



Charlton Kings Infants' School

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Dear Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Reception. We look forward to getting to know you and working with you over the coming year. We are excited to meet you all during our 'stay and play' sessions running from the 6th to 8th of September. The class teachers and teaching partners in Reception are as follows:

Class	Teachers	Teaching Partners
Blue	Mrs Rachael Netting (Year Group Lead) Mrs Rachel Hughes (PPA cover)	Miss Olga Cebula
Yellow	Mrs Elaine Neate M-W Mrs Anna Price Th-F	Mr Thomas Mason
Red	Mrs Nicky Jones Mrs Rachel Hughes (PPA cover)	Mrs Alessandra Matthews

Parent workshops

To ensure that the children have settled in their first week at school, we have decided to move the reading/phonics and maths parent workshops to the week beginning Monday 18th September rather than Monday 11th as advertised. We apologise for the change of dates and for any inconvenience this may cause, but please be assured that if you are unable to attend a session we will be emailing out the presentation and are happy to answer any questions you may have.

During these workshops, you will get a chance to hear about how your child will learn maths and phonics at CKIS. If you would like to attend, please come along to one of the dates below, there is no need to sign up. Please arrive and exit via the coloured classroom doors. The workshops run over lunchtime so we will bring your child out to you at 1pm.

Reading and Phonics Workshop	Monday 18 th September , 12.15pm – 12.45pm
Reading and Phonics Workshop	Tuesday 19 th September, 12.15pm – 12.45pm
Maths Workshop	Wednesday 20 th September, 12.15pm – 12.45pm
Maths Workshop	Thursday 21 st September, 12.15pm – 12.45pm

Bears

During your child's first weeks at school, they will be undertaking activities which will enable them to get to know their new classroom and new faces. These activities will be themed around the topic of 'Bears'. On your child's first and second days, please bring a named bear or cuddly toy (please do not bring a special bedtime bear). We will be taking them on a bear hunt to help the children get to know the school and sharing story times together.





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Reading

Each week your child will be learning a new action rhyme. They will bring their 'Rhyme of the Week' book home in their book bag in order to teach you the rhyme! We will collect the rhyme books in each Wednesday in preparation for the new rhyme. Fostering a love of reading is very important, we would encourage you to read stories and non-fiction texts at home, singing nursery rhymes and songs as much as possible. Bedtime stories are a wonderful way to develop your child's love of reading and also an important part of learning to read.

Snacks and milk

Please ensure that your child brings in a fresh piece of fruit/vegetable for a morning snack e.g. a small apple or carrot sticks in a re-usable container (please avoid using plastic bags/cling film etc). It is essential that the snack is labelled with your child's name. If you have signed up for the free milk scheme, your child will be given this milk during the school day. We are also part of the government's 'School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme', whereby your child will receive a free piece of fruit/vegetable. This is usually enjoyed at the end of the day during story time. Your child also needs to bring a full named water bottle to school every Monday; they will have free access to their bottle of drinking water during the school day. Your child will bring their full water bottle in on a Monday and take it home on a Friday. This will be cleaned and re-filled regularly throughout the week.

Lunches

Every child is entitled to a free school lunch and those who wish to have a school lunch can choose from a selection of hot meals (meat and vegetarian options available) each day. If your child has any allergies, please ensure the school are aware of this. If your child will be bringing a packed lunch, please ensure that this does not include sweets or chocolate. We are also a NUT FREE school and therefore ask that packed lunches do not contain any nut products. All children will have access to fresh drinking water and milk at lunchtimes.

Uniform

Please make sure all uniform is **clearly named** and coats have a hook with which to hang them up. PE kits (a yellow t-shirt, black shorts/skort, black/ white pumps/trainers and tracksuit bottoms) will be worn to school on Thursdays when your child has their main PE lesson beginning 28th September. Children should also bring in a pair of wellington boots that can be left in school during the term, by Monday 25th September. Please also be aware that children are not to put any key rings or attach toys on their book bags as they do not fit in our storage containers with these adornments attached!!

Communications

During your child's Play and Stay session, you will receive a QR code that will explain how to access 'Seesaw'. This is our 'one-stop' shop for all school communication. It is also our virtual learning and communication platform which will run across the school, enabling you to see your child's learning and progress throughout their time at Charlton Kings' Infant School. We will send you photos, videos and recordings of your child's learning and you will be able to share proud moments from home as well. You can also use Seesaw to contact your child's teacher with any





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questions. However, this is not for urgent updates as teachers check Seesaw at varying intervals when they are not teaching, and we cannot guarantee when they will see messages. It is also worth noting that staff are encouraged to check Seesaw during working hours only, so there will be a delay if you message in the evening. For all urgent communications please email secretary@ckis.org.uk or phone us on (01242) 514483.

Pick-up

Please inform us if your child is going home with a different adult at the end of the day. This information should be provided to the class teacher during morning drop off or via the school office by email or by phone. It is vital that you inform us of the arrangements, rather than relying on the person picking your child up to relay the message.

We are excited to welcome you and your child/ren to our wonderful school. We aim to make your child's transition to school as smooth and as happy as possible and look forward to getting to know you over the coming year. We hope you have had an enjoyable summer holiday and that your child/ren have had fun making their treasure boxes together with you ready to bring to school on their first day. We look forward to sharing them with our classes during the first few weeks of school. For further information regarding your child's start to school, please visit our dedicated webpage: <https://www.ckis.org.uk/new-starters>

Yours sincerely,

Rachael Netting
(Blue Class & Year Group Lead)

Anna Price & Elaine Neate
(Yellow Class)

Rachael Hughes
(PPA cover)

Nicky Jones
(Red Class)

