



*Believe in Yourself*

# Newsletter

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## Head's News

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems incredible that we have reached half-term already.

It has been a brilliant start to the academic year with so many exciting activities and events. The children have settled really well into their new classes and have already learnt lots of new things.

Thank you to those of you who came along to our Reading Information Evening on Wednesday. I know some of you were unable to make it so we have put the presentation on our [website](#). If there is enough demand, we will repeat the evening later in the year. Look out for our Maths Info Evening after half-term on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Our programme of events and opportunities continues in the run up to Christmas – please see the diary dates opposite or on our website.

Lots of the children are enjoying our after-school clubs. We take a register for these but do not have time to follow up if children do not attend.

We would really appreciate it if you could put a note in your child's planner, or email Reception, if your child is not going to be at their usual after-school club.

Some useful reminders:

- If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please use [reception@ckjs.org.uk](mailto:reception@ckjs.org.uk) rather than their school email to ensure it gets to them on time as they don't get many chances to check their emails during the day.
- The school day starts 5 minutes earlier than last year at 8:40. Gates open at 8:25am so please bring your child to school in good time.
- If you would like to know more about what your children are learning at school, under [Our School > Curriculum](#) tabs on the school website, you will find an overview of the topics and key learning for each year group, each term. Beneath the overviews are links to more detail about what is taught in each subject.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a fantastic half-term holiday and I look forward to seeing you all when we return on 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Sue Selwood

## Dates for your Diary

### October

24<sup>th</sup> - Half Term

31<sup>st</sup> – First day of term 2

### November

1<sup>st</sup> - 4E Chedworth trip

1<sup>st</sup> – Meeting for Y2 parents

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4S Chedworth trip

3<sup>rd</sup> - 4H Chedworth trip

3<sup>rd</sup> - Parents evening

8<sup>th</sup> - Parents evening

9<sup>th</sup> – Y6 Height and weight checks

11<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance assembly

14<sup>th</sup> – 6S Oxford Castle

16<sup>th</sup> – 6GS Oxford Castle

17<sup>th</sup> – 6P Oxford Castle

16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Flu immunisations

17<sup>th</sup> – Spooky Story Evening

18<sup>th</sup> – Football World Cup day and Children in Need

24<sup>th</sup> – Maths Info evening

## Secondary School

Please note, secondary schools have visits and open days listed on their websites, along with application forms. The deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October MIDNIGHT.

# Literature Festival

Year 4

Author Jenny Pearson



Year 4 enjoyed a trip to the Cheltenham Literature Festival to listen to Jenny Pearson, author of a number of entertaining children's books, including 'Grandpa Frank's Great Big Bucket List'. She talked about the inspiration behind some of her stories, including her exploration of the world's most random world records. One of the records was 'How many socks can you put on one foot in 30 seconds?' which Darcey attempted very enthusiastically on stage in front of roughly 400 people. Unfortunately, she did not break the record!

## Book: A Bad Gods Guide To Being Good

When we went to the literature festival, we saw Louie Stowell and she talked about her new book. She told us all about the Norse god of mischief and his brother Thor.

### About the book

Loki has been sent down to earth because of how bad he has been in Asgard. Loki has this thing called an LVS score. He starts off at -3000 points and he needs to get to +3000 points to go back to Asgard.

### About the author

Her first book was called The Dragon Under The Library. Basically, there are dragons sleeping under the library and if you make too much noise the dragons will come out of the floor and torment you.

### What we did there.

Louie Stowell told us how to draw Loki and Thor and animals that Loki turns into.

We definitely recommend the book.

By Sam and Alex 5T

Year 5

Author : Louie Stowell



Year 6

Author: Emma Carol



When we went to the Literature Festival it was a lot of fun as we got to hear about Emma Carol's new book – Escape To The River Sea. I got to go onto the stage, shake her hand and to ask her who her favourite character was. Her answer was 'Opal, because jaguars are just such beautiful creatures and I love opal green eyes. Talking to her was exciting and her new book sounds really amazing. This book is a sequel to The River Sea by Eva Ibbetson which I am really looking forward to reading. Emma's book is set in Brazil where the main characters search for a rare creature. I can't wait to read it!

