

Believe in Yourself

Newsletter

28/04/23

Head's News

Dear Parents/Carers

It seems to be taking a long time this year for the weather to feel like it should as we start the 'summer term'! Nevertheless, the children are delighted to be able to play on the field at breaktimes now we have had a little drier weather. We are also busy preparing the swimming pool which we hope to open again from 12 May, providing the weather is warm enough to do so. The pool is heated by an air-source heat pump so the warmer the weather, the more effective this is.

I always look forward to the summer term as there are so many activities and events. I am especially looking forward to our Coronation events next Friday. Please do come along after school with a picnic and join our joint infant/junior celebration on the school field.

Last week, I was fortunate to join the majority of our Year 5 children on their residential visit to Abernant Lake in mid-Wales. We had a brilliant time and the staff that went were very impressed with their packing skills – the best we've ever had!

The children all have a unit of work on internet safety each term and we invite the police into school to speak with children. One of the things we emphasise is that if children see or hear something when they are online that makes them feel uncomfortable, they should tell an adult they trust. I am pleased that most children seem to do this. Unfortunately, despite our lessons and advice, every year we have incidents where children either say or write messages to other children which they would never say face-to-face. Please can we ask you to support us with this – apps, such as TikTok and Instagram have minimum age guides of 13, and for Whatsapp it is 16! This is because primary children often do not have the maturity to use these properly. I would encourage you to not to let your children have these and to keep a careful watch on your children's online use. Please see some guidance on online gaming later in this newsletter and feel free to contact the school if you would like further advice.

Finally, please keep an eye on the school website for curriculum information and our diary dates (which do occasionally change). I look forward to seeing lots of you at our Coronation picnic next week.

Sue Selwood

Dates For Your Diary

May

1st – Bank Holiday

5th – CKJS/CKIS Coronation Celebration and PTA picnic

8th – Bank Holiday

9th – 12th – Year 6 SATs

12th – 15th Year 5 Residential to France

18/26th – Year 6 Schoolbeat workshops

18th - Meeting for pupils and parents about Year 6 Stackpole Trip

25th – Guitar Concert

26th – Last day of term 5

29th May – 2nd June

Half-Term Holiday

Balcarras Menu

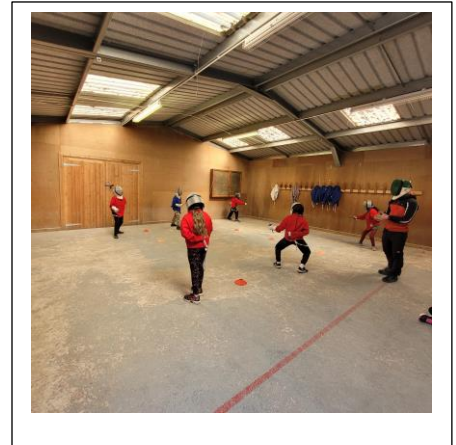
Please note that the menu at Balcarras for the next two weeks has changed. New menus are attached to this email.

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Y5 Abernant Trip

On Wednesday the 19th April, Year 5 set off to Wales for a Trip to Abernant. Half way there, we stopped at Abergavenny for lunch. When we first arrived, we were all split into groups for our first activity. Our first activity was archery, we got to hold a real bow and arrow! When we got back they split us into our rooms, The rooms were quite spacious and en-suite. After that we went down for our dinner and the food was absolutely amazing! Afterwards, our group went to the lake for paddle boarding. It was amazing! Everyone fell in but they had a great time! When we got back at 8:30pm, the lights went out at 9:20pm and bedtime was 10 minutes later. The next morning, we had an English breakfast. That day, our group did the blind trial, obstacle course, climbing, orienteering and fencing. We had a BBQ for tea as the weather was nice and callipos for pudding. On the last day, we did absailing and survival skills. We had lunch and then we set off for home.

By Robyn & Maddie



Online Gaming and Cyber Bullying

To help protect your children, talk to them about the dangers of online gaming and be ready to listen if they seem upset about something that happened while they were online. Sadly, even when children are playing with their friends online, behaviour and language can become inappropriate when frustrations arise. Please remind your children that bullying of any kind is unacceptable and they should speak to a trusted adult.

You can help keep your child's gaming experiences safe, age-appropriate, friendly, fun, and even educational by educating yourself about the gaming community, game ratings, and how to use the privacy and safety tools built into the games. Check out the safety features and parental controls offered by all the major gaming consoles including Xbox, Wii, and PlayStation. Most games allow children to 'unfriend' others as well as block and report behavior. Please make sure your children are aware of how to do this.

Teach your child to:

- Use voice chat wisely – If it should not be said face to face then it should not be said or messaged online.
- Beware of strangers. While there are both safe and dangerous strangers, they are still strangers. **Children should only play with people they know in person and that are parent-approved.**
- Use suitable screen names (gamertags) - don't use your actual name
- Be aware of cyberbullies
- Never give out personal information about him/herself or that of another player.
- Kick out any players that make them feel uncomfortable (ignore/block), and tell a trusted adult.
- Report abusive or inappropriate behaviour in the reporting area of the game.

Sweet Treats and Nut products at CKJS

- Whilst we are not a 'nuts free' school, we do ask that foods containing nuts are not brought into school.
- Children should not have sweets in their lunchbox.
- Snacks at breaktime should be healthy.

Your support with this is very much appreciated.

CKJS Vacancies

Do you want to work in an inspiring, rewarding and happy school?

The Governors of Charlton Kings Junior School are currently seeking to appoint someone with **administrative and / or secretarial experience**. For more information please click here - [Vacancies](#)

Swimming is starting soon!

If you have swim wear that your child no longer needs or surplus towels, we would very much appreciate them as spares. Thank you in anticipation!

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