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Dear Families,

As we begin a new year together, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful start we have already seen at CKIS. It has been inspiring to watch the children return with such enthusiasm—embracing new learning opportunities, challenging themselves as learners, and showing, growing in confidence and curiosity. Our children continue to demonstrate their 'wings to fly and the confidence to try', and it is a joy to witness.

It is a privilege to see how our children thrive in their learning and development each week. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, who work tirelessly to create stimulating and engaging learning experiences that ensure every child flourishes. Their commitment, creativity and teamwork make our school such a special place.

We are already celebrating many achievements—whether through our weekly Golden Learners, our 'Golden Writers', or the many moments of kindness, resilience and determination shown across the school. From developing new knowledge, skills and understanding across our broad and balanced curriculum to supporting one another as a community, the children continue to embody the values we hold dear at CKIS. Thank you for the support you provide at home; it truly makes a difference.

As we look ahead to the rest of the spring term, we are excited about the opportunities and experiences to come. January always brings a sense of fresh beginnings, and we look forward to seeing the children continue to grow, explore and shine.

Wishing you all a happy and healthy start to the New Year.

Kind regards,

Mr Owens

Acting Head Teacher

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Children and community at the centre

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January feels like a month where our closest communities come to the fore. Our friendships and our families keep us smiling as we wait for the brighter evenings to appear. Our PSHE curriculum and assemblies this month have been focused on friendships and kindness.

We have also been able to welcome new reading volunteers from the wider community. They are helping in Yellow and Blue class and we are so lucky to have them. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in listening to readers at school and can commit to a regular time slot, please get in touch!

Paul from the Baptist church has been in to share a story with the children. He had such a lovely time he has asked the children to illustrate the story for him. Will will be sharing our designs with him soon.

The PFA have been busy planning events for the new year, their popular quiz night is scheduled for 7th March. More news to follow from them so start brushing up on your general knowledge.

Kindness and consideration for all

Eco committee

The children have helped Mrs Walker decide which meals should stay as firm favourites on the school menu – with lots of thoughtful discussion and important taste-testing! We also took part in the Big Bird Watch, spotting feathered visitors around the school. The blackbird was the most commonly seen bird, followed closely by the wood pigeon. This helped us understand the importance of protecting wildlife and their habitats.

The Air We Breathe

We will be the first school hosting an air quality monitor for the parish council. This will be installed facing onto School Road. See if you can spot it as you walk to school! There is a free drop-in event exploring everyday pollution, the real health impacts, and what we can do about it that is taking place on Saturday 7th March 2 -4 pm at the Stanton Hall.

Come and explore local air pollution data, hear what's already happening in Charlton Kings, and discover small, practical changes that can make a real difference.

PLUS

- Free bike repairs
- Hear from local schools

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- Talk to local experts and council reps

Reading Buddies

Our year two reading buddies have started this term. They have been going to the reception and year one classes to share books with the children every morning during our whole class reading time. I know the younger children look forward to the visits and enjoy spending the time with our grown up years twos!

Playtime Helpers

The year two children are also busy helping during playtime by leading playground games for our reception children. I know they are very proud of this role and love wearing their playground buddy hats.

The front of school in the morning

I have received complaints from parents regarding children running around and causing problems charging into adults and younger children while waiting to be let in to school in the morning. It can be very busy and is unsettling for children if children are running around during this time. Please be kind and keep your children close, the front of school isn't large enough to be treated as a playground in the morning, and younger children are being knocked over! If your children need to run, please take them to the park and arrive at school just in time for the doors to open.

Sickness and winter flu

To help keep everyone healthy, please remember to keep children at home for **48 hours** if they are unwell, including after the last episode of vomiting, diarrhoea, or fever. This helps reduce the spread of illness and keeps our school community safe. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Inspirational learning that challenges and excites

Spring Term 2026 – La Jolie Ronde French & Spanish – Year one & Year two

Please see the message below regarding lunchtime French and Spanish classes from the French and Spanish teacher Moira Jallow.

I'm offering your child the chance to join French and Spanish classes at CKIS. I am a native Spanish and fluent in French, mum of 2 who loves learning languages. I'm not alone in my passion to help children learn and love to become French and Spanish speakers; I'm teaching the multi-award winning La Jolie Ronde programmes.

The programme is designed to enhance your children's learning skills and to challenge them, in order for them to excel at the language and develop their language confidence

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and skills to the highest level possible. If you have any questions, please email moirajallow@gmail.com.

Please see [here](#) for further information. The school will not be able to assist you with enquiries regarding these externally provided lessons.

Our January Learning

Please look through the photo stacks below to see a sample of learning from across the school and kindergarten. Remember to check your SeeSaw notifications to keep up to date with the learning in each class.

Striving to reach our true potential

This term

Next term the learning across the school will be built around the theme of 'Planet Earth's Great Lands'. Our children in Reception are finding out all about hot and cold lands, Year One are thinking about rainforests and how we can protect them and Year Two will be thinking about the history of the local area.

CKIS Website

Please remember that our website contains detailed information regarding our CKIS curriculum, including the new learning leaves for next term. 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

Friday 13th February 2026 - End of Term 3

Monday 23rd February 2026 - Start of Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 - African Drumming Workshop for Reception

Tuesday 3rd March 2026 - Y2 Feet First Dance Festival

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Tuesday 3rd March 2026 - YR to visit the Charlton Kings Library

Thursday 5th March 2026 - World Book Day

Thursday 5th March 2026 - Reading Wander

Thursday 5th March 2026 - Y2 to visit the Charlton Kings Library

Friday 6th March 2026 - Y1 to visit the Charlton Kings Library

Friday 6th March 2026 - Kindergarten Open Afternoon to new parents

Saturday 7th March 2026 - PFA Quiz Night

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

Saturday 25th April 2026 - PFA Car Boot Sale

Monday 4th May 2026 - Bank Holiday

Wednesday 6th May 2026 - Red Class Assembly to parents

Wednesday 13th May 2026 - Yellow Class Assembly to parents

Wednesday 20th May 2026 - Blue Class Assembly to parents

Friday 22nd May 2026 - End of Term 5

Monday 1st June 2026 - Start of Term 6

Wednesday 17th June 2026 - KS1 Sports Afternoon (weather dependent)

Thursday 18th June 2026 - Kindergarten Sports Morning (weather dependent)

Friday 19th June 2026 - KS1 Sports Afternoon (reserve date)

Wednesday 24th June 2026 - Parents Evening

Thursday 25th June 2026 - Parents Evening

Saturday 27th June 2026 - Summer Fete

Wednesday 1st July 2026 - Transition Day

Wednesday 1st July 2026 - Wednesday Wander

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Thursday 2nd July 2026 - EYFS Sports Afternoon (weather dependent)

Friday 3rd July 2026 - Y2 Trip to Western-Super-Mare

Friday 3rd July 2026 - EYFS Sports Afternoon (reserve date)

Tuesday 14th July 2026 - Y2 Leavers Assembly

Wednesday 15th July 2026 - Y2 Leavers Assembly

Friday 17th July 2026 - Kindergarten Leavers Assembly

Friday 17th July 2026 - End of Term 6