



Believe in Yourself

Newsletter

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Head's News

The week has flown by and we are delighted to be able to get back to doing things a bit more 'normally' at school.

The children in particular have just got on with their school lives and routines and we already sense that they are thriving and excited about being back in school.

We were delighted that swimming started up again this week and the children have enjoyed their sessions. Should a class miss out on their swim we will endeavor to make up for this at a later stage.

The PTA are a great team who arrange activities and events for the children and fund raise for the school. I would encourage you to go along to their drop in session (see next page) to meet them, make some new friends and support the school.

I have enjoyed meeting the new Year 3 children along with one or two other new arrivals. In true CKJS fashion they are all settling in well, making friends and are already key members of our school community.

Kind regards

Sue Selwood

Gift Aid

As school returns to normal we are able to resume our programme of visiting specialists and trips out of school.

To fund these visits and other events we ask parents/carers to contribute a voluntary financial donation. This covers all activities with the exception of residentials and we do hope that you feel able to support the school in this matter.

We would like to suggest an amount of **£55 per child** and this can be paid into your Parent Pay account.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium Funding then you do not need to make a payment as their trips will be covered for you.

We would encourage anyone who thinks they may be entitled to Free School Meals to check the Gloucestershire County website at this link to register as the funding will be of benefit to your child. (Note that they do not need to have a Balcarras lunch.)

[Gloucestershire FSM](#)

Dates for your Diary

September

13th School Photographer (individual and families)

17th Jeans for Genes Day

20th Year 3 Stone Age Visitor

20th Year 6 Bikeability Group 1

27th Year 6 Bikeability Group 2

October

8th Year 6 and Year 3 Literature Festival

12th Year 4 Literature Festival

15th Year 5 Literature Festival

21st PTA Disco

22nd End of Term 1 for children

November

1st Start of Term 2

17th – 19th Flu Immunisation for all years

20th PTA Adult Silent Disco

Parking: urgent plea from our neighbours. Please **turn off** your engines while waiting and park considerately avoiding driveways and definitely **do not park on the zig-zag** lines.

Birthday Books

This year we are providing the children with the opportunity to donate a book on their birthday.

They can do this by purchasing a book and then giving it to their teacher for the class book corner.

The children should stick the template alongside somewhere into the book if they would like to. The printed templates will also be available in school at reception or in the library.

Your child is free to choose any age appropriate book of their choice. The following websites provide useful booklists for year groups.

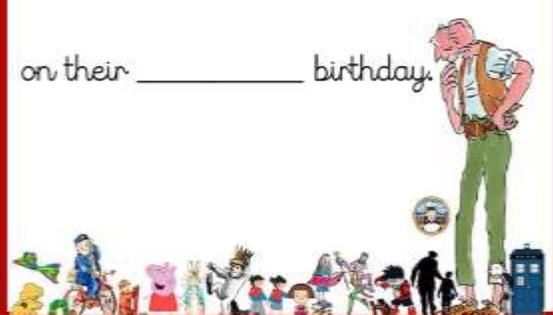
<https://www.thereaderteacher.com/>

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/key-stage-book-lists>

This book was generously donated to _____

by _____

on their _____ birthday.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY

We are delighted to announce that we are having an additional day's holiday to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The school year will now finish on Tuesday, 19th July.

COATS

Now that the weather is changing can we ask that you send your child into school with a waterproof jacket, particularly if they are going to Balcarras for lunch. Make sure their name is clearly marked.

GAMES DAYS

On games days when your child wears their kit into school please could this be fairly **plain** and not official football/ rugby supporters kit. Thank you.

Balcarras Lunches

All Year groups may now choose to have a Balcarras lunch each day. The process is as follows:

- Each morning the class teacher will ask who is going to Balcarras and whether they want a Main or Vegetarian meal.
- At the start of lunch the children assemble in the Y3/5 Playground or if it is wet they meet in the Hall. They should take their water bottle with them and wear a coat if it is cold or wet.
- They will be walked over by a teacher and two TAs and supervised at Balcarras.
- On return to CKJS they are registered and then continue with their playtime.

The menus accompany this newsletter so that you can look at them with your child. Payments are made in Parent Pay using the CKJS – Dinners option and we would recommend paying a lump sum in to avoid any deficit. Note that your child does not need to go every day!

Logins were sent to Year 3 parents in July.

Contact Reception if you have any questions.

