



Dear Parents,

After all of the recent cold weather and bouts of snow, I, like you, am hoping that Spring finally arrives over the Easter break! We have had another busy term at CKIS full of rich learning opportunities for all. We continue to be very proud of how independent and resilient our children are becoming in their learning and have enjoyed celebrating their progress both individually, in class and together during our whole school assemblies.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our open classroom event this term which focused on teaching and learning in mathematics. We hope that you found the session useful in identifying how we teach mathematics in school and how you can further support your budding mathematicians at home! Next term we will be holding another open classroom event, this time the focus will be on reading.

The children have particularly enjoyed sharing their learning with you during our 'Tuesday toddle' and we continue to welcome regular opportunities for us to share your child's learning journey together.

I was pleased to hear comments made by parents' during our recent parents evenings regarding how enthused their children have been in their learning and how many want to come to school at the weekends too! We can see this enthusiasm for learning ourselves on a daily basis and this is wonderful to hear. Our vision as a school is based upon wanting to ensure that we develop a life-long love of learning for every child (and adult for that matter!!).

We continue to welcome your feedback regarding our success as a school and your suggestions for 'even better if...' With this in mind, we are planning to send out another parental questionnaire in the Summer term in order to gain your views and inform our future planning and provision (please look out for it!)

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support and to wish you all a very Happy Easter (fingers crossed for sunshine).

Best wishes

Mrs James ☺

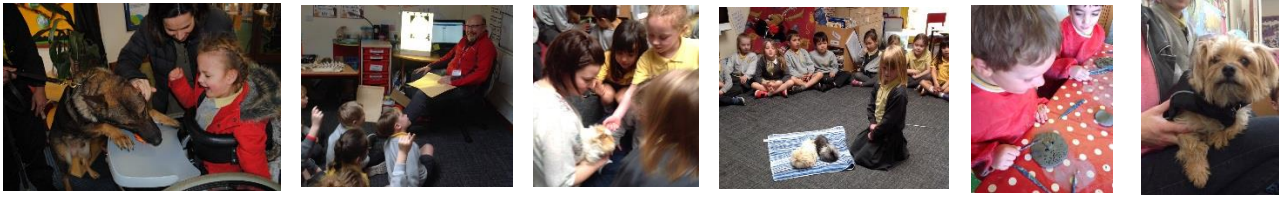


## Celebrating Learning

**YR** have been trying to crack the code of a secret box that arrived for them by solving subtraction problems. It turned out to be Super Ted who had been missing for a few weeks. They have also been learning all about Spring and have been exploring life cycles.



**Y1** have been continuing with their theme of 'Paws, Claws and Whiskers'. They enjoyed visits from pets, vets and police dogs and have learnt about what animals need to live and grow.



**Bristol Zoo:** Y1 children had a great time at a snowy Bristol Zoo! We found out about how to look after our pets. We held a cockroach and stroked a snake. The lion was sleepy but the gorilla was our favourite, especially the baby one!



## Celebrating Learning

Y2 have been continuing their topic 'Towers, Tunnels and Turrets'. During the topic they learnt about life in a castle, learnt about famous castles and towers around the world and looked at different stories involving castles, towers and bridges. They wrote letters of complaint from the troll who was unhappy about what was written about him in fairy tales, and a newspaper report about the marriage between Rapunzel and her prince. The topic ended with a fantastic dress-up day when the children enjoyed a banquet. During 'Tuesday Toddle' parents were able to see the projects the children worked on together, in class as well as their amazing home learning projects.



**Health Week:** the children enjoyed celebrating Health Week. Every morning the whole school took part in walking/running one mile. Other activities included a climbing wall, new-age curling and making healthy snacks.



**Extreme Reading:** Thank you for sending in your photos. Some of the children took this challenge to the extreme!



**Living Eggs:** We have had an "eggciting" two weeks watching the eggs hatch. The chicks grew very quickly.

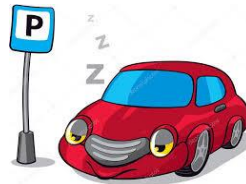


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**Lunch Time Salad Bar:** We have some exciting news for school lunchtime! After Easter, we are going to introduce a salad bar alongside our regular lunches. Children will be able to help themselves to a selection of cold salads such as cucumber, tomatoes, carrot sticks, sweetcorn, pasta, coleslaw and potato salad.



