



Celebrating Learning

YR This term our topic is based on the theme of pirates and is named 'Ahoy There'. At the start of term we received messages in bottles from some lost pirates! We have been writing letters to the pirates, making pirate stew and building pirate ships.



YR Over Farm Trip: We enjoyed a recent visit to Over Farm where we met lots of farm animals and even an ostrich! We fed the pigs, went on a tractor ride and picked our own rhubarb. We enjoyed making and tasting rhubarb stew on our return!



Y1 The new topic is "Town Mouse, Country Mouse". We have been learning about the different areas in the UK, concentrating specifically on London. We are also learning about the Royal Family.



Y2 The main topic for this term is 'Into the Forest', as part of our 'Land and Sea' overall topic that will continue into term 6. We have been investigating the school grounds including the nature area looking for invertebrates and we shall be discussing recycling in the local area and how it affects our world.





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Open Classrooms: It was wonderful to see so many parents and carers at our open classroom event this term focused on reading. We were able to share important messages regarding how we teach reading at school and how reading regularly with and to your child at home has a significant input upon establishing their love of reading and their progress. We were also able to share important information with you regarding our new online reading portal - 'Bug Club'. We are keen to reflect upon the impact of our open classrooms on improving our communication with parents/carers and informing you of your child's learning and progress. We would therefore welcome your feedback using our online form: <https://www.ckis.org.uk/form/?pid=6&form=94>



Royal Wedding: We are looking forward to celebrating the wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle with our celebration day on Friday 18th May. On this day children can come into school dressed in something red/white/blue or dressed in their finest wedding clothes. We are hoping that it will be a lovely sunny day and have planned lots of exciting learning opportunities, including designing wedding outfits, making crowns and creating commemorative plates. We are also hoping to invite the local newspaper along to capture pictures of our special day.

Children's Voices: The School Council made up a questionnaire to find out how the children at CKIS feel about school. We will keep you posted on what we find out!

The Eco Committee have been hard at work this term with a special focus on keeping the school free of litter. We were really impressed with the number of Waste/Recycling audits carried out at home. It was great to see how much recycling you all do. Thank you for your continued support with our Eco work.

Parent's Voices: We value your voices in the continual development of our school. This time last year we sent a survey out to all parents and received a wonderful return. We used this information to evaluate the impact of our school improvement to date and plan our priorities for this academic year. We are keen to send out a survey again this year.



Parents

Uniform: Please remember that jewellery is not permitted to be worn in school. Please refer to the CKIS website under Parents/Uniform for a reminder on the CKIS uniform requirement. Thank you.



Book Fair: We are excited to announce a school book fair! The book fair will run at various times between 17th and 24th May and will also coincide with the Wednesday Wonder on the 23rd. More information to follow.



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.



Summer: Please remember to put on your child's suncream before school - they can reapply themselves during school if you leave a bottle of named suncream in their bookbag. Please also ensure your child has a named sun hat that stays at school. There will be CKIS summer caps available to buy from the PFA in the school playground.



PFA: The dads had a great evening last Friday! 27 dads, 7 different beers and a lot of curry! They raised a total of £265.21 for CKIS. Thank you dads!



Dogs: Please do not bring dogs onto the school premises or leave them tied to any fences or gates that are on the school grounds. Thank you.



Science Festival: Cheltenham Science Festival is running from 5th-10th June - as well as great school events running through the week days, there will be a fantastic family programme running over the weekend. There are lots of FREE activities for families to do on site. We are also planning a science day in school on 7th June, more information to follow shortly!



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



School Drop Off/Pick Up: Please remember that children are the responsibility of their parents/carers before they enter school and as soon as they leave. Please can all parents/carers ensure that they are keeping an eye on their children whilst waiting for their class door to open or after collection in order to ensure their safety and the safety of other children. Thank you.





Dates for your diary

- 9 May 9am or 5pm SATS meeting for Y2 parents
- 11 May 2.30-2.50pm Indigo Class Family Assembly
PFA Lido event
- 15 May 9-10.30am PFA coffee morning
- 14-18 May Y2 SATS week
- 17-24 May Book Fair held at school - times/days to follow
- 18 May Royal Wedding Celebration Day
2.30-2.50pm Violet Class Family Assembly
- 21 May Class photos/portrait photos
- 23 May 3-4pm Wednesday Wonder 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 Science Day (more information to follow shortly)
Y2 visiting Balcarras Science "Wow" Event
4.00pm PFA YR Party
- 8 June 2.30-2.50pm Orange Class Family Assembly
- 11-15 June One World Week (events and activities planned in school to celebrate our international community)
- 11-15 June Phonics screening in Y1 and Y2
- 15 June Summer school theatre workshop with Y1 children
- 15 June 2.30-2.50pm Purple Class Family Assembly
- 22 June 2.30-2.50pm Yellow Class Family Assembly
- 27 June 6pm New Intake Parents Evening
- 29 June 9.30am YR visit to library
2.30-2.50pm Red Class Family Assembly
- 2 July Transition Week
- 3 July Multi-skills festival at Cheltenham College for Y1 and 2 children (more information to follow)
- 4 July Transition Day - all children move up to new class/Y2 visit KS2
- 6 July 2.30-2.50pm Blue Class Family Assembly
- 7 July 12.00-3.00pm PFA Summer Fete
- 9-20 July Fitness fortnight
- 10 July YR visit to Redwood (Forest School)
- 11 July Multi-skills festival at Cheltenham College for YR children (more information to follow)
- 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