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"Learning and achieving in a caring community."

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

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Friday 28th May 2021

Newsletter No 13

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Dear Parents and Carers

How lovely it has been to see the sun making an appearance this week! Also, if the forecasts are to be believed, this is just the beginning: we could well be seeing (long overdue) blue skies and soaring temperatures over the half-term week.

We have had a really good term since returning after Easter. The impact on learning of inconsistency in schooling over the last fourteen months is still being felt but the teachers are working really hard to address and fill gaps and this will remain a priority for us in the next academic year. We are addressing this through day-to-day quality first teaching, pre-teaching and catch-up as required, interventions led by both teachers and teaching assistants and group or individual nurture provision for identified children.

We are really proud of our achievements so far this year and the key achievements between September 2020 and April 2021 are summarised below.

Leadership and Management:

- Appointment of a permanent, substantive headteacher, deputy headteacher and two phase and core subject leaders
- Implementation of new systems to further improve support children with SEND
- Creation of new three-year budget deficit-reduction plan
- Development of new school website

Quality of Provision:

- Creation of whole-school curriculum intent (see below)
- Development of specific subject intents
- Focus on vocabulary
- Engagement with Voice-21 oracy project to develop spoken language
- Made improvements to home learning opportunities and lockdown school provision (Jan-March 2021)
- Lowest twenty percent of readers identified and monitoring initiated
- New assessment processes introduced



Behaviour and Attitudes:

- Redevelopment and relaunch of behaviour policy
- Priority school values
- Embedded use of CPOMS system to record and monitor pupil safeguarding, behaviour and welfare concerns
- Implementation of new attendance processes

Personal Development:

- Development of new Relationship, Sex and Health Education policy
- Increase in nurture provision
- Partnership with the Co-Op to provide food for families currently in need of additional support
- Improvements to SARA (Spirituality and Reflection Area) Garden

This term, I have written a pupil premium policy which has been ratified by governors and can be found in the Information section of the website, as well as a pupil premium strategy for 2021-22 which forms the basis of our three-year pupil premium strategy.

When we return after the half-term break, we will be relaunching our school vision (which was postponed from January due to lockdown). I will begin this through collective worship on Monday 7th June, which will be continued by Reverend McKenzie and Miss Lund during the week as well as work and reflection in class, a sharing assembly at the end of the week and a take-home activity to help record the children acting out the vision in their daily lives.

We will be asking you to complete a parent/carer survey to help us evaluate all areas of our provision next term, with an additional focus on how we engage with you. This will be really important in helping us to be the best we can be and inform our work in the next academic year.

I am very pleased to say that we are currently working to set up swimming lessons for next year's Year 3 and 4 children at Cricklade pool. Arrangements are obviously Covid-dependent but our aim is for the new Year 4s to swim from September to February then the new Year 3s to swim for the second half of the year. You will receive a letter detailing these arrangements.

Keep an eye out in future newsletters for updates from the governing body, who work hard behind the scenes to support and challenge the leadership team and on all sorts of statutory duties relating to the strategic work of the school. More immediately, please find attached the next topic letters for each phase of the school to help you and the children be ready for the new term, as well as a helpful flowchart regarding which Covid test to use when.

A huge well done to all of our Year 6s for engaging so maturely with their 'SATS' this week – a real right of passage and an important opportunity to supplement ongoing teacher assessments with work in controlled conditions. It was also lovely to take collective worship with the Upper Key Stage 2 bubble all together in the hall yesterday for the first time, with the Year 6s finally getting to sit on the benches and following up some calm reflection and spirituality with some singing and dancing!

Finally, teachers are busy writing end of year reports that will be sent home towards the end of term in July, which is when the children will also spend time in their new classes for two transition visits and we will write to you to inform you of the class organisation for the new year. Early in September, we are planning to hold 'Meet the teacher' sessions immediately after school in the first week to help you get to know your teacher/s, hear exciting news about the curriculum and be clear about routines and expectations, which should be really beneficial. Details to follow, subject to changes in Covid restrictions.

It simply remains for me to wish each and every one of you a fantastic half-term break.

Staffing update

We welcome Miss Gemma Sampson to our midday supervision team. Gemma has three children at the school and brings a great deal of enthusiasm and child-centred skills.



Let's Play Guitar

Guitar lessons in school!

Let's Play Music is offering guitar lessons in school. We teach children using modern songs they know and love, while utilising techniques and knowledge that will give a solid musical grounding for secondary school. Our teachers are talented, professional musicians with a passion for playing and performing. We motivate the children by passing on the gift of music in a way that's inspiring, relevant and real.

Sessions are £8.50 per lesson (30mins small groups of 2 or 3) and available to key stage 2.

For more information and to sign up for lessons please go to: www.lpmsignup.co.uk

Any questions please email: school@letsplaymusic.co.uk

Key Dates

Monday 7th June

Monday 21st June

Tuesday 22nd June

Wednesday 23rd June

Friday 2nd July

Monday 5th July

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Tuesday 6th July

Wednesday 7th July

Thursday 8th July

Friday 9th July

Monday 12th July

Monday 19th July

Wednesday 21st July

Monday 6th September

Tuesday 7th September

Term 6 begins

Relaunch of the school's Vision

Year 6 trip to Oxenwood

Yr3/4 Badmington Estate Trip

Welcome evening for Reception 2021 parents/carers

UKS2 Watersports trip to Monmouth

Yr6 Drugs and Peers Workshop

Parent & Pupil Open Morning – Cirencester Kingshill

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Sports Day: track and field (videos shared on Dojo)

Yr6 Kingshill Induction Day

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UKS2 Water Sports Club Presentation event

Yr6 Leavers Service and after school send-off fun

End of Year Service

1.30pm finish

Academic year 2021-2 starts for Y1-6 pupils

Staggered start for new Reception pupils begins

'Meet the teacher' event after school

Yours Sincerely



Ian Moore,
Headteacher