

**CHARLTON KINGS INFANTS' SCHOOL  
LYEFIELD ROAD EAST  
CHARLTON KINGS**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**Dear Parents and Carers**

Time certainly does fly when you are having fun! We have had another busy and exciting year at CKIS and we are so proud of our wonderful children and the progress they have all made. We were delighted with our Ofsted inspection at the end of May which really was a celebration of the strengths of our exceptional school and recognised our ongoing commitment to school improvement. We continually strive to ensure that every child is included and encouraged to reach their true potential through an exciting and engaging curriculum and the highest standards of teaching and learning. During this academic year we have continued to build upon opportunities within our daily provision and practice to increase our children's levels of independence, involvement and responsibility. These have included:

- Our Eco Committee and Warriors working hard to achieve our Eco schools re-accreditation.
- Exploring our termly value and considering how this value impacts us in our day to day school life.
- Our School Council working with the Parish Council to consider ways to further improve the environment around Charlton Kings. They have also carried out regular surveys with all children to ensure children feel safe in school and identify areas for ongoing improvement.
- Our Y1 and Y2 Playtime Buddies continuing to lead activities and games on the playground at lunchtimes. A particular well done to Dylan Sullivan who was nominated by his teachers for the Active Gloucestershire Young Leaders Award and has been shortlisted for the local award.
- Our Y2 Lunchtime Monitors continuing to do a fabulous job supporting their friends by serving drinks and desserts and generally ensuring that the lunch hall is a happy and organised environment.

We have also made key changes to improve teaching and learning throughout the school, including:

- Introducing 'Continuous Provision' into Y1 and Y2 to enhance the deep level thinking and learning demonstrated by our young children in order to meet the requirements of our school and the National Curriculum.
- Introducing our new cursive handwriting programme, 'Letter-join', throughout the school.
- Embedding our reviewed curriculum, including our 'Mathematics Mastery' curriculum.
- Introducing further opportunities for parental involvement – such as family assemblies three times a year and 'open classrooms' as well as regular wanders!!
- Ongoing development of the outdoor learning environments for all children.
- Re-accreditation of our 'Eco Schools' title and working towards our 'Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning' accreditation.

During the next academic year we will be focussing on a number of key priorities, including:

- Embedding 'Continuous Provision' to enhance the deep level thinking and learning within our mastery curriculum throughout the school.
- Improving standards in writing to accelerate the progress made by all children, with a specific focus on spelling.
- Embedding our new senior leadership and staff structure to ensure that teaching and learning is of the highest quality for all children.
- Further promoting and embedding our inclusive practice through our school values and by accessing high quality training and support for all staff, particularly our Teaching Partners (formerly known as Teaching Assistants).
- Further developing information available for parents/carers regarding our curriculum and ways to support your child's development and learning.

**Home learning opportunities this summer break:** For YR children moving to Y1 and Y1 children moving to Y2 please see the year group newsletters on Y1 and Y2 home pages of our website to find out about the home learning summer activities.

**In addition, why not have a go at the ‘Summer Reading Challenge’:** The Summer Reading Challenge this year is ‘Mischievous Makers’, celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the much-loved comic Beano. Don’t forget to sign up at the local library!!

**Staff news:**

Towards the end of term we said a sad farewell to Miss Shelmerdine as she left CKIS to begin her teacher training degree. At the end of this term we say a sad farewell to Mrs Roberts from Blue class who has worked at CKIS for 13 years. We also say a sad goodbye to Mrs Wiggins and Miss Reed as they pursue family and college adventures respectively. We also say a sad goodbye to Mr Bracey who has been working in Year 1 for the past two years as he leaves CKIS and moves to a new post at Dinglewell Infants’ School. We thank them all for their hard work and commitment to CKIS and wish them every success in their new ventures. We look forward to welcoming Miss Smart who will be joining the school in the Autumn term to cover Miss Weyman’s maternity leave. We also welcome Miss Moss to the year 1 team as she completes her ‘Direct Teach’ teacher training. Miss Moss will be based in orange class during the year, but will also teach throughout the school and spend some time working at the Junior School during the year. Here’s how our school is set up for the new academic year:

<b>Team:</b>	<b>Lead practitioner:</b>	<b>Key person and Teaching Partners:</b>
<b>Kindergarten</b>	Mrs Topuz	Mrs Tacey, Mrs Russell, Mrs Coombe, Mrs Manocha
	<b>Class teacher:</b>	<b>Teaching Partners:</b>
<b>Reception</b>	Miss Maclachlan and Mrs Tayler (Yellow class) Mrs Jones and Mrs Ballard (Red class) Miss Muskett (Blue class)	Mrs Matthews (formally Miss Bubb) Mrs Ralph Mr Mason
<b>Year 1</b>	Mrs Parsons (Orange class) Mrs Tyler and Mrs Fox (Purple class) Miss Weyman / Miss Smart (Green class)	Mrs Simpkin and Mrs Driscoll Mrs Pritchard Mrs Nevin
<b>Year 2</b>	Mr Owens and Miss Corner (Magenta class) Mrs Koller and Mrs Morgan (Indigo class)  Mrs Hunt and Miss Corner (Violet class)	Mrs Jeffree and Mrs Ertughrul Mrs Herbert, Mrs Angrave and Mrs Duverger-De-Cuy Mrs Donaldson and Mrs Miller
<b>MDSAs</b>	<b>Supervisors:</b>	<b>MDSAs</b>
	Mrs Ertughrul Mrs Crowley	Mrs Patil Mrs Evans Mrs Glendon
<b>Administration</b>	<b>School Business Manager:</b>	<b>Administration team:</b>
	Mrs Marquess	Mrs Storey – Receptionist/Admin M-W Mrs Sales – Receptionist/Admin Th-F Miss Scrivin – Finance Administrator
	<b>Caretaker:</b>	
	Mr Jeffree	

**Attendance:**

We are very proud of all of our children and our outstanding attendance levels. As a school we have 97.09% attendance this year. We have celebrated this amazing achievement with all of our children and recognise that some children have had 100% attendance this year – well done! To ensure inclusivity, we have chosen to celebrate every child's attendance and effort as a whole school team, rather than praising children with the production of individual certificates.

**Celebrations and family assemblies:**

We continue to enjoy celebrating your child's learning journey with you throughout the year. We have loved having our family assemblies this year and have decided to continue with these next year on a *Thursday* afternoon. Each class will lead a family assembly for their year group and parents/carers three times a year. We will also be inviting parents/carers to visit their child's class after the assembly to share their learning and achievements during the term. This will replace the whole school Monday Meander, Tuesday Toddle or Wednesday Wander and will allow more time for parents, children and teachers to celebrate learning together. You have been very positive about our 'open classroom' events that we have held this year, and as such, we will continue to run these termly, next academic year.

**Parents' Consultations**

In view of your recent feedback through our school survey, we have decided to hold parent consultations during the months of February and May as many of you felt that it would be more beneficial to have these meetings later in the school year. Of course, we continue to have an 'open door' policy and there will be opportunities to informally discuss your child's progress and arrange a more formal meeting during the Autumn term should this be needed.

**Important dates for the family diary:**

Please look on our end of term newsletter for details of all key events planned for the Autumn term and our school website for an overview of important dates throughout the year. There will also be a parent directory on our school website in time for the start of term. This will outline key events for the year and will help to answer any queries or questions that you might have.

We continue to be keen to capture your views on the achievements and the success of our school and your thoughts on priorities for improvement. Thank you to all of you who completed our school survey this year. I do hope that you can see that your views have been reflected within our school improvement priorities this year and those for next academic year.

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and to wish you a relaxing summer break! We wish those children moving to new schools and their families all the very best for the future and look forward to seeing everyone else in September.

Best wishes



Mrs Katie James

Head teacher