

School News

7 September 2016



Key messages from this letter:

This short letter is to inform you of events that are happening soon and to give you any urgent reminders.

Y6 parents - Secondary transfer letters will come out on Monday, 12 September

Returning of forms for the office: deadline for return Monday, 19 September.

2016/17 School Calendar available on website.

Happy New (school) Year!

We hope you had a great summer and we extend a special welcome to the new children, staff and parents joining the CKJS family. The corridors and classrooms are already buzzing with learning and everyone is settling in to their new surroundings.

We do know that life's events continue during the summer; should you have anything urgent or sensitive to discuss with either your class teacher or the Deputy or Headteacher, please make an appointment through the school office or pop in and see us at the end of the day. Alternatively, there is always someone available at the Glynrosa entrance in the morning.

I look forward to the year ahead.

L Pajak
Head Teacher

A Safe Start to the Year

On the first day, we conducted a 'walk-through' fire alarm; the children's behaviour was impeccable.

Registration is at 8.45 so all children must be in school by this time. School is not open until 8.30 – please do not send your child to school before this time as we are not able to supervise them on site.

We recently sent home an envelope containing lots of useful information and requesting the checking and returning of two important forms. Please do return these as quickly as possible and help us by ensuring we have all necessary details from you. Should you require any specific guidance, the school website is a mine of useful information.

Your child has been told the end of day routines. They should know:

- If they can go home on their own (Year 5 and 6 can, younger children need written permission in the home to school planner).
- What to do if the person collecting them does not turn up or is late. (They go to the office)
- Safe behaviour in and around school.

If your child is unsure of any of these points, please let us know in the planners so we can raise them again. In the following weeks, as well as revisiting the points above, we will be covering other issues such as being safe on-line and anti-bullying.

Meet the Teacher

Next week, we offer an opportunity to visit your child's new class to hear about the year ahead and to ask any questions about making the most of the opportunities available in school.

The meetings will run from 3.30 – 4.15 for each year group:

- Tuesday – Year 4
- Wednesday – Year 5
- Thursday – Year 6

As Year 3 parents will have already had this opportunity in July, their 3 parents are invited in to class when they drop off their child on Friday, 16 September. Your child will be able to show you their new class, where they sit and a piece of work they have been doing.

Dates for your Diary

In addition to the few dates included in this letter, a full diary of school events will be sent home at the start of next week.

Please note that the calendar for this academic year may be found on the home page of the website. May we draw your attention to the INSET days where only the staff attend school.

Online Payments

A reminder that payment for school activities should now be made using the online payment system. This is available for all payments to the school including lunches, school trips, Gift Aid and Voluntary contributions.

The system is a quick, easy and safe method of transferring money and provides an audit trail for checking payments. The school bank information which is required to set up a payee is:

Sort code: 309187

Account number: 60431568

Account name: Charlton Kings Junior School

Reference: Your child's surname and class

Please email the Business Manager on admin@charltonkings-jun.gloucs.sch.uk if you require any assistance.

Balcarras Lunches

The menus for these are available on the school website, meals costing £2 per day. Children from any year group may go on any day of the week.

Occasionally Balcarras are unable to provide meals for the school or the menu is changed, you will be notified of this in advance. In this instance you will need to provide a packed lunch.

The kitchen team have informed us that they do not use nuts in any of their meals but some of the ingredients are labelled as possibly having a trace of nuts.

We send out text messages to inform you when your balance is running low or indeed has run out. If you have any queries regarding these messages please contact the School Business Manager.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer

The letter giving details about the process and deadlines for indicating your secondary school preferences will be sent home on Monday, 12 September. This letter contains key information about the process, your UID which will be needed to apply online (which is Shire Hall's preferred method) and directions to the guidance available on the Shire Hall website. **The deadline for applications is Saturday, 31 October.**

Clubs

You will all receive an electronic copy of the Autumn Term Clubs List next week and clubs will start in the week commencing 19 September. This will contain a link to register your child's interest.

Charlton Rovers

Saturday Academy will resume on Saturday 10th September meeting at 9.15. The cost is £2.50 per session with no tie in and children can just turn up. The 1 hour session takes place every Saturday from 9.30am until 10.30am, on the astro pitch at Balcarras School, East End Road, Charlton Kings. Please ensure children are equipped with suitable trainers/sports shoes (no studs), shin pads and a drink. On arrival please take your child to the astro pitch for registration.

Prayer Group

We are a group of parents who meet once a month to pray for Balcarras, CKJS and CKIS. We meet at the Infants' School, in reception, on the second Wednesday of the month at 9am for coffee and prayer. Our meetings usually last around an hour. New faces are always welcome as are prayer requests.

For more information please email Jaylene Howell at jaylenedhowell@gmail.com

Newsletters

This copy has been sent home in paper form as it is the first one. In future, newsletters will be emailed to parents and posted on the school website. We will also text parents so that you know a newsletter has been published.