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Dear families

Happy New Year! We hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and that you were able to re-charge your batteries. We have been delighted to see everyone returning to school and are pleased that everyone has settled back into our school routines again so quickly. We are looking forward to another busy term and have lots of exciting things planned in the lead up to the Easter break. Please do check our website for news and information regarding planned events this term.

## LOOK WHO'S TALKING COMPETITION

This year, our **Year 1 and Year 2 pupils** are invited to take part in the **LOOK WHO'S TALKING** oracy competition for Gloucestershire's Infant, Junior and Primary Schools. Every pupil in Year 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to speak for two minutes in front of their class, from which a 'Star Speaker' will be chosen. The Star Speakers from every class will then take part in a whole-school heat, from which one representative from our school will be chosen for the Key Stage 1 heat (there are also heats for Lower and Upper Key Stage 2 pupils) with others in the Cheltenham partnership of schools.

Three finalists from the Cheltenham Partnership will then have the chance to go forward to the 'Look Who's Talking!' Gloucestershire Finals with the winners taking to the stage to open the 'Look Who's Talking!' Gloucestershire Association of Primary Headteachers Conference in June.

We would like every child in Year 1 and 2 to have the opportunity to take part in their class heat and to choose a subject/object to talk about in front of their peers for a maximum of 2 minutes. The children can talk about anything that they choose to for their two-minute slot. They cannot use any technology but can bring any props that they wish to. We have launched this with the children this week during assembly. Please do talk to your child to see if they interested in being involved in this exciting opportunity. A link will be sent out by the teachers on Tuesday for your child to sign up.

The children will present their talks in their classes during the two weeks between 22<sup>nd</sup> January and 2<sup>nd</sup> February (class teachers will confirm with you when each class/group will be carrying out their talk by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January) with the whole school heat taking place w/c 5<sup>th</sup> February.





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## Happy New Reading Year!

We start the New Year with renewed commitment to ensuring that every child leaves our school a reader. We want to support you as we work together to develop a lifelong love of reading for your child. A crucial part of developing this passion is regular practice at home. Our home learning policy asks that children are heard read every weeknight.

We understand that every family is different and will have different routines for reading at home. Over the first few weeks of this term, class teachers may reach out to you to ask how you are working on achieving reading every night. If you are finding this hard, we can then work together creatively towards our shared reading goals. Equally, if you have suggestions for what works with your child, please share them with your child's class teacher through SeeSaw. Any suggestions, however small they may seem, could help support someone seeking answers to their own reading challenges.

### Governor newsletter

We are incredibly lucky to have such a committed team of Governors who give up their time voluntarily to support myself and the leadership team to shape the strategic direction and planning for the school. Our Governor page on our school website <https://www.ckis.org.uk/page/?title=Governors&pid=234> provides you with an up to date list of our current Trustees and Members. Please do take a look at our latest Governor newsletter for more information.

Kind regards

Mrs James  
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