



*Believe in Yourself*

# Newsletter

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## Head's News

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a wonderful start to the term. The children have settled really well and we are excited about all of the opportunities ahead over the coming few months.

### Queen Elizabeth II

We held a special assembly today to honour Queen Elizabeth following the sad news of her death. She was such an amazing role model and her passing is a key event in all of our lives, but will be a significant historical moment for the children - they have already been part of so much in their short lives. We will continue to remember and commemorate her achievements over the next few weeks as well as looking forward to a new era with King Charles as our monarch.

### Important Information

As this is our first full newsletter of the year, there is a lot of information included. Please read it carefully.

I look forward to seeing you all over the next few weeks. Please do catch myself, or one of our senior leaders, at Glynrosa gate in the morning or at the end of school if you have any queries or concerns about your child – or ring/email Reception.

Have a lovely weekend.

Sue Selwood

### Gift Aid

We are planning lots of visiting specialists and trips out of school this academic year.

To fund these visits and other events we ask parents/carers to contribute a voluntary financial donation. This covers all activities with the exception of residentials and we do hope that you feel able to support the school in this matter.

We would like to suggest an amount of **£60 per child** and this can be paid into your Parent Pay account.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals or Pupil Premium Funding then you do not need to make a payment as their trips will be covered for you.

We would encourage anyone who thinks they may be entitled to Free School Meals to check the Gloucestershire County website at this link to register as the funding will be of benefit to your child. (Note that they do not need to have a Balcarras lunch.)

[Gloucestershire FSM](#)

## Dates for your Diary

### September

- 13<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Meet the Teacher
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Meet the Teacher
- 15<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Meet the Teacher
- 15<sup>th</sup> French Trip Information Evening at 7pm
- 16<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Open Classrooms after school
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jeans for Genes
- 18<sup>th</sup> PTA Car Boot Sale 11am
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikeability Group 1
- 19<sup>th</sup> 5T Anglo-Saxon Visit
- 20<sup>th</sup> 5B Anglo-Saxon Visit
- 21<sup>st</sup> 5H Anglo-Saxon Visit
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Ben Miller (Actor) Visit
- 23<sup>rd</sup> School Photographer – families and individual
- 26<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikeability Group 2
- 30<sup>th</sup> Year 6 French Residential

**Parking:** Please can we ask you are considerate if driving to school. **Turn off** your engines while waiting and park safely, avoiding bends, driveways and **do not park on the zig-zag** lines.

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## Attendance at School

Good school attendance is vitally important to a child's education and future success and as a school we value and encourage high attendance.

We appreciate there are times when a child cannot attend because they are unwell – please let Reception know by leaving a message on the school phone before school.

Attendance is monitored and we will always inform you if your child's attendance figure becomes a concern.

The school is only allowed to authorise absence for exceptional circumstances. We are not allowed to authorise family holidays during term time and are directed by the DfE to fine parents for unauthorised absence if their child's attendance is low. Please see the attendance policy on our school website for more information.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in keeping your child's attendance high.

## CKJS PTA

The PTA are a great team who arrange activities and events for the children and fund raise for the school.

As a parent you are automatically a member of this wonderful group. They are always looking for volunteers to help with activities and events. If you might be able to offer some help, no matter how small, please click the link below to register your interest, and a member of the PTA committee will be in touch.

### [Helping the PTA](#)

Look out for forthcoming PTA news and events in our newsletters and on our CKJS PTA facebook page.

## COATS and WATER BOTTLES

Please send your child into school with a waterproof jacket, particularly if they are going to Balcarras for lunch.

They should also have a water bottle in school.

Please make sure their name is clearly marked.

## SPORTS KIT FOR PE AND GAMES LESSONS

We apologise if messages about this have been confusing. To clarify:

Children need **one** kit which stays in school until half-term (unless it gets especially muddy).

It should contain:

House colour t-shirt

Shorts (plain black/navy/claret)

Jogging bottoms (plain black/navy/claret)

Sweatshirt (school or plain black/navy/claret)

Trainers and a pair of socks

## Balcarras Lunches

All Year groups may now choose to have a Balcarras lunch each day. The process is as follows:

- Each morning the class teacher will ask who is going to Balcarras and whether they want a Main or Vegetarian meal.
- At the start of lunch the children assemble in the Y3/5 Playground or under the canopy outside Y3 if it is wet. They should take their **water bottle** with them and wear a **coat** if it is cold or wet.
- They will be walked over by CKJS staff and supervised at Balcarras.
- On return to CKJS they continue with their playtime.

The menus accompany this newsletter so that you can look at them with your child. Payments are made in Parent Pay using the CKJS – Dinners option and we would recommend paying a lump sum in to avoid any deficit. Note that your child does not need to go every day!

Please contact Anna Ferchow, our [SBM@ckjs.org.uk](mailto:SBM@ckjs.org.uk) if you have any questions.

## Jeans for Genes Day

On Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September all the children are invited to wear their jeans (or similar) to school together with non-uniform on the top half! This national event helps to fund research into cures for children's genetic diseases.

If you would like to make a contribution to this charity fundraiser can we suggest £1 to be put in the pot in the classrooms.



## Contact Details

It is essential that we have up to date contact details for both parents/carers and any other emergency contacts for your child.

If you think these may have changed make sure you inform Reception, preferably by email.

## Allergies and medical information

It is essential that you inform us of any allergies that your child has. The best way to do this is to complete a Health Care Plan and these are available by clicking [here](#). Even if you completed one last year please can you resubmit.

Also please ensure that we have any medication your child may need whilst at school. Antibiotics usually can be spread out so that they do not need to be given at school.

## Whatsapp Groups

We know many classes have set up 'Class Whatsapp' groups. If you would be prepared to be a contact person for the school, so we can contact you with any urgent messages the class might need, we would be very grateful. Please contact Reception if you would be interested in being a link person between the school and the class Whatsapp group.

## A polite request

Please can we ask that if you would like to contact your child's teacher you use [reception@ckjs.org.uk](mailto:reception@ckjs.org.uk) rather than their personal school email. This will ensure your message will get to the teacher in a timely manner.

## Secondary Schools

Shortly the Year 6 parents/carers will receive the letters for making your child's secondary school choices. We will text to tell you when these have been given out as they contain your individual codes which will be required to make an online application. Please make sure that your child gives you the letter as we do not have duplicates.

It is essential that you submit your choices by the deadline of midnight on 31 October 2022.

We advise Parents/Carers to check the individual secondary school websites for details of tours, open evenings or open days taking place this academic year. Year 5 parents/carers who are considering grammar schools need to check their websites for details of registering for their entrance tests.

## Car Boot Sale

Don't forget our Car Boot Sale on Sunday 18 September from 11am until 2pm. There will be refreshments on sale and the swimming pool should be open – turn up and book your half hour swimming slot on the day.

### Contact Us:

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