

# Church Crookham News

*"Achievement By All"*

## Welcome Back

Welcome to our first newsletter of the year. It has been lovely to fully open and welcome everyone back to life at CCJS. Whilst things have not fully returned to 'normal' it is great to see children enjoying learning in class, spending time with their friends and so many smiling faces around school

## Google Classrooms

As you will know, our online virtual platform, Google Classrooms will be available for children to access and upload homework and spellings. It will also have some work for children who are not in school due to needing to self-isolate. At present, we currently have some glitches with this and our Technical Team are working on this and we expect to have this operating later this week. A separate email about this will be sent out to you all.

## Staffing News

A big CCJS welcome to new teachers to the school: Mr Sam Polden and Miss Katie Price have both joined our teaching team, although many of you will know them both from last year when they trained with us at our school. We have also welcomed Miss Lucy Liddicoat and Miss Zoe Oldham who are both undertaking their teacher training at our school this year – we know they will both have great success during this year. This term we have also been pleased to welcome Mrs. Leonie Bradly and Miss Marie Bedziejewski to our Learning Support Team. Finally, congratulations to Mrs. Loula Nolan (formerly Mrs. Barnes) who married over the summer!

## Clubs, Trips and Residential Visits

Due to the current restrictions in place we are currently not offering additional clubs, trips or residential visits, with the exception of Koosa Kids who provide wrap around care. The planned residential trips to the Isle of Wight and Sayer's Croft will not take place in the Autumn Term and, depending on availability and government guidance, we will rearrange both of these trips.

## Letters sent out this term:

### All Year Groups

- ✓ Dinner menu
- ✓ Year Group Newsletters will be sent out later this week
- ✓ PTA Newsletter due out later this week

### Inset Days

Provided that school remains fully open, our planned Inset Days are:  
23rd October  
4th Jan  
12th Feb  
28th June

## **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.

During this week we are encouraging children to come to school wearing sun tan lotion too, as the sun is out!

## **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.

## Classes for 2020-2021

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
4KP	Miss Katie Price
4JK	Mrs. Laura Jakobitsch & Mrs. Lizzie King
4CH	Mr Chris Holden
5AJ	Miss Amy Jones
5LR	Miss Laura Roberts
5SP	Mr Sam Polden
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
6NH	Miss Nicky Houghton

### 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.

### Good Communication

At the start of term, we normally issue a small blue **Homelink Book** so you can write any questions, etc. or comments with your child's teacher. We currently are not able to do this, so please do email [adminoffice@crookham-jun.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@crookham-jun.hants.sch.uk) if you want to pass on messages to your child's teacher. We are currently looking at how we can provide opportunities for Parents' Evenings, Year Two Prospective Parents' Meeting that means we are COVID secure.

You are also welcome to contact 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. Please can we respectfully request that you use this appropriately and are not rude or use offensive language.

### School Dinner Option on 15.09.2020

There is one minor change just for tomorrow's dinner option: children are being offered chicken grill with diced potato and seasonal vegetables instead of the curry option.

Best Wishes,

*P. Meek*

**Pam Meek,  
Headteacher**