



Believe in Yourself

Newsletter

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Head's News

Dear Parents/Carers

We have lots of trips and events coming up, please keep an eye on the diary on our school website and the dates included in our newsletters. I am particularly looking forward to the Cheltenham final of the Look Who's Talking competition next week and know that Millie and Grace will do a fabulous job representing CKJS.

This week, our local PCSOs spoke to the children about internet safety and how to keep safe online. As parents/carers it is increasingly difficult to stay ahead of the latest developments. To support you, we have lots of links on our website to advice and guidance on which apps are age-appropriate for your children and how to set safety and filtering information.

The DfE has sent out guidance to schools about children bringing in mobile phones. We have been reflecting on our own policy and, whilst the simplest option would be to ban phones, we appreciate there are rare occasions when it is helpful for children to have a mobile phone on them after school. Our policy is that we would prefer children **not** to bring a mobile phone to school at all. There should be no reason for any children in years 3 and 4 to have a phone as they should be accompanied on the way to and from school. If there is an exceptional reason that your child in year 5 or 6 needs to bring one, we ask that you complete a mobile phone permission form which can be found at Reception. The phone should be turned off when on the school premises and handed to their class teacher for safekeeping during the day. Your child can collect their phone from their teacher at the end of the day.

Thank you for your support.

Sue Selwood

Dates for your Diary

March

- 7th – World Book Day
- 7th - Boys Cross Country Ashley Manor
- 8th - #LetGirlsPlay Football Festival
- 8th – Girls Cross Country Ashley Manor
- W/C 11th – Year 6 Mock SATS Week
- 11th – Quicksticks Hockey
- 12th – Year 4 Show Performance – 2pm
- 13th – Year 4 Show Performance – 6pm
- 14th – Music Concert – 6.30pm
- 15th – Red Nose Day
- 18th – Quicksticks Hockey
- 19th – Year 6 Languages afternoon
- 20th – Tag Rugby Festival
- 22nd – Football Festival
- 22nd - Last Day of Spring Term
- 26th March to 5th April – Easter Holidays

April

- 8th – Back to School – Students and Staff
- 10th – Year 5 Trip to Abernant
- 11th – Year 5 Trip to Abernant
- 11th – 3L Trip to Greystones
- 12th – Year 5 Trip to Abernant - Returning
- 19th – 3J Trip to Greystones
- 19th – Netball Festival A Team
- 23rd – 3MB Trip to Greystones

Vacancies

We have vacancies for **Play Workers** available within our wraparound care provision. Sessions available are: **Breakfast Club** – Flexible on days and/or **After-School Club** – Monday, Thursday and Fridays.

Teaching Assistant – we are currently recruiting a TA to support teaching and learning.

Swimming Teacher – as the new season approaches, if you or anyone you know would be interested in teaching swimming at CKJS, please get in touch.

Lifeguards – we are also looking for qualified lifeguards for our pool sessions either during the school day or evenings/weekends.

For more information please contact the School Business Manager – Sbm@ckjs.org.uk or visit our website.

Holidays During School Time

The DfE have renewed their guidance on school attendance this week. They are concerned about the impact that missing school has on pupils' learning and future success. Headteachers are only allowed to authorize absence for exceptional reasons and are not allowed to authorize holiday during term time. Penalty fines have also been increase from £60 per child per parent to £80 and these increase if not paid within 21 days. We would prefer not to have to issue any fines and would encourage you to not take your child on holiday during term time.

Road Safety



Earlier this week we had an assembly all about road safety. We watched a video about how important it is to find a safe place to cross the road and then to STOP LOOK LISTEN and THINK! Please can you help us by reinforcing road safety with your children and for ensuring you do not stop on the yellow zig zags outside school so that the children have a clear view both ways when they cross the road.

World Book Day – 7th March 2024

We are very much looking forward to celebrating World Book Day next Thursday. This year, our theme is the Great British Book Swap! We would really like it for the children to bring in a book from home that don't read any more and would like to change. Books can be brought into the children's class from Monday next week. On World Book Day, each year group will then have the opportunity to look at all the books that have been brought in and choose a new one to take home.

As usual, we would love the children to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. Following our 'Swap' theme, if they would rather, they can choose to swap an item of their school uniform for an item of clothing from home. For example, rather than wearing their school jumper, they could wear a jumper from home.

We will also be holding a 'School Swap'! Our Years 3 & 4 are looking forward to hosting Years 1 & 2 from the Infant School and Years 5 & 6 will be visiting the Infant School and reading to the children in the Reception classes.

We hope that all the children at both schools have a fantastic World Book Day.

Link to download World Book Day vouchers - <https://www.worldbookday.com/digital-tokens/>.

Book Fair!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open after school until 4.15 on Monday 4th March.

On the night of the Parents' Evening on Tuesday 5th March it will be open until 6.00pm.

Please come along, buy some books and raise money for the school. Every £1 you spend earns money for the school!

Cash or online via the QR Code on display in Reception only.



Cheltenham Bournside

Easter Sports Camp
(Years 3-6)



26th & 27th March and 2nd-3rd April
(9am - 3pm)


- In partnership with Lions Sports Academy
- Delivered by qualified & DBS-checked coaches
- Learn and develop new skills
- Cricket, Tennis and Athletics
- Have lots of fun with friends
- Prepare for the Summer Term
- Open to local schools

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visit: sueryder.org/springfayre
email: leckhampton.fundraising@sueryder.org

Spring Fayre

Entrance fee on day: £2.50
FREE for children under 12

JOIN US!

10am–5pm
Leckhampton Court Hospice grounds

BBQ, pop-up bar and tasty treats
Live music and entertainment
Leckhampton Court Tea Rooms
Lots of family friendly activities

Illustration of a family walking and pushing a stroller.

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Grammar School Admissions

If you are interested in applying for your child to attend a Grammar School then please check their website for the Open Days or Admissions mornings.