



Believe in Yourself

# Newsletter

13/01/23

## Head's News

Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to CKJS for the Spring Term. The children have settled brilliantly back into the school routine and we are looking forward to lots of exciting activities and new learning over the coming weeks.

We have already had visits from the police to speak to the children about internet safety, someone from the local sustainability group to speak about recycling and our Open the Book team.

Please keep an eye on our diary page on the school website to stay up to date with events and any timing changes.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Sue Selwood



### School Attendance

At CKJS we recognise how important good attendance is for the children. Attending school, on time everyday gives your child the best chance of success.

If your child is too ill to attend school, please let Reception know by telephone or email before the start of school. If your child needs to be absent for an exceptional circumstance, please fill in an absence request form. Note, we will not authorise a family holiday during term time.

If your child's attendance drops to 90%, that equates to them missing 4 weeks of learning a year. If their attendance is only 80%, this could add up to them missing 2 years of education over their school life!

When your child is a bit off-colour, it can be difficult to determine whether to send them in to school. Children often recover quickly and we would prefer you to bring them in and we can contact you should we feel they are too unwell to stay.

Please can we remind you that the children can go into class from 8:25 am and they should be seated, ready to learn at 8:40am.

Being 5 minutes late every day adds up to 3 days of learning missed in a year!

Thank you for supporting this by ensuring your child has good attendance and arrives in good time for school each day.

### Prime Energy Drinks

You will be aware of the popularity of these drinks, however we encourage the children to drink water and ask that children **do not** bring these drinks, or these bottles to school.

## Dates For Your Diary

### January

16<sup>th</sup> – Clubs Start

20<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Schoolbeat e-safety workshops

26<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices Concert, Birmingham

31<sup>st</sup> – Y4 iCATs talk

### February

1<sup>st</sup> – School Nurse Hub, sleep and anxiety advice

9<sup>th</sup> – Y6 SATS Meeting for parents at 7pm

10<sup>th</sup> – House Cross Country

17<sup>th</sup> - Last day of Term 3

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> Half-term Holiday

27<sup>th</sup> – First Day of Term 4

### March

2<sup>nd</sup> – World Book Day

2<sup>nd</sup> – Parents Evening

7<sup>th</sup> – Parents Evening

16<sup>th</sup> – Abernant Information Evening

17<sup>th</sup> – Red Nose Day

23<sup>rd</sup> – CKJS Music Concert

31<sup>st</sup> – Last Day of Spring Term

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## Road Safety

The immediate vicinity of our school is especially busy at certain times of the day and there is usually a high level of vehicle, pedestrian and cyclist activity. This causes congestion and can lead to frustration from residents, motorists and parents alike and the possibility of an accident. Inconsiderate or inappropriate parking and traffic congestion around our school at drop-off and pick-up puts the safety of our children at risk.

There is not one magic solution to fix this, but we all play a part in limiting the dangers. Please could we remind you that where possible; walk, scoot or cycle to school as this reduces the number of vehicles in our neighbourhood. Please ensure children are wearing a helmet and understand how to stay safe throughout their journey to and from school.

Please be aware that small children can be unpredictable and whilst they maybe holding the hand of an adult, situations can change very quickly.

If you must drive, please park considerately and avoid the yellow zig zag areas near our school entrances. Please remind children about the importance of crossing a road safely and for those walking alone, marked crossings should be used where possible.

Our final reminder in terms of safety is that our car park is for staff only. Please do not arrange to meet your child in the school car park without prior arrangement with the school. It is not safe for children to be walking around a car park unsupervised.

**Thank you for your consideration and support.**



## Polite Notice

**Please note: All absences MUST be reported directly to Reception and not to the class teacher. Note that emails on any matter should NOT be sent to class teachers but to Reception and they will then be forwarded.**

## Helmets

**Please ensure your child wears a helmet when using a bike or scooter to travel to school.**



## School Music Concert

This year's school music concert will take place at 7pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. The following pupils/groups will be performing:

- School Orchestra
- School Choir
- Those wishing to perform as soloists or in an ensemble (by audition)



Auditions are open to all, but please bear in mind the following:

- Children should be reasonably proficient on the instrument they are playing or as a singer.
- Accompaniment will not be available for auditions but will be available for the concert.
- Children should prepare one short piece to play/sing.
- Spaces at the concert will be limited but there will be future opportunities for those who are not chosen this time.

### Timetable

Sign up for auditions (list outside Music Room)	By Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> January
Auditions (3J)	Week commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> January
List of performers announced	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February
Concert	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March

If you have any questions or would like further information, get in touch with Mr Jukes ([njukes@ckjs.org.uk](mailto:njuk@ckjs.org.uk))

## Wraparound Care Provision @ CKJS

### Breakfast Club

Mon - Fri 7.45am - 8.45am  
Children are provided with breakfast (usually toast and cereal).  
Cost £5 per session



### Afterschool Club

Mon - Fri 3.10pm - 6.00pm  
Two sessions available: 3.10pm - 4.30pm and 4.30pm - 6.00pm  
Children are provided with a freshly prepared snack every day around 5pm.  
Cost per session starts from £4.00

Join us for our new clubs from 5th January 2022 by simply booking your place via MagicBooking  
<https://ckjs.magicbooking.co.uk>



## Winter weather

Please ensure your child comes to school with suitable clothing for the cold weather. In particular they need a coat (and possibly a hat, gloves and a scarf) as we aim to get them out in the fresh air as often as we can. ***As with all items brought into school can you make sure they are clearly named.***



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