

# Church Crookham News

*"Achievement By All"*

## Welcome Back

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. It has been lovely to welcome back so many children and welcome to our new children—all of whom have settled into life at CCJS really well. There's been so many smiling faces around school – it's been wonderful to see how each class and year group has settled so well. It's been pleasing to see the final stages of our building and landscaping works completed over the holidays and our new school kitchen is due to be completed very soon. More news about this will be made available soon.

## Year 3 Induction

There are several induction activities planned for the first few weeks back in school and parents are welcome to join these events and get to know other children in the class and our school. We know you'll enjoy these and we look forward to working with you over the next four years.

## Staffing News

A big CCJS welcome to new teachers to the school: Mrs. Lizzie King, Miss Beth Paish, Mr. Chris Holden, Miss Megan West and to our Assistant Headteacher Mr Steve French. We are also delighted to congratulate Mr. Callum Donaldson and Mrs. Louise Clarke (formerly known as Miss Williams) who both got married over the summer holidays!

## Year Six Residential and Activities Week

Many of our Year Six pupils have been enjoying a week of sailing activities on the Isle of Wight at the United Kingdom Sailing Academy last week. I am sure many of you have enjoyed following the updates on our school twitter account @ccjsvisits. UKSA staff have been very impressed with our pupils' efforts, their ability to work together and impeccable good manners. Our other Year Six pupils have had a busy week of activities in the local area, including habitat searches at Basingborne heath, archery, campfire cooking and also visiting Odiham.

## Letters sent out this term:

### All Year Groups

- ✓ Dinner menu
- ✓ School Club Letter
- ✓ Year Group Newsletters will be sent out later this week
- ✓ PTA Information about meeting on Tuesday 17th at 7.30pm
- ✓ Optional Fantastic Friday activities – expression of interest letter

### Year 3

Homelink message about children walking into the school building by themselves, from Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> onwards.

### Year 4

No letters.

### Year 5

Year 5 Winchester Science Museum Trip

### Year 6

Optional Trip on Fantastic Friday to Sky Studios

### **Free School Meals**

Please inform us if you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals. We are able to claim extra funding to support your child's learning if this is the case, even if you decide not to actually take the meals. You are able to claim Free School Meals if you are in receipt of any of the following benefits:

- Income Support
  - Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
  - Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190
  - Working Tax Credit run-on—paid for 4 weeks after not being qualified for Working Tax Credit
  - All Universal Credit Claimants, provided you have an annual income of no more than £7,400.
- If you think you are eligible, please pop into the office and pick up an application form.

### **Absence**

If your child is absent from school, please remember to phone the office each day of absence by 9am or send an e-mail to:

**[adminoffice@crookham-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@crookham-jun.hants.sch.uk)**

If you leave an answerphone message, please state who is calling, the child's name, class and the reason for absence. As we have a duty of care to ensure all children are present in school and if they are not, we will follow up with phone call, home visits and/or calls to the police and Children's Services if we are unable to contact the parent/carer.

Very occasionally you may need to take your child out of the school day – absence request forms will need to be completed prior to the day. Please note that holidays are not accepted reasons for absence and cannot be authorised.

### **Snacks and Drinks**

Children are encouraged to bring in a snack for morning break. This can either be a piece of fruit, dried fruit or plain bread sticks, to avoid having healthier snacks. All children are also encouraged to bring a bottle of water into school so they can keep hydrated throughout the day!

### **Coming to School**

We actively encourage children to walk, scooter or cycle to school and avoid being dropped off. However, if this is a necessity, there are car parks where you can 'stop and drop' (the church car park at Bowenhurst Road for those using the Tudor Way gate and the Willis Hall car park on Sandy Lane). Please avoid parking on local residential roads—for the safety of children coming into school and to respect our neighbours who live close to school. Please also remember not to bring any vehicles or dogs on to the school site at the beginning or end of the school day for the safety of our pupils. Naturally exceptions are made for parents/carers who are disabled badge holders and assistance dogs.

### **Play Equipment**

Our children very much enjoy the play equipment on our school site. However, children are requested not to play on this before or after school.