By Saffron 6GS

## Y3 Stone Age Visitor

On Monday, the Year 3s were visited by a real Stone Age man! Our Mesolithic guest told us all about life in Britain 6,000 years ago; from the food he ate to the clothes he wore. We even had the chance to hold some artefacts from the time. It was fascinating to hear about how Mesolithic people survived by using natural objects in clever ways, using the local environment to provide everything they needed. We also designed and made clay pots using river clay, and sketched artefacts.

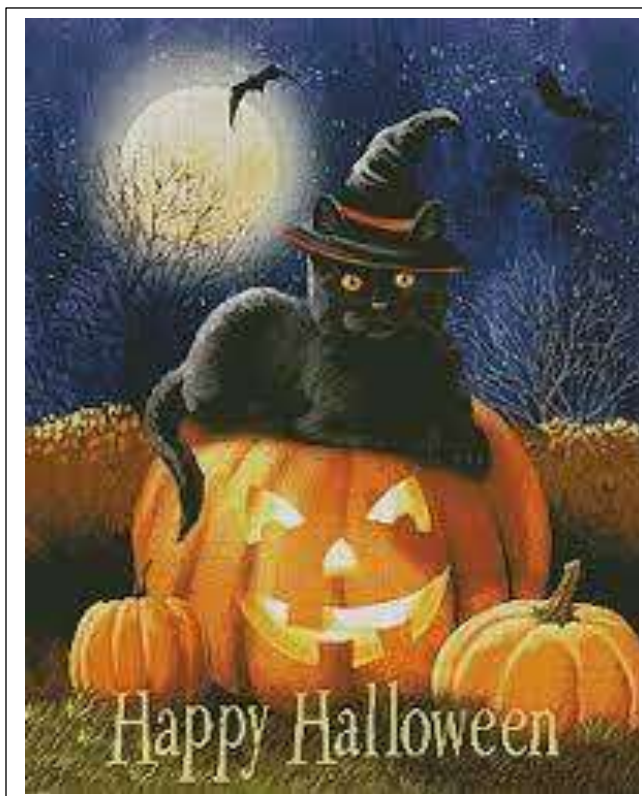


## PFA News

As usual, our Autumn Disco was well attended and much fun was had by all. There were some very hot little faces but after the last few years, it is a real celebration to be able to have the children together again to enjoy these events. Thank you as always for your support and unwaivering enthusiasm.

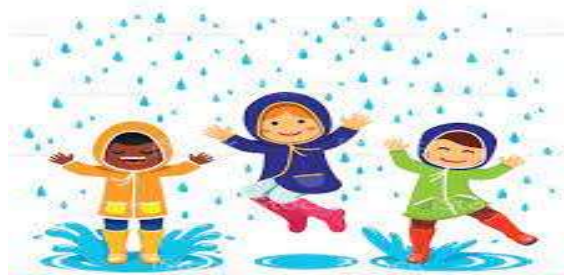
The Christmas fair will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December this year and we are already looking for raffle prizes from local businesses as well as local stall holders and volunteers for the day. Keep an eye out for how to book a stall on our facebook page/social media.

If you would like to volunteer for any of our events, please sign up on pta-events page.



## Rain Coats

Please note ALL children MUST have a coat in school every day. We will be outside where possible and this includes during the odd shower and cold weather.



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## Useful Links

<https://camp4211.co.uk/>

<https://www.move-more.org/>

### Super Star Gym Club

Monday Gymnastics Club CKJS Afterschool to 4pm

- <https://bookwhen.com/ssgym/e/ev-shea-20221031152000>

Monday Gymnastics Club CKJS 4.10-4.50pm

- <https://bookwhen.com/ssgym/e/ev-s2dm-20221031161000>

Monday Gymnastics Club CKJS 5-5.40pm

- <https://bookwhen.com/ssgym/e/ev-s2c5-20221031170000>