

# Charlton Kings Infants' School

## Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



### NEWSLETTER

#### Term 4: Important Dates

Date	Activity
14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3
24 <sup>th</sup> February	Start of Term 4
25 <sup>th</sup> February	YR to Charlton Kings library
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y2 to Charlton Kings library
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Y1 to Charlton Kings library
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Drumming workshops in YR
5 <sup>th</sup> March	9am - Orange Class Assembly
6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
7 <sup>th</sup> March	4-5pm Kindergarten Open Afternoon
11 <sup>th</sup> , 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening - Kindergarten
12 <sup>th</sup> March	9am - Purple Class Assembly
12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening – YR, Y1 and Y2
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Science Fair afternoon (pupils only)
18 <sup>th</sup> March	British Sign Language Week
19 <sup>th</sup> March	9am - Green Class Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Y2 trip to Slimbridge
21 <sup>st</sup> March	World Poetry Day Red nose Day (no planned event) Zoolab in for YR
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Feet First Dance Festival
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	National Autism Awareness Day
11 <sup>th</sup> April	Non-Uniform Day (PFA event)
11 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Term 4

This time last year we sent out a travel survey to all families to inform our school Travel Plan. Our Eco team (involving children, staff, parents and members of our local community and Borough Council) would like to ask for your help once again to complete this year's survey to help us to understand how to make our school drop off and pick up journeys safer and what we can do to lower the environmental impact, such as improving the air quality around our school.

Please complete our [survey](#) by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March to be put into our raffle for a new scooter!



A message from Mrs James:

This term has been another busy one and it has been lovely to see some early signs of Spring around the school. The children have enjoyed exploring our Geography and Science focused learning theme of 'Planet Earth's Great Lands'. Year R are actively engaged in exploring 'Hot and Cold Lands', considering our big question; Where in the world am I? Year 1 have been focused on exploring the Continents of our wonderful world and continue to consider; 'How can we look after our planet?' Year 2 have been actively researching their theme of 'Land and Beyond' and their big question; 'What's out there?' We hope that you have enjoyed receiving regular updates regarding your child/children's learning through 'Seesaw'. Please do take a look at our regularly updated Curriculum pages to find out more about our curriculum plans for each year group.

We have been exploring our kindergarten and school theme of 'Acceptance and Difference' and our focus learning behaviour of 'Empathy'. We have been exploring how we can be like 'Elliot Empathy' by recognising how others feel and knowing how our actions can affect others. We have been thinking about how we are all special and how important it is to recognise and celebrate our similarities and differences. We have enjoyed sharing a number of stories together and have thought about our different emotions and how we can take care of ourselves and our own mental health.

This term, many of our Key Stage 1 children took part in our school heat for the Gloucestershire 'Look Who's Talking' competition. We were delighted that Alfie in Purple class was chosen by everyone to represent the school with his talk about tap dancing. Alfie will join children from across Cheltenham schools for the partnership heat on 26<sup>th</sup> February. Good Luck Alfie – we think you are AMAZING and we are so proud of you!

We look forward to everyone returning to kindergarten and school after the half term break on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

Next term, don't forget to look out for information regarding our Parents' Evenings which will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March for Kindergarten families and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March for families of children in YR, Y1 and Y2.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing half term break.  
Mrs James and the CKIS team



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### Healthy Snacks

Please can we remind all parents to send their children in with healthy snacks to have in school – fresh fruit/vegetables in a sealed/reusable container.

As a healthy school we do not permit children to bring in other snacks (including in lunch boxes) – e.g., sweets and chocolate.

If sending in grapes or cherry/plum tomatoes, **please ensure these are cut length ways** as they are a choking hazard if not cut in this way.

Please can we also remind you that we are a **nut free school!**

### Reporting Absence

A reminder that all absences need to be reported by 9.30am, either by telephoning the school office, a Seesaw message to Mrs Evans or an email to [secretary@ckis.org.uk](mailto:secretary@ckis.org.uk).

Please ensure that you report each day your child is absent.

If we have not heard from you by this time, we will make contact with you regarding your child's absence.

### Non-school uniform day

On the last day of term 4 (Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April), there will be a non-school uniform day to support our PFA in their fundraising activities. More details to follow!

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

We are committed to ensuring the safety, health, and well-being of all within our school community. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs James, and Mr Owens is our primary deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.



Mrs James



Mr Owens

You could also speak to any of our other Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads – Mrs Durant (SBM), Mrs Tyler (SENDCo), Mrs Koller (Y2 lead), Mrs Pritchard (Children & Family Support Worker), or Mrs Ralph (KDG lead) if you have any concerns.

### Internet Safety

As parents or carers, and as a school family, we all play a key role in helping children to stay safe online. It is vital that we are aware of what our children are accessing on-line and that appropriate parental controls are in place to safeguard all. Many children are telling us that they are accessing and playing games on-line which are meant for much older children 13+ and in some cases, 18+. This is a Child Protection concern and we therefore urge all families to consider the age ratings before making decisions regarding their child's access. More information can be found on age ratings via [Parentzone.org.uk](https://www.parentzone.org.uk) For tips and advice on how to support children to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively, please visit:

<https://www.ckis.org.uk/onlinesafety>