## Classes for 2019-2020

We are very lucky to have such a fantastic talented group of staff and your children will have many memorable experiences over this year. The class names and teachers are, as follows:

Class	Teachers
3MP	Miss Michelle Pickett
3LR	Miss Lindsey Robertson
3KA	Mrs. Kathryn Atkinson
3MT	Miss Mel Thomas
3LC	Mrs. Louise Clarke
4SF	Mr Steve French
4BP	Miss Beth Paish
4NH	Miss Nicky Houghton
4JK	Mrs. Laura Jakobitsch & Mrs. Lizzie King
4CH	Mr Chris Holden
5AJ	Miss Amy Jones
5LR	Miss Laura Roberts
5AN	Mr Adam Nosworthy
5SB	Mrs. Suzanne Booth
5MW	Miss Megan West
6AM	Mrs. Alison McBarron
6LP	Miss Laura Parker
6MH	Ms. Jo Musgrove & Mrs. Sarah Harris
6CD	Mr. Callum Donaldson

### Good Communication

Staff are available before school (until 8.40am) and after school. If you would like to speak to a member of staff before 8.40am then please come to Reception first.

Your child has a small blue **Homelink Book** so you can write any questions, etc. or comments with your child's teacher.

You are also welcome to meet or discuss any concerns with the Year Leaders. For each year group they are, as follows:

Year Three – Miss Michelle Pickett

Year Four – Mr Steve French

Year Five – Miss Amy Jones

Year Six – Mrs. Alison McBarron

The **CCJS Facebook Page** can be a good source of information. This was set up and is run by parents, although a few members of staff have joined the group. In the interests of our staff having a good work-life balance, please avoid 'tagging' or directly messaging members of staff.

### PTA Meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm

We have many enthusiastic volunteers who have all contributed to having a successful PTA that has raised considerable amounts of money and events over the year such as, school discos, Firework Evenings, Summer Fairs, etc. Our next meeting is tomorrow – we look forward to welcoming many of you to the first meeting!

### Fantastic Friday – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October

Our first Fantastic Friday is set for Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Children will soon be having the opportunity to choose their activities for the day. The day itself is a Mufti day, but we will be asking for children to come to school dressed in the clothes most appropriate for their activity. Therefore, if your child chooses a sporting activity we request that they come dressed ready to take part. The termly event is very popular and children gain a lot from so many of the experiences our staff and volunteers organise on that day. A huge thank you to all our staff and volunteers who are planning an exciting day!

# Dates for the Diary



<b>Sep.</b>	16th	2-3pm 3MT Trail of the School
	17th	7.30pm PTA Meeting at school – all parents and carers are welcome
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Father Steve from Christchurch to lead assemblies, Football event at Salesian for Y6 pupils
	19th	Y5 to visit Winchester Science Museum
	20th	9-10.30am Forces Coffee Morning, 2-3pm 3LR Trail of the School
	23rd	2-3pm 3LC Trail of the School
	25th	Hampshire Youth Orchestra performing in assembly, 6.30pm Y5 Sayers Croft information evening for parents/carers
	26 <sup>th</sup>	5-8pm Y6 Court Moor Open Evening at Court Moor School
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 Induction Assembly 11- 11.45am
	30 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly to launch 'Walktober'
<b>Oct.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	'Walktober' (children are encouraged to walk, scooter and cycle to school)
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	9am Y6 opening morning at Court Moor School
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	9am Y6 opening morning at Court Moor School
	4th	Fantastic Friday (children to wear mufti clothes appropriate for their chosen activities), some Y6 children visiting Sky Studios
	7 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Breakfast for classes 3MP, 4NH, 5LR, 5SB, 6CD, 6MH
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Breakfast for classes 3LR, 3MT, 4SF, 4BP, 5AN, 6LP
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Harvest Breakfast for classes 3LC, 3KA, 4CH, 4JK, 5AJ, 5MW, 6AM
	10 <sup>th</sup>	9am 5AN Class Assembly, 6.30-8pm Y6 Open Evening at Calthorpe Park
	15 <sup>th</sup>	10am Y2 Open Morning at CCJS
	16 <sup>th</sup>	8.30-11am Y6 Calthorpe Park opening morning
	17 <sup>th</sup>	5LR Class Assembly, 8.30-11am Y6 Calthorpe Park opening morning
	18 <sup>th</sup>	9-10.30am Forces Coffee Morning
	21st-23rd	Year 5 residential trip to Sayers Croft
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10am Y2 Open Morning at CCJS
	24th	9am 4SF Class Assembly, PTA Firework evening
	25th	Inset Day (school closed for pupils)
	28th-1st Nov	Half Term
<b>Nov.</b>	4th	First day back after half-term
	22nd	9-10.30 Forces Coffee Morning
<b>Dec.</b>	6th	9-10.30am Forces Coffee Morning
	20th	Last day of term (school finishes 3.20pm)

Best Wishes,

*P. Meek*

**Pam Meek,  
Headteacher**

### Inset Days 2019-20

Friday 25th October  
Monday 6th January  
Friday 14th February  
Monday 29th June