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

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Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Newsletter No 14

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well. It has been lovely to see and feel the sun this week and to see this term's curriculum topics reaching their conclusions in classes. I have been impressed by some of the class discussions I've walked in on this week relating to our current value of Truthfulness as well as issues relating to world events. Also, we are working hard on our target of increasing children's leadership of collective worship and I'd like to thank all of the pupils who have taken part already and those who have come to see me to volunteer for the future.

Reading at Home

Following on from my section in the last newsletter about the importance of reading, please remember that we need you to read with your child at least four times per week. We will, of course, read with them in addition to this in school, but it's that regularity at home – with an emotionally available adult which helps build resilience and self-worth – that makes a real difference. This prioritisation also shows children that reading, and their wider learning, is valued and makes a real difference to their attitude towards school. Remember, there are rewards for achieving certain amounts of reads.

Next year, we are going to have a real focus on this important area but we don't need to wait until September to fly the flag for this important area.

If you are struggling for whatever reason to maintain this, please speak to your class teacher.

Happy reading!

Also, just a reminder that we would really like to have more reading volunteers in school; if you or someone you know is interested the please consider one of these three ways to contribute:

- hearing children read
- reading to children
- helping to keep our amazing library bus organised and tidy

For those reading to children, this could be one-to-one or a very small group, please don't think you would have to entertain a whole class! However, if that's your thing then we would love that too. Although this is genuinely open to everyone, it would be great to have some male reading role-models to come in and do this too.

If you or someone you know is willing to volunteer in school to help us with any of this important work, please contact our new school business manager, Emma Jones (in school, using the school number or by emailing [SBM@annedwardsprimary.co.uk](mailto:SBM@annedwardsprimary.co.uk)).



### Morning Drop-Off

Following some parental feedback, I am making a change to the morning drop-off routine after half-term (starting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June). We will open the gate at 8.40 for anyone who would find this convenient and is able to supervise their children. Parents, carers and children can then wait on the gate-end of the playground, bearing in mind that the field and play areas such as the pirate ship are out-of-bounds for health and safety reasons. Children must be supervised by parents and carers at this time. I hope this will allow some families greater flexibility; if, however, health and safety requirements are not adhered to, we will need to return to simply opening the gates at the current time.

The exit gates will then be opened for 8.45, when most people – including unsupervised older children – will arrive.

At 8.45, a whistle will be blown so that KS2 children can calmly make their way into class and parents and carers can walk younger children around as they do now.

### School Dinners

Please can we remind parents and carers to cancel any school dinners that they do not need. We are finding that some children are coming to school with a packed lunch even though they have ordered a school dinner, which can cause issues with our kitchen provider due to dinners being ordered in advance. Please don't hesitate the school office if you have any issues when ordering or cancelling a school dinner and Ele and Sarah will be happy to help. Thank you.

### Bicentenary Outdoor Concert

Preparations are in full-swing for our 200<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations, which kick-off with our outdoor concert extravaganza on the evening of Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. I am looking forward to checking out all of the dances after half-term and putting together a fun-filled programme for you.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to secure outside catering outlets for you due to the numbers and timings involved. However, this is a perfect opportunity for a lovely family picnic so we will open the gates before the show for you to have some time together before the children join their classes at 4.45 ready to perform.

Please do pop along to All Hallows Church between Friday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – check with the church for timings.

At 3pm on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, there will be a community church service in celebration of our bicentenary. All are welcome! Additionally, we would like children from years four to six to lead and organise parts of this service: please look out for a ParentMail which will sent out shortly.

### Sports Day

I am pleased to confirm that we will be opening our gates this year for you to join us for sports day. The timings are as follows:

- 9.15 start for Reception and Key Stage 1, to be finished by approximately 11.20. You may make your way to the field once you've dropped off that morning.
- 1.00 for a 1.10 start for Key Stage 2 in the afternoon, to be finished by approximately 2.50. Once finished, we will take the children back into classes to organise at the end of the day and you will be asked to wait for them to be dismissed as normal.

Please can children come to school in their sports clothes but wearing tops according to the following house colours:

- Hallows            Red
- Churn             Blue
- Bow Wow         Green
- Atkyns            Yellow

### Queen's Jubilee Celebrations


Just a quick reminder about our celebration day tomorrow in honour of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. Please can children come to school wearing something red, white, blue or a combination of these, or GB/Northern Ireland sports team clothes if someone would prefer that.

God save the Queen!

### **Did you know?**

We have posted links to some helpful maths links here on the curriculum section of our website: <https://annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/information/curriculum-information/maths-curriculum/> . Please look our for more updates coming soon.

Yours Sincerely

  
Ian Moore  
Headteacher

## Key Dates,

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – to include a special lunch: menu on ParentPay
Last day of term	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May (3pm finish)
Half Term	30 <sup>th</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June
First day of term	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June
EYFS New parents'/carers' meeting	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June, 5.45pm
Bicentenary Evening Outdoor Concert	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 5-6pm: all children performing (details to follow)
Ann Edwards Armed Forces Day	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June
AE 200 <sup>th</sup> celebration exhibition at All Hallows Church	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June
AE 200 <sup>th</sup> celebration service at All Hallows Church	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> June, 3pm
Bicentenary Evening Outdoor Concert backup date	* Now removed due to practical constraints *
Sports Day	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July: YR/KS1 am, KS2 pm
Year 6 Kingshill Induction Day	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 3 Concerts For Schools Trip	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 evening performance	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 evening performance	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July
Yr5 and Yr6 RAF Fairford Trip	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July
Year 6 Leavers Service	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 1.30pm
Last day of term	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (1.30pm finish)

2022/3 term and holiday dates are now available at <https://annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/calendar/> .