explore our surroundings and take notice of the calm provided in nature. The teachers are very proud of the children's fantastic writing at this early stage of the year.



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Year 2

We have had a fantastic first term in Y2. We have learnt so much about the Great Fire of London already...just ask any of us and we will bombard you with facts!

We even made some bread with Mrs Walker.



In science, we have been testing materials to see if they are waterproof and even fireproof.

We have been doing some lovely writing about The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark and we are now reading The Queen's Hat by Steve Anthony.

Open the Book (OtB) is a national scheme which offers primary school children the opportunity to hear Bible stories. At CKIS, Alan Waller our Chair of Governors and the OtB team come in on a Wednesday morning for a full school assembly and will either tell a story using pictures or will act it out ... sometimes with the help of the children. As a result of the pandemic, we haven't been able to come into school in the last couple of years, but instead have made films that the children can watch. Now we are able to come in on a regular basis again. It's great fun and the children love it. Amongst other things, we are looking forward to making an earthquake by stamping our feet, making a rainstorm or knocking down Jericho (made out of cardboard boxes). Let's Open the Book and read the story of!!

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PUPIL PREMIUM FUNDING.

As the cost of living continues to rise, there may be families in our school community whose personal/financial circumstances have changed since their child/children started school in Reception.



All children at CKIS are entitled to **Universal Free School meals.**

In addition to this, as part of the **Pupil Premium Funding**, your children could be eligible to additional funding which includes free school meals post the age of 7.

Your child might be eligible if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

This benefits your family and your child/children in school. The **school receives funding** which is used to further enhance teaching and learning and improve outcomes for your child/ren and others across the school.

If you believe you are eligible, please follow the link below;

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

CKIS – A safer school community for all.....

We are committed to ensuring the safety, health and well-being of all within our school community....

Supporting everyone in our school family – CKIS family engagement and support team

Our family engagement lead, Marijana Filipovic-Carter has been busy running webinars and workshops this term. To find out more about upcoming events or to view our 'top tips' page for practical strategies to support a range of everyday parenting challenges visit our dedicated [parents' advice point pages](#) on our website. Please see the latest top tip on 'healthy' use of screen time.

Alternatively, if you have any questions, would like to book a chat with the family engagement team or even to explore support available, you can contact us directly at familyliaison@ckis.org.uk

Please can we remind all parents to contact school directly if you have any concerns or queries regarding any behavioural incidents or similar that have taken place in school. It is important that we have oversight of such concerns and incidents and we strongly discourage parents from approaching other parents to try to resolve these concerns outside of school.

Parking for school drop-off



With the ongoing concern over the volume of traffic on School Road, the owners of The Royal have kindly agreed that parents can use their car park when dropping their children off for school. The car park is available for us to use in the mornings only and all cars must have left by 9.15am. Please ensure that you only park in designated bays and nowhere else.



My name is Sarah Pritchard, and I am the Family Support Worker at CKIS. I have been a Teaching Assistant at the school for many years and in 2017, I started working as an E.L.S.A. (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant). My new role as Family Support Worker incorporates providing pastoral support to the children in school, using a variety of therapeutic strategies as well as offering support to their families.



I work as part of the pastoral support team and our aim is to support all our families to ensure every child thrives and reaches their full potential. I can provide short term support or advice and if I can't help, I should be able to signpost parents to somebody who can. As a parent myself, I know how hard parenting can be, so if you need some support or advice with managing your child's behaviour, their sleep, eating, family finances etc. please feel free to email me at familyliaison@ckis.org.uk.



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Dates for your diary 2022/2023



21 st October	End of Term 1
24 th – 28 th October	HALF TERM
31 st October	Start of Term 2
2 nd November, 7pm	New parents evening at CKJS for current Y2 pupils
3 rd November	Christmas shoeboxes to be returned to school for collection on 4/11
7 th November, 2pm	Family workshop 'Kind, but firm' at The Merryfellow
9 th and 10 th November	Parents' Evenings (more information to follow after half term)
11 th November	Remembrance Day – in school activities
14 th and 15 th November	Flu immunisations in school
17 th November	Open day and prospective families evening (for new starters Sept 23) book a place here: https://www.ckis.org.uk/admissions
17 th November	Spooky story reading with CKJS (more information to follow)
18 th November, 9am	Indigo class assembly
18 th November	Wear something spotty or sporty for Children in Need
22 nd November	Open day and prospective families evening (for new starters Sept 23) book a place here: https://www.ckis.org.uk/admissions
24 th November	Second hand Christmas jumper sale (after school in the playground)
25 th November, 9am	Magenta class assembly
29 th Nov-1 st Dec	Life Education visit in school - https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk
2 nd December, 9am	Violet class assembly
2 nd December, 6pm	Charlton Kings Christmas light switch on
5 th December	Y2 pupils attending CKJS for Y3 stone age performance
6 th December	Space dome in school for YR children
7 th December	School Christmas lunch
8 th December, 4.30-6pm	PFA Christmas story night (more details to follow)
9 th December, 1.30pm	Year R Nativity at CKIS – Yellow class families invited to attend
12 th Dec, 9.30am or 1.30pm	Year R Nativity at CKIS – 9.30am: Blue class families invited to attend, 1.30pm: Red class families invited to attend
13 th December, 2pm	Year 1 and 2 nativity at St Mary's Church
14 th December, 2pm	Year 1 and 2 nativity at St Mary's Church
15 th December	Odd Socks Pantomime at CKJS – all children will visit
16 th December	Christmas Jumper Day for Save the Children / End of Term 2
3 rd January	Inset Day
4 th January	Start of Term 3

A full list of term dates is available on the school website www.ckis.org.uk/termdates

CUTLERY PRACTICE

We have been really impressed with how well everyone has settled into our lunch hall routine. Everyone is so independent, choosing their food and clearing their trays. We are all working on using our cutlery, below is a fun activity you might like to try at home.

Draw two sets of lines on a banana as above and select suitable cutlery



Turn the fork over and extend your pointing fingers.



Grasping the knife and fork as above, insert the fork into the first line and use the knife to saw back and forward on the second line.



Keep going until you are all the way through and carry on all the way down the banana, great practice and, once the peel is removed, great for banana on toast!

Calling all Y2 Pupils

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YEAR 2

VIOLIN BAND

Fun Way to Play the Violin!



- Violin Starter Group
- Monday Afternoon (TBC)
- Fun and Creative way to learn violin
 - Develop ensemble skills
- Free Tuition until Christmas - then £50 per term
- Violin rent £ 9 per month (via Cotswold Strings in Charlton Kings)
- Contact - Debbie Sallis on deb.themusicjunction@talktalk.net
 - Mobile 07889 988649
 - or via the School Office

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