



Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome back to Term 3! I hope you all managed to have some quality time with family and friends over Christmas under the current circumstances we all face. We are all looking forward to some new Enquiries in our curriculum, and letters will be coming home shortly to let you know the exciting things that are planned. As you know, this term could be challenging as we manage infection rates and staffing but with your continued support, we will work relentlessly to maintain educational continuity for our children.

Tenniscourt Road Works

As you will have seen from Katherine Ogden, a letter has gone out this week regarding the road works on Tenniscourt Road and Grace Drive. You will be kept up to date if there is any further information in relation to these works.

Attendance

For your child to achieve their full potential, excellent attendance and punctuality is crucial. Excellent attendance is key to a child's success in school and so, we actively promote and celebrate this with praise and awards in assemblies.

Significant sickness is unavoidable and it is appreciated that a child cannot come into school on such days.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday 12 January: Y4 Hooke Court Parent Information Teams Meeting

Thursday 13 January: Nasal Flu Immunisation YR – Y6

Thursday 13 January: Middle School Coffee Morning

Thursday 3 February: Lower School Coffee Morning

Friday 18 February: Last Day of Term 3

Times Table Rock Stars

Times Table Rock Stars tournaments for this term can be seen below. Scoring is based on the average score children get related to the X tables they have learnt in class.

This means that that even if Y3 are playing against Y6 it will still be fair!

January 10 - January 16: against year group partner classes

January 17 - January 23: Y3 vs Y5, Y4 vs Y6

January 24 - January 30: Y3 vs Y6, Y4 vs Y5

January 31 - February 6: Y3 vs Y4, Y5 vs Y6

February 7 - February 13: against year group partner classes

February 14 - February 18: Y3 vs Y5, Y4 vs Y6

Please remember that TTRS is part of our expectation for homework for all children in Y3-6. Children in Y2 should have received their log in details earlier this week and will use Term 3 as an introduction to the app. Year 2 will be included in all future tournaments from Term 4.

We expect at least 15 minutes a week. Little and often is better, a few minutes a day for example.

Please speak to class teachers via Seesaw if you need any help accessing the website.

Healthy Snack

Every child from Reception to Y2 gets a piece of fruit for their mid-morning snack as part of the Government School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. For children in Y3 – Y6, please can they bring in a healthy snack, ideally fruit and not crisps or chocolate bars as we are promoting healthy eating.

Term 3 Lunch Menu

See attached for this term's lunch menu from Aspens. If you would like a hard copy, please contact the office on KOA.primary@clf.uk

Uniform and Jewellery

Please ensure your child arrives to school in the correct uniform and PE kit on their PE days. See below a link to the King's Oak Academy website detailing uniform and expectations.

<https://kingsoakacademy.clf.uk/our-academy/uniform/>

Children can wear one pair of plain studs in their ears but no other piercings and no hoop earrings, necklaces or rings.

Fundraiser for Guide Dogs

At the beginning of December 2021, Sophie Taylor sadly passed away and the loss of her has affected many. Sophie was a much loved member of the King's Oak Community and in her memory, Sophie's family are raising money for a charity which is close to their hearts and is one Sophie donated to for many years; Guide Dogs.

If you would like to donate towards a great charity and raise money in memory of Sophie, please see the link below.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matt-ball10?
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Fundraiser for Southmead Hospital

Mr Marshall-Aherne sadly lost his mum to covid at the end of January last year after an 18-day battle in intensive care at Southmead Hospital, Bristol.

Throughout this 18-day period, Mr Marshall-Aherne vowed to run 10K everyday and raised money for Southmead Hospital Charity.

On, Saturday 29 January 2022, one year on from the passing of his mum, Mr Marshall-Aherne will be running non-stop from Lyde Green, Bristol to Ivy Lane Primary School in Chippenham which is a total of 19 miles/31km where Mr Marshall-Aherne's mum was a Head Teacher for 17 years.

If you would like to donate and support this fantastic charity, please see the link below.

[https://southmeadhospitalcharity.enthuse.com/pf/
christinemarshall-428c8](https://southmeadhospitalcharity.enthuse.com/pf/christinemarshall-428c8)

Everyone on the Lower School site wishes Mr Marshall-Aherne the best of luck and are immensely proud of his determination to raise money for such an important charity.

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