



Believe in Yourself

Newsletter

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Head's News

Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of our third full week, the children have settled in really well to the new school term. We have continued to focus on good manners and it was wonderful to hear so many children saying thank you to the Balcarras serving team at lunch today. I was also very proud of our Year 6 children who did their 'Bikeability' training. The instructors were very impressed with their attitude and good manners and one went out of their way before he left to say what polite, enthusiastic children we have – the best he's ever taught! It certainly makes me proud to hear comments like that!

We are already accumulating quite a lot of lost property, particularly school sweatshirts, which are not named. Please can you ensure you name all of your child's belongings so we can return any lost items.

We would prefer children do not bring mobile phones into school. Children in Years 5 and 6 are permitted to bring a phone if they need one because they are walking home alone, but a permission form should be completed by a parent/carer. Phones brought in should be switched off when on school premises and handed to the class teacher to look after for the day. Smart watches are not permitted in school however children can wear normal analogue or digital watches and basic fitbits.

The children's commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza is interested in hearing children's views and would like to invite them to complete the ['Big Ambition Survey'](#). Please follow the link to this.

Finally, it would be amazing if lots of children from CKJS were to enter the BBC's 500 word competition. It was introduced in assembly this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sue Selwood

School Trips 2023/2024

We are planning lots of visiting specialists and trips out of school this academic year including the upcoming Literature Festival.

Thank you to those parents and carers who have paid already. 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 £60 per child and this can be paid into your Parent Pay account. If you would prefer to 'Pay As You Go' then please refer to the trip letter for the amount.

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.

To check if your child is eligible for Free School Meals visit the Gloucestershire County website.

Dates for your Diary

October and November

2nd - 5B Dean Heritage Trip

3rd - 5T Dean Heritage Trip

4th - 5H Dean Heritage Trip

4th - Football Festival Boys A Teams

6th – Year 4 Literature Festival

10th – Year 5 Literature Festival

11th – Year 6 Literature Festival

12th – Year 3 Literature Festival

13th - ESFA Girls Football Group Stages

17th - Football Festival Girls A Team HSL

20th - X Country Girls @ Ashley Manor

27th – Last day of Term 1

30th – 3rd Nov – Half term

6th November – Inset Day

Please keep an eye on the diary on the school website for other dates.

Parking: Please can we ask you are considerate if driving to school. **Turn off** your engines while waiting and park safely, avoiding bends, driveways and **do not park on the zig-zag**

Attendance at School

Good school attendance is vitally important to a child's education and future success and as a school we value and encourage high attendance.

We appreciate there are times when a child cannot attend because they are unwell – please let Reception know by leaving a message on the school phone before school.

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. The NHS have created a webpage called 'Is my child too ill for school?' Please see the link below for more information;

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS](http://www.nhs.uk)
(www.nhs.uk)

A polite request

Please can we ask that if you would like to contact your child's teacher you use reception@ckjs.org.uk rather than their personal school email. This will ensure your message will get to the teacher in a timely manner.

Secondary School Open Evenings

If you are interested in attending any of the Secondary School Open Evenings please check their websites for more information.

Allergies and medical information

Final reminder - 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. You will need to complete a Medication Consent Form when you bring the medication in. Antibiotics usually can be spread out so that they do not need to be given at school.

Contact Us:

✉ reception@ckjs.org.uk ☎ 01242 526171

Website: www.ckjs.org.uk

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 under the canopy outside Y3 if it is wet. They should take their **water bottle** with them and wear a **coat** if it is cold or wet.
- They will be walked over by CKJS staff and supervised at Balcarras.
- On return to CKJS they continue with their playtime.

The menus accompany this newsletter so that you can look at them with your child. Payments are made in ParentPay 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!

Sports Kit For Pe And Games Lessons

We apologise if messages about this have been confusing. To clarify: Children need **one** kit which stays in school until half-term (unless it gets especially muddy).

It should contain:

House colour t-shirt

Shorts (plain black/navy/claret)

Jogging bottoms (plain black/navy/claret)

Sweatshirt (school or plain black/navy/claret)

Trainers and a pair of socks

Literature Festival

All year groups will be attending the Cheltenham Literature Festival in October. Letters have gone out this week with full details of the trip. Should you have any queries or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher or Reception.

CKJS Clubs

The following clubs have openings. Please contact Reception if your child is interested;

- Singing club is now open as a 3rd club to just Year 6 at the moment.
- Tag Rugby Year 5 and 6 is now open as a 3rd club.
- Circuits is open to Year 5 as a 3rd club.

Club Finish Times

Cross Country	Mon	4.00
Hockey*	Tue	4.15
Netball	Tue	4.15
Tag Rugby	Tue	4.15
Forest School	Tue	4.15
Botanical Art Club	Tue	4.00
Tag Rugby	Wed	4.15
Football* (year 5)	Wed	4.15
Singing	Wed	4.00
STEM club	Wed	4.00
Football* (year 6)	Thu	4.15
Forest School	Thu	4.15
Football* (year 4)	Fri	4.15
Orchestra	Fri	4.00

Nasal Flu Programme

We have the Immunisation team coming in to our school from the 8th to the 10th November. All children in years 3 – 6 are eligible for a Nasal Flu Vaccine. You will need to consent or decline this vaccine. Children will bring home a consent form and information booklet next week.

It is important to fill out the consent form whether you consent to the vaccine or not.

Should you have any queries regarding the Nasal Flu vaccines please speak to Reception or contact the Immunisation Team directly on 0300 421 8140 or FLUimmunisation@ghc.nhs.uk.

School Photos

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for free delivery back to school is Wednesday 4th October 2023.

Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in placing your order for photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

gloucestershire MUSIC

Ever wanted to try an instrument but not sure which one is for you? Then come along to our

TRY AN INSTRUMENT DAY!

We will have a wide range of instruments for you to try along with an expert team of tutors to guide you.

Saturday 7th October, 10am - 12pm,
Sir Thomas Rich's School



Let us know you're coming at gloucestershiremusic.paritor.com
Open to children & adults of all ages.
T 01452 427242 W gloucestershiremusic.co.uk

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Move More Camps

Move more have the following events;

"We have just launched our SPOOKTACULAR October/November half term holiday activity camps which are taking place at 4 different locations across Cheltenham!"

We are holding 2 FOOTBALL FOCUS camps at Balcarras Sports Centre (in addition to our normal multi-sport activity camp) – mixed football on 30th October and girls only football camp on the 3rd November with Callum Smith, a UEFA B qualified Move More Coach.

Finally, we will also be having a best dressed cross-camp competition on the Tuesday 31st October where the winner(s) will win a free day at camp!!"

www.move-more.org/camps/

Please see the attached flyer for more information!