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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*

**RESPECT**

**PERSEVERANCE**

**SERVICE**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Newsletter No 12

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Dear Parents and Carers

I can't believe it's been a fortnight since my last newsletter! We now only have two weeks until May half-term, and lots of fantastic learning opportunities and experiences planned and ready to go. Beyond the classroom, it has been lovely to see lunchtime and after-school clubs in full swing. I would like to share news of two of these. In the UKS2 book club, we are shadowing the [Kate Greenaway](#) and [Carnegie](#) children's book awards; click on the links to see the wonderful range of shortlisted books here. We are reading, reviewing and discussing these books and are looking forward to speaking to one of the judges in a couple of weeks' time. Also, our Waters Sports Club is also in full-swing; here are just a few of the photos showing that a fantastic time is being had by all.



Mr Thomas, the organiser of this fantastic opportunity, says:

We have had a wonderful start to our Water Sports Club this year. The weather has certainly played its part in making conditions tricky but we have all adapted so well. The smiles and laughter make it all worthwhile. The Year 5s and 6s have been kayaking and canoeing so far, learning how to paddle effectively into the wind and using the wind to benefit them.

We are really looking forward to being able to run a whole range of activities throughout the next academic year and increasing what we have on offer for the younger year groups.

Next Wednesday (19<sup>th</sup> May), we are holding a Nepalese Celebration Day with the children in school to build on the Nepalese Evenings from previous years. This will be a fantastic opportunity to learn about the culture of a significant group of our children, with our Nepalese children sharing customs, traditions and information and the whole school set to enjoy creative cross-curricular activities including vibrant, colourful art-work, the celebration of the Buddha's birthday, geography and maths. We will have two assemblies on the day – the first led by the children to introduce the day and the second, in the afternoon, an opportunity to share learning and creations from the day.

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week; you can find out more [here](#).

#### National relaxation of Covid restrictions

I am sure, just like me, you are all looking forward to the further relaxation of Covid restrictions from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May. As yet, schools have not received any updated guidance from the Department for Education regarding changes in schools; I would love to be able to invite parents and carers on site for events such as sports day and the Y6 production, but that's not clear yet. I will communicate any changes well ahead of time and we will update the risk assessment accordingly but at the moment things will remain the same in terms of bubbles, virtual collective worship and the current drop-off and pick-up arrangements. We do have some school trips coming up after half-term though, which is nice.

#### Staffing update

Mr Thomas, who has worked at the school for five years, is leaving us at the end of this academic year to take up a school leadership position in a school in Taiwan. This is a fantastic opportunity for both him and his family and I am sure you will join with me in thanking him for all that he has done for Ann Edwards as a class teacher, PE coordinator, designated teacher for Looked After Children and previously as science leader. Please be assured that the fantastic PE and sporting opportunities that our children enjoy will carry on. Mr Thomas will let his children know about his news today.

#### Fantastic achievement

I am delighted to inform you that Mr Parker, our dynamic school business manager, has been shortlisted for the prestigious national TES Schools Awards for School Business Leader of the Year. This is an absolutely amazing achievement, to be selected from so many nominations from all around the country. It is also well-deserved: Mr Parker works tirelessly for the school and our community and his achievements include making in excess of £66,000 in contract savings over three years, securing grants and sponsorship totalling over £42,000 and additional revenue totalling £23,000, all in a time of significant financial pressure for schools. Through his entrepreneurial skills the school has been provided with our library bus and been able to offer additional support for families during these particularly trying times. The awards ceremony will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Families Gloucestershire magazine

Here is the link to the latest issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#) May/June 2021.

#### Key Dates

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Yr6 Whole Year Group Photo  
Nepalese Celebration Day  
End of Term 5  
Term 6 begins  
Relaunch of the school's Vision



Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Yours Sincerely



Ian Moore,  
Headteacher

Year 6 trip to Oxenwood  
Yr3/4 Badmington Estate Trip  
Water Sports club Monmouth river trip  
Yr6 Drugs and Peers Workshop  
Parent & Pupil Open Morning – Cirencester Kingshill  
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Sports Day: track and field  
Yr6 Kingshill Induction Day  
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UKS2 Water Sports Club Presentation event  
Yr6 Leavers Service and after school send off  
End of Year Service  
1.30pm finish  
Academic year 2021-2 starts for Y1-6 pupils  
Staggered start for new Reception pupils begins