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"Learning and achieving together in a caring community."

Do to others what you would want them to do to you- Matthew 7:12

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope October is treating you all nicely so far. During the INSET day today, we are working hard to take a deep look at all of your children's work and recent assessments to establish our whole-school, phase, class and individual pupil priorities for this year, with a particular focus on closing gaps that have arisen since the disruption to daily schooling in March and adapting our curriculum and wellbeing provision to make sure every pupil can thrive.

Governance

There was a meeting of the full governing body on Wednesday evening. Due to Claire Broadhurst's term of office coming to an end, Heather Messenger has been elected as chair of governors. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Claire for her hard work and leadership during what has been an unprecedented time for school governors and am pleased to inform you that she is remaining on as joint vice chair alongside one of our parent governors, Tony Martin, whom we welcome to the role. It was agreed during the meeting that governors would write a governor newsletter twice a year to keep you informed of their strategic work, vision and impact.

Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evening is being held on Tuesday 13th October from 3.30pm to 6.30pm and Thursday 22nd October from 4.30pm to 7pm; all appointments will be 10 minutes long and will be via telephone. Please expect a call from a withheld / private number at your allocated time. If you do not pick up for whatever reason, your teacher will try one more time within your given time slot. Please make sure that if you have recently changed your number that you have informed us of your new number. Also, if your child has two teachers, the teacher who works on the day of your appointment will call you. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions before the parents' evening.

Breakfast/Afterschool Club

We are happy to confirm that Chillzone will be back up and running from Monday 12th October. There will be a Parentmail coming out later today with general instructions, booking forms and updated terms & conditions.



School Applications for September 2021

The application window is now open to apply for children to join our Reception class in September 2021. Please spread the word amongst friends, family, neighbours and the wider community. You can apply by visiting <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-primary-or-infant-school-place/> - The deadline for applications is Friday 15th January 2021. Furthermore, you can now also apply for secondary school places if you have a child in Year 6 by applying via <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-for-a-secondary-school/>. We are happy to provide any assistance with this process, for example accessing and completing the forms or talking through the process. Please contact the school office where either Ele or Sarah will be able to assist you directly or pass you to our Family Liaison Officer, Jo Jones, who can offer further support if necessary.

Fireworks Night

Unfortunately, the Fireworks Night has been postponed this year due to coronavirus safety measures such as the Rule of Six and the need to social distance. We are already in discussions for 2021!

PTA Rag-Bag Collect – 19th October

If you're having a Summer/Autumn clear out this weekend or next, then please take part in our Rag-Bag collection at school on Monday 19th October 2020. It's easy and simple. Bag up any unwanted clothes, paired shoes, handbags and belts and drop it into our designated drop off area in the gravel car park and leave the rest to us....

The drop off point will be clearly marked and there will be a one-way system to encourage distancing. It will be available from 8.00am to 3.30pm so no need to do at school drop off times. If it is wet, there will be a gazebo to keep the clothes dry! The PTA will collect and recycle all bags on your behalf.

We could make up to £400 per tonne in weight for the school with your unwanted items: a great and easy way for you to support the school with fundraising, while decluttering and reusing at the same time! Thank you as always for your continued support.

Charity Shoebox Appeal

a Joan Townsend, is collecting shoeboxes for T4U. All shoeboxes to be dropped off to Joan at 42 River Way, South Cerney by 4th November.

More info about the charity can be found at: <https://teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal/>

Cirencester Foodbank

Although we are unable to visit the church as a school this year for Harvest celebrations, it is the time of year when we explore gratitude around food, interconnectedness and raise awareness that accessing basic, nutritious foodstuffs can be an increasing challenging for people in our own communities. We are working with the Cirencester Foodbank to ensure that we reach the people who need support and Rachel Brindley, the Foodbank manager, has provided some facts about the provision.

1. Cirencester Foodbank is an independent charity operating across Cirencester, Fairford, Lechlade and Tetbury. It belongs to the Trussell Trust Foodbank network. There are more than 420 Trussell Trust Foodbanks in the UK.
2. In the last 12 months, Cirencester Foodbank has helped over 4,700 local people, a 23% increase. Since the start of March 2020, the Foodbank has helped over 4,300 people, an increase of more than 60%. Anyone can need support from a Foodbank. It could be someone in your class, someone in your family or a neighbour.
3. To come to Foodbank, you have to be issued with a voucher. Foodbank vouchers are now issued on a computer. Foodbank vouchers are available from people and organisations who help us such as doctors,



schools, health professionals, other charities, town and district councils. Cirencester Foodbank has 96 separate referral agencies.

4. Before the pandemic started, Cirencester Foodbank gave out food in Cirencester, Fairford and Tetbury. The Foodbank is now running a home delivery service to help keep everyone safe.

5. A Foodbank parcel is comprised of 3 days' worth of nutritionally balanced food. It includes cereals, long-life juice, long-life milk, baked beans, soup, tinned tomatoes, tinned vegetables, tinned meat, tinned fruit, rice pudding, biscuits, pasta and very often a jar of jam or bar of chocolate. Our team calls the client and offers toilet rolls, shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, nappies & baby food, pet food, fresh veg and baking supplies. We are also able to offer face masks.

6. Food donations are all taken to the warehouse in the basement of Cirencester Baptist Church. Everything that is donated is weighed in. Every year the Foodbank has to do a stock-take to check it looks after its donations carefully.

7. In the last 12 months our local community donated just over 36 tonnes of food to Cirencester Foodbank. That's the equivalent weight of 18 rhinos!

8. More than 200 local people volunteer for the Foodbank helping us sort the food donations, pack parcels, hand food out and collect from supermarkets. It equals over 5,200 hours volunteered in the last year.

9. Cirencester Foodbank partners with other local agencies to provide more help to people. At Christmas it works with the Salvation Army to provide food for the food & toy parcels and throughout the year with Cirencester Signpost.

10. The Foodbank is very thankful for all the support and wonderful donations that are provided to it throughout the year. Every item donated locally goes to help someone in our community who needs Foodbank support.

Key Dates

Black History Month	October
Parent-Teacher Consultations	13 th October 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Parent-Teacher Consultations	22 nd October 4.30pm – 7.00pm
Vision Screening	22 nd October
End of Term 1	23 rd October
Term 2 starts	2 nd November
Class Photographs	4 th November
Children In Need	13 th November
Anti-Bullying Week	W/C 16 th November
Flu Immunisation	8 th & 9 th December
End of Term 2	18 th December
Term 3 starts	5 th January to 12 th February
INSET Day – school closed	4 th January
Term 4	22 nd February to 1 st April
Term 5	19 th April to 28 th May
INSET Day – school closed	19 th April
Term 6	7 th June to 21 st July

Yours Sincerely

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