Charlton Kings Infants' School

'The wings to fly, the confidence to try'

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Dear families,

We need your help!

We believe that our rich broad and balanced curriculum, alongside the wealth of planned enrichment activities that we provide as a school 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 parents, staff and the local community. We would love to invite more visitors in to school to read with our children and/or share their expertise and jobs. We are very interested to hear from family members who might be available to come in to read with the children or share their jobs/expertise with us. If you would be interested in coming into school to read or talk with our children about a hobby, skill or job that you have, we would love to hear from you. Please let your child's class teacher know via SeeSaw or let Mrs Evans know by emailing secretary@ckis.org.uk and she can put you in contact with the relevant member of staff.

We continue to face financial challenges that impact upon our ability to maintain our Kindergarten and school environments and to provide the enriching extra-curricular activities that we would like to provide. This year we are anticipating an over **£59k** shortfall.

Annual contribution from families:

The enrichment activities that we plan and deliver through our school curriculum can only be maintained by asking for a ***voluntary contribution*** from families on an annual basis. The donations will support a range of enrichment visits, visitors and activities which are planned to enhance our curriculum for every child during the year. For this year we have the following events planned:

- Weekly forest school sessions in YR and weekly sessions in alternate terms in Y1/2 (£10 per child)
- Whole class Music ensemble lessons for 10 weeks in Year 1 – Ukelele and Year 2 - Recorder (£15 per child)
- Y2 dance festival visit to the Town Hall (£10 per child – coach travel and dance coach)
- Educational Visits - Year groups will notify families of the visits when booking confirmation is received later in the academic year (Around £18 per child, including coach travel)
- Life Education visit for whole school (£4 per child)
- Access to resources from the local museum and lending library (£1.00 per child)
- Curriculum visitors linked to year group themes (eg, Space Dome) TBC for each year group (£5 per child)
- Enrichment/themed weeks and events – Science week, Health week, Music week, Fitness fortnight (£2.50 per child)
- Cooking and technology activities (£2.50 per child)

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Through voluntary contributions, we are able to provide a wide range of enrichment opportunities worth approximately £60 per child annually, enhancing children's learning experiences beyond the core curriculum.

We continue to recognise the additional financial pressures upon many families but would ask that families support the school by contributing ***£50 a year*** **towards covering the cost** of these enrichment activities.
Some families may be in a position 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 as a school community, we are supporting every child.
If you are receiving **Universal Credit and** your annual household net earned income is **£7,400 or less** (after tax and not including benefits), the school receives a small amount of 'Pupil premium' funding and will ensure your child's £50 voluntary contribution is made. If you are in any doubt as to whether your child qualifies for pupil premium, please contact Mrs Evans via email secretary@ckis.org.uk.

The contribution can be made in the following ways and can be paid via BACS:

One off payment £50.00
Standing order £10 for 5 months

The school's bank details can be found below.

Charlton Kings Infants' School
Account no: 51478968
Sort code: 30-91-87
Reference: Your child's full name

PLEASE NOTE*, if we do not receive enough contributions; events, visits, visitors and activities may have to be cancelled.*

We thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to ensuring that our wonderful CKIS children receive the highest quality education and experiences during their time with us.

Kind regards

Mrs. Katie James
Headteacher

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