**Parking:** Please take extra care when driving on the roads around school during drop off and pick up. If you do need to park, please remember to do so sensibly to keep all of our children and parents safe. Thank you.



**Readathon:** We raised £1,574 for the recent Readathon. Thank you so much for your donations.



**Sickness Bug:** There is a nasty sickness and diarrhoea bug around at the moment. Please keep children off school for 48 hours after their last episode. Thank you.



**Dad's Beer & Curry Night:** There will be a Dad's Beer & Curry night on 27th April from 8pm. (See poster on website.) Proceeds to PFA. If you are interested please contact [tparker@moog.com](mailto:tparker@moog.com) by 3rd April.



**Goodbye:** We will be saying goodbye to Miss Smart and Miss Swindlehurst at the end of this term. They have both worked very hard in their teaching placements and have been very successful. The children and staff would like to thank them both and wish them the very best for their future teaching careers. We are also saying goodbye to Mrs Hunter, who has been an MDSA with us for the past few years. We wish her all the best for the future and thank her for all of her hard work.

**No Toys in School Please:** Please can you ensure your children are not bringing their own toys into school with them (unless requested by the class teacher). These toys often go missing and the children can get quite upset. Thank you.



**Kindergarten:** There are a few places left at Kindergarten for the 2018/19 school year. Please contact Kindergarten if you are interested.





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**Birthdays:** We love to celebrate children's birthdays in school. As a healthy school, we request that if children wish to give their class mates a 'gift' to celebrate their birthday, they donate a book for the class book corner. These will be stamped to commemorate the child's gift. There is of course no expectation that such gifts will be given.



**Royal Wedding:** Advance warning - Royal Wedding Celebration Day. On Friday 18th May, Children and staff can dress in red, white and blue if they wish.



**PFA Race Night:** The PFA raised £750 on last Saturday's race night! Thank you very much to everyone that attended and especially to the PFA team for their hard work on such a wonderful event.



**Headlice:** Our visitors are back! Please check your child's hair regularly and use the condition and comb method every time you wash your child's hair.





## Dates for your diary

- 29 March** 3pm end of term
- 16 April** 8.50am start of term 5
- 17/18 April YR visits to Over Farm (please see separate letters for details)
- 20 April 2.30-2.50pm Purple Class Family Assembly (**re-scheduled from 2 March**)
- 25 April PFA Cake Sale - Y1 to provide cakes  
9-9.30am Open Classrooms - Reading Focus
- 26 April 2.30-3pm Open Classrooms - Reading Focus (**Please note date change**)
- 26 April 4.00pm PFA Y1 Party
- 4 May 9.30am Y1 Visit to Library  
2.30-2.50pm Magenta Class Family Assembly
- 7 May** **Bank holiday**
- 11 May 2.30-2.50pm Indigo Class Family Assembly
- 18 May Royal Wedding Celebration Day (please see previous page for details)  
2.30-2.50pm Violet Class Family Assembly
- 23 May 3-4pm Wednesday Wander for parents and children
- 25 May 2.30-2.50pm Green Class Family Assembly  
**3pm end of term 5**
- 4 June** **8.50am start of term 6**
- 6 June PFA Cake Sale - YR to provide cakes
- 7 June 4.00pm PFA YR Party
- 8 June 2.30-2.50pm Orange Class Family Assembly
- 15 June 2.30-2.50pm Purple Class Family Assembly
- 22 June 2.30-2.50pm Yellow Class Family Assembly
- 27 June New Intake Parents Evening
- 29 June 9.30am YR visit to library  
2.30-2.50pm Red Class Family Assembly
- 2 July Transition Week
- 6 July 2.30-2.50pm Blue Class Family Assembly
- 7 July 12.00-3.00pm PFA Summer Fete
- 12 July 2.00pm EYFS Sports Afternoon
- 13 July 1.00pm Y1/Y2 Sports Afternoon at CKJS
- 20 July 9-10am Y2 Leavers Assembly  
**3pm End of term 6**