

NOVEMBER LETTER

This is a text only version of the multimedia newsletter sent out to parents through SeeSaw. As such it doesn't contain all the information and formatting you will find in the original. The information is reproduced here for reference. If you have deleted your SeeSaw link to the original letter, please contact secretary@ckis.org.uk

Welcome to our monthly newsletter. It has been an exciting month in school with the arrival our new trim trail and the start of preparations for our Christmas events. The year two classes have been putting on amazing performances to share their learning about the Great Fire of London and we have been lucky to have the Life Education team visit us with Harold the giraffe.

Our newsletter is here to provide key messages from the school. At the end of the letter I have included upcoming dates. Please keep an eye out for announcements on SeeSaw regarding specific year group events.

I would like to thank everyone for the feedback on the previous newsletter, we are glad that you found it easier to access.

Mr Owens

Children and community at the centre

We have enjoyed welcoming our year two parents into the school for our first performances of the year. They all put on a fantastic show. Please keep an eye out for SeeSaw messages from your child's year group regarding upcoming Christmas events. We have a lot going on and we wouldn't want you to miss out!

This month our community highlight has been a visit from Teddy and Alfie's Grandad who brought his drums into assembly and performed for the children. It was a truly memorable experience, and we want to send our thanks again here.

The year two children have been to St Mary's church to find out about its history as part of our RE curriculum and we were made very welcome by the team of volunteers who showed us around.

A huge thank you to all the parents that have been in to talk with the children in school. The reception children have learnt from Mrs. Quinn how she helps people with their big emotions and from Mr. Veal how he helps to keep us safe by fixing computer bugs. Mr. Veal shared a story that he had written especially for us!

A reminder that **no dogs are allowed on the school site at any time**. This includes dogs being carried on to the site. We appreciate your cooperation in this.

Parking at The Merryfellow

Unfortunately, due to irresponsible parking on numerous occasions we will longer be able to use The Merryfellow car park on a **Friday** for school drop off and pick up. This is disappointing as

NOVEMBER LETTER

The Merryfellow have been extremely accommodating in helping our school community. When using the car park Monday to Thursday please park considerately.

We are still very keen for to hear from you or anyone you know that may be able to volunteer in school, especially if they are happy to spend time helping in our forest school.

New Parent Governors

We are pleased to announce the appointment of three new parent governors to the CKIS governing body. They are Rob Deakin (Children in KDG and Blue), Kate Evans (Children in KDG and Violet) and Eleanor Laney (Child in Orange)

Please see our [community](#) page on our website for information regarding upcoming events in Charlton Kings, this is regularly update with new events. We also have a [Parents Advice Point](#) where you can find access to support services and general parenting information.

Kindness and consideration for all

A thank you from the shoebox appeal.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the shoe box appeal this year. When the charity came to collect they were so impressed with the amount that you had donated.

The SCARF visit.

Harold the giraffe has been to visit us this term. He enjoyed talking to our EYFS children about self-awareness and with our year one children about how to take care of their bodies. The year two children were able to help Harold with some difficult feelings after he had fallen out with some of his friends.

Litter picking

Eddie the Eco teddy spent time in Magenta class this term and has been busy helping them with litter picking. The children in Magenta have been giving up their lunchtime to help keep our school looking it's best and we are very proud of their efforts.

Naming items

We have had a few incidents recently where children have lost winter clothing items and have been upset by this. Please help us by ensuring that every item of clothing (individual gloves, earmuffs etc..) are clearly named as this gives us a better chance of reuniting them with their rightful owner.

Inspirational learning that challenges and excites

We have had a marvellous month, full of learning and fun. Please look through our photo stack to see a small sample of the amazing activities our wonderful teachers have provided for us! The

NOVEMBER LETTER

staff regularly share updates from the week on SeeSaw so remember to keep an eye you child's SeeSaw account.

We are excited to announce that Mrs. Pritchard (Our fantastic family support worker who you can contact [here](#)) will be restarting our popular weekly book swap at the front of the school on **Tuesday 9th December**. At the end of the day, you will be able to spot our new Book Swap Shop under the cover outside the hall. Once you have collected your child, please come and help yourself to a book to borrow for the week. Each Tuesday we will wheel out the trolley, and you are welcome to swap your book. Children attending After School Club will also be able to choose a book from the trolley if they wish.

Striving to reach our true potential

I have been amazed by the fantastic work that the children have been showing me this term. It is always the highlight of my day to have enthusiastic children arriving at my office to share their efforts. I have been particularly impressed by the writing that our children have produced this term. They are all working hard on being the best they can be, and we couldn't be prouder of them.

We have begun a project working with CKJS on our joint writing strategy to further enhance transition between the two schools and share expertise across both settings. This is an exciting opportunity for both schools and we no doubt develop the transition between the two schools.

Please see the message below from Mrs. Andrews at CKJS for Year two parents.

Calling all Year two Parents who attended the Charlton Kings Junior School Open Afternoon on 25.11.25.

It was lovely to meet so many of you at our Open Afternoon. It was gorgeous to chat with so many of you in person and to meet your children. Feedback is an important way for us to celebrate what is working well, and it also provides a valuable opportunity for us to reflect and improve.

Therefore, I would be grateful if you could take a few minutes to share your thoughts and reflections on our afternoon on 25.11.25 in a short survey, so that we can shape and refine how we run this event for Year two parents next year. [CKJS Survey](#)

Your time is much appreciated.

CKIS Website

Please remember that our website contains detailed information regarding our CKIS curriculum. We are passionate about children reaching their true potential and we know how important working with parents and families is in achieving this. The 'Learning leaves' on the curriculum pages provide a child friendly overview of the learning in each subject this term. These can be great for discussing learning at home.

If you have concerns regarding the progress of your child, please contact your class teacher/s as these are always best addressed by working together.

Upcoming Dates

NOVEMBER LETTER

Friday 19th December 2025 - End of Term 2

Monday 5th January 2026 - Start of Term 3

Friday 23rd January 2026 - Non-Uniform Day

Wednesday 28th January 2026 - Orange Class Assembly to parents

Wednesday 4th February 2026 - Purple Class Assembly to parents

Tuesday 10th February 2026 - Height, weight and vision check for YR

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - Height, weight and vision check for YR

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - Green Class Assembly to parents

Friday 13th February 2026 - End of Term 3

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Start of Term 4

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 - Y2 Feet First Dance Festival

Thursday 5th March 2026 - World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2026 - Reading Wander

Monday 9th March 2026 - Start of British Science Week

Wednesday 11th March 2026 - Science open classroom with pupils

Wednesday 18th March 2026 - Parents Evening

Thursday 19th March 2026 - Parents Evening

Friday 27th March 2026 - End of Term 4

Monday 13th April 2026 - Start of Term 5