



# Charlton Kings Infants' School

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22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the term and the new school year. Our children have settled quickly to their new classes and routines. It has been lovely to see our older children demonstrating their emerging leadership skills within the school as playtime buddies and lunchtime monitors. We look forward to introducing our gardening club warriors at lunchtime and our reading buddies between years 1 and 2 in the weeks ahead. During the next few weeks, all children will be invited to vote for class representatives for our Eco School Council. I will be leading our Eco school meetings and we will be gaining the children's thoughts and ideas regarding safety, our school curriculum and planning for ongoing developments across the Kindergarten and school. This year we are delighted that children from Kindergarten through to Year 2 will be involved.

This term our school theme is that of 'Community and Belonging' and we are thinking about the importance of belonging to our home and school families and considering the importance of 'belonging' within our local and national communities.

### **We need your help:**

We believe that our rich broad and balanced curriculum, alongside the wealth of planned enrichment activities that we provide are invaluable in supporting our children's health, well-being and learning. We are so grateful for the ongoing support from all within our school family, including staff, parents and the local community. This year we would like to invite more visitors into the school to share their expertise and jobs, particularly those related to our [CKIS Curriculum](#). We are therefore very interested to hear from family members who might be available to come in to share their jobs or expertise with us or could arrange for us to visit their workplace (transport permitting). If you would be interested in coming into school to talk with our children about a hobby, skill or job that you have or could arrange a visit to your place of work, we would love to hear from you. Please do email our School Business Manager, Mrs Durant; [sbm@ckis.org.uk](mailto:sbm@ckis.org.uk) if you can offer any support. She will then put you in contact with our year group or subject leads.





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We continue to face economic challenges which impact upon our ability to maintain our school environments and provide the enriching extra-curricular activities that we would like to provide. We have a wonderful group of parents who regularly come and support us with maintaining our outdoor learning environments and this group is kindly organised by the dad of two of our pupils. Please do email our School Business Manager, Mrs Durant; [sbm@ckis.org.uk](mailto:sbm@ckis.org.uk) if you can offer any support.

The enrichment activities that we plan and deliver through our school curriculum, can only be maintained by asking for a voluntary donation from families on an annual basis. The donations will support a range of enrichment visits, visitors and activities planned to enhance our curriculum for every child during the year. For all children, these include:

- Regular forest school sessions
- Class trips and visits in the local community
- [Life Education visit](#)
- Access to resources from the 'Wilson Museum' lending library
- Enrichment/themed weeks and events
- Jungle animal interaction sessions in YR and whole class music lessons in Y1 and Y2

We recognise the additional financial pressures upon families due to the challenge of the ongoing cost of living. However, we would be very grateful if families would consider making a voluntary contribution of £50 for this academic year to ensure that all children can experience these visits and activities throughout the year. Some families may be able to give more than the amount suggested. If this is the case, we thank you for your kindness as this will help us to ensure that together as a school 'community', we are supporting every child.

The contribution can be made in the following ways:

One off payment	£50.00
Monthly donations	£5.00 per month (September-June)
Pay as you go	A letter will be sent ahead of certain events/activities asking families <i>who have not already contributed</i> a donation to the school to consider making appropriate payment for the event/activity.

Payments to school for donations should be made by bank transfer using the following details:

**Charlton Kings Infants' School**  
**Sort code: 30-91-87**

**Account no: 51478968**  
**Ref: Your child's full name**





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Children of parents who do not wish to, or who are unable to contribute, will not be treated any differently. However, where there are insufficient contributions to make an activity viable, the activity may not be able to go ahead.

If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals (not Universal Free School Meals), your contribution is already covered through the Pupil Premium funding accessed through school and we are not asking you to contribute further. If you would like to discuss the voluntary contribution, please do not hesitate to contact me.

**Dates and events this term:**

Please see the attached diary dates calendar for your reference.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact myself or members of the school team if you have any questions or queries. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

Yours sincerely

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## Dates for your diary – Autumn terms 1 & 2:



20 <sup>th</sup> September	Phonics and Reading for Y1 and Y2 Parents (am & pm)
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year R in school full time
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Y2 Clubs start
4 <sup>th</sup> October	Whole School Individual Photographs
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration – KS1 – 9.30am (Sacred Hearts)
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Celebration – EYFS – 1.30pm (Baptist Church)
27 <sup>th</sup> October	End of Term 1
30 <sup>th</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> November	HALF TERM
6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY
7 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of Term 2
8/9 <sup>th</sup> November	Flu Immunisations
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Remembrance Assembly
15/16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Evening
20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Prospective Parents Open Morning and Evening
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Prospective Parents Open Morning and Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Rehearsals at St Marys
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Story Night
15 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity AM and PM
18 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Nativity AM
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Rehearsals at St Marys
9/20 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Carols at St Marys PM
21 <sup>st</sup> December	End of Term 2
8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Start of Term 3

