



Welcome to Charlton Kings Junior School

As head teacher, I take pleasure in providing a brief snap-shot of our happy and successful school. At CKJS we believe that exceptional achievement and attainment are underpinned by engaging, inspiring and enjoyable learning experiences provided in a welcoming environment.

Should you wish to read more about our school, or see what is happening at this moment, please explore our website: www.charltonkings-jun.gloucs.sch.uk

School location

Placed on the South East boundary of Cheltenham, Charlton Kings Junior School is situated in the centre of the village of Charlton Kings between two other well-respected schools: Balcarras (secondary) and Charlton Kings Infants. Our three-form entry academy school, catering for approximately 380 pupils, is consistently over-subscribed and is highly considered both within the locality and beyond.

We make full use of our extensive grounds and facilities, which afford a wide range of curricular and extra-curricular activities. These include: a music room, SEN base, ICT suite and laptop trollies, an amphitheatre, an outdoor swimming pool, two large football pitches, two playgrounds, a gazebo and a wildlife area including pond.

School context

Our successful junior school is a happy, vibrant and dynamic environment providing holistic and engaging education for children from Year 3 to Year 6. Our catchment draws from predominately White British ethnicity and there is low mobility; we have below average percentages of children with special educational needs or qualifying for free-school meals. The number of children in receipt of pupil premium is below national average; attainment is high and rising.

Children's behaviour is exemplary and the school is a stimulating place for all to work and learn.

Our school motto "Believe in yourself" is reflected in our aim of enabling children to leave us ready and equipped to succeed in whatever exciting challenges they may face in their futures.

Parents and Carers are engaged with the school and are eager to support their children to achieve highly; they recognise the school as a happy and inspiring place to learn and are proud of the school's reputation.

Staff

We have a positive and professional school team, approximately 50 strong, comprising an eclectic mix; some with decades of experience, others in their first years of teaching with sports, music, arts, English and maths specialist skills all adding to the team's repertoire. Every staff member is committed to being an exceptional member of the team in support of the best opportunities for children: a vast range of after-school clubs, a tradition of music and drama production, residential visits in England and France, instrumental lessons, language lessons (Latin, French and Spanish) are just a fraction of the core experiences on offer to children at our school. The five strong Senior Leadership Team, comprising: Head Teacher, non-class based Deputy, Literacy, Maths and SEN leaders, has high ambition for the school, the pupils and its staff.

We make effective use of our freedom as an academy to appoint to new and exciting roles: the school has a Sports Coach, who works from 12.00 to 4.30 daily; we have swimming, gymnastic and indoor sports coaches too, who work at lunchtimes, we also employ 5 peripatetic music teachers, enabling 197 children to benefit from individual music lessons each week.

Numerous teaching assistants work closely together and with teachers to plan, evaluate and improve the learning experiences of children. As important members of the school team, TAs also support many aspects of the smooth running of the school including display, clubs, lesson development and intervention work.

At every stage of an individual's career, effective professional development is seen as a key ingredient. Through our daily work, peer observation, reflection and appraisal, we seek opportunities to develop and challenge our thinking. We embrace innovative and progressive ideas and invite people to work with the school team to extend our ideas.

Curriculum

The school offers an innovative and diverse curriculum that enthuses children and teaching staff alike. Each year group springboards their learning from an 'inspiration day, activity or experience' which, from first hand learning, excites and intrigues children in the subject to be studied that term.

A strong thematic base, that champions the role of drama and the arts, underpins many aspects of the curriculum and makes highly effective use of both visits and visitors. This is complemented by focused teaching of the core curriculum to ensure children achieve their very best. Detailed assessment, evaluation of teaching and learning and targeted differentiation of support enables teachers to react to the needs of learners and maximise their performance.

We continually seek to improve our provision, making the best of any new initiatives, whilst building upon effective and established approaches.

Achievements

In addition to winning many local competitions in both the sporting and academic arena, the school also holds many prestigious awards including: Eco Schools, International Schools Award, Activemark, Healthy Schools Status and Artsmark Gold.

Ofsted 2014

The school was recognised in September 2014 for its many successes. Whilst the entire report can be viewed on line, key aspects to note are:

- ✓ Teachers make learning interesting. They (teachers) provide interesting activities that inspire the pupils to want to learn.
- ✓ Teachers and Teaching Assistants form good relationships with pupils and have very high expectations for listening and good behaviour.
- ✓ The behaviour of pupils is outstanding. One pupil said 'This is the best school ever.'
- ✓ Attainment has risen over the last 3 years and is above average in reading, writing and mathematics. This prepares children well for the next stage of their education.
- ✓ They [parents] typically make comments such as 'I couldn't fault it'
- ✓ Pupils take pride in their school and their accomplishments.

Thank you

Thank you for your interest in our school. We are excited about meeting people who share our passion for teaching and learning; people who are dedicated and excited about working in a stimulating and progressive school environment with wonderful children.

Yours sincerely

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