**COME AND
JOIN THE PTA
FOR A CUPPA
& CAKE!**

**14 SEPTEMBER
AT THE MEET & GREET
2PM - 3.10PM**

**MEET THE TEAM, FIND
OUT WHAT WE DO AND
HOW YOU CAN JOIN**



School Photographs

On Monday 13th the children will be having their individual school photos taken. Please make sure that they are wearing full uniform including their school sweatshirt or cardigan.

If you would like a family photo taken please go to the school hall with younger or older siblings between 8.00 and 8.30 on that morning.

Teams Logins

All of the Year 3 children have today stuck in their planners their logins for using Teams. All other children should use the logins from last year.



Free Tennis Tasters!!

Tennis In The Park
Mompelliar Gardens, Mompelliar Terraces, CHELTENHAM, Gloucestershire, GL50 1UX

Monday 4th October

Timetable

LTA Youth Program

Blue 3.30 - 4.15pm 3/4yrs
Red 4.15 - 5pm 5/7yrs
Orange - Green 5 - 5.45pm 8/10yrs
Yellow 5.45 - 6.30pm 11yrs +

To book please click on the link below selecting, Monday
<https://chultspark.lta.org.uk/CoachingInThePark/Coaching/Juniors>



**Open Rehearsal
Sunday 19th September**



Gloucestershire Boys' Choir will be holding an Open Rehearsal on Sunday 19th September to kick start the new term.

Open to all boys with a love of singing

Juniors (Years 3-6) 2pm-2.50pm
Seniors (Years 7-11) 3.05pm-3.55pm

Gloucestershire Academy of Music,
Barbican House, Gloucester, GL1 2JF
First session free for new starters

For more details and to sign up visit
www.bensawyermusic.co.uk/boys-choir



AUTUMN TERM CLUBS

We have emailed the Autumn Term Clubs list with this newsletter.

Please use the link on the list to register your child for after school clubs. You do not need to register for lunchtime clubs. Children should only register for a **maximum of two after school** clubs but may also join lunchtime clubs.

Note that most clubs are only open to certain Year groups as indicated on the list. If your child joins a club we would expect them to attend regularly and if they need to miss one they should inform the Club Leader.

Please note the finish time so that you can collect promptly from Meet and Greet.

If a club has to be cancelled we will text to inform you so that children can be collected at the end of the school day. If you are unable to collect early then your child will be supervised until you can get to school.

Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday, 17th September all the children are invited to wear their jeans (or similar) to school together with non-uniform on the top half! This national event helps to fund research into cures for children's genetic diseases.

If you would like to make a contribution to this charity fundraiser can we suggest £1 to be put in the pot in the classrooms.



Contact Details

It is essential that we have up to date contact details for both parents/carers and any other emergency contacts for your child.

If you think these may have changed make sure you inform Reception, preferably by email.

Allergies and medical information

It is essential that you inform us of any allergies that your child has. The best way to do this is to complete a Health Care Plan and these are available by clicking [here](#). Even if you completed one last year please can you resubmit.

Also please ensure that we have any medication your child may need whilst at school. Antibiotics usually can be spread out so that they do not need to be given at school.

Contacting School

Please do remember that if you need to contact school then either email reception@ckjs.org.uk or phone on 01242 526171 and select one of 4 options:

Option 1 - to leave a message about pupil absence. Simply state the name and reason for the absence.

Option 2 – to speak to Mrs Anna Ferchow, the School Business Manager.

Option 3 – to leave a general message.

Option 4 – to speak to Reception.

Please **do not** contact staff directly via email but use the Reception address and your message will be forwarded on to the appropriate member of staff. Direct messages do not always get seen until later in the day and reasons for absence are not always passed on to Reception

Contact Us:

✉ reception@ckjs.org.uk ☎ 01242 526171

Website: www.ckjs.org.uk

Secondary Schools

Shortly the Year 6 parents/carers will receive the letters for making your child's secondary school choices. We will text to tell you when these have been given out as they contain your individual codes which will be required to make an online application. Please make sure that your child gives you the letter as we do not have duplicates.

It is essential that you submit your choices by the deadline of midnight on 31 October 2021.

We advise Parents/Carers to check the individual secondary school websites for details of tours, open evenings or open days taking place this academic year. Year 5 parents/carers who are considering grammar schools you need to check their websites for details of registering for their entrance tests.

Before/After School Provision

Remember to complete this [online form](#) if you may require childcare before and after school from January. Further information will be sent out at the end of this month with more details of the provision we will be offering.