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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**

Our special chosen Bible story is the Parable of The Good Samaritan.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023

### Newsletter No 8

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this finds you well as we approach the mid-point of the academic year. It has been lovely to welcome new children and families to our community since the New Year and to have so much interest in places in the coming months.

It is important that schools adapt their curriculum to their unique context, and one thing we do on that score is teach the children first aid right the way from Reception to Year 6 due to our proximity to the lakes. We link this to the heart imagery that is so prevalent around Valentine's Day which means that next week is the week as we throw ourselves into First Aid Champions Week. On Monday, children are invited to come to school wearing red to help launch the initiative. Building from this, we have a very busy week planned with first aid workshops tailored to each age group as well as Skip-Hop skipping workshops on Thursday and Friday to keep us active and help learn about healthy lifestyles helping healthy hearts. You will have received information about how you can buy a skipping rope from Lee when he's in and we're looking forward to seeing the children skipping together at break and lunch times. The PTA are going to build on this by running a fun sponsored skipping challenge.

We have been busy this week learning about internet safety so please do speak to your child/ren about this and check out Class Dojo. I was also impressed to hear about Year 3 and 4 children learning to use 4-figure grid references on OS maps yesterday in geography, one of our focus curriculum areas – well done!

#### Safeguarding

To help ensure our safeguarding procedures are as strong as possible, I requested a safeguarding audit from the local authority at the start of this academic year. One of the recommendations from that review was that I include a regular safeguarding section in my newsletters, which I have been doing since receiving the report. Another aspect was making people aware of the stark statistics around the number of children affected by abuse, including within our community and, as such, I am including a small section of the report below for your information. This should act as a reminder that the community at large has a responsibility to keep children safe – if you have concerns about a child then please do inform the MASH (multi-agency safeguarding hub), which can be done anonymously. I'm afraid that the school is unable to refer based on community concerns, which would need to be shared with the MASH directly. (Please note that malicious referrals are taken very seriously). It also acts as a reminder of the context schools are working in and why safeguarding is so vitally important.

I reminded Ian and Jo of the importance of the statistics that would tend to show that there will be children within the setting who are likely to be experiencing some or all of the various categories. As the school has 237 pupils, statistically, there could be 23 children experiencing neglect and 12 children potentially at risk of sexual abuse.

S175/157 Audit Visit Report, September 2022

#### Strep A and Covid

We currently have two confirmed cases of Strep A in Key Stage 2, being treated by antibiotics. We also have one case of Covid-19 in Upper Key Stage 2.

#### Educational Visits

We are pleased to be able to start planning in some educational visits again. If a trip or event is being considered, Ele and Sarah will write to you to ascertain whether you a) wish your child/ren to take part and b) are willing and able to pay to some degree.



It is important for everyone to realise that this information is then used to decide whether the trip will take place and to work out the cost based on the children due to attend. Unfortunately, people then not adhering to what they agreed to then results in us not receiving adequate funds to cover the cost of the trip. I must remind you that schools currently do not have the budget to subsidise bad debt and we do work really hard on our costings and viability studies. Finally, please note that deposits are non-refundable unless a new child joins and is able to take up the purchased place. Thank you.

### NEU Strike Action

I would like to remind you that the National Education Union is planning strike action on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Following the recent strike action, I have been able to more fully assess likely staffing levels on these dates and make the plans necessary for a partial opening of the school. Teacher availability will be different on the different days.

- On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, we will be open for particular groups of vulnerable learners by invitation. Invitations have already been sent out for this provision. The bus to and from the Duke of Gloucester army camp will run on this day as usual for all children who use this facility.
- On Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, the school will be open only for children in Years 2 and 6. In addition to this being based on the teaching staff likely to be available on that day, these year groups can be considered to be classed as 'examination year groups' due to their impending end of key stage assessments (SATs). Please note that attendance is expected for children in these year groups on this day. The bus to and from the army camp will be running for children in Years 2 and 6 only who usually use this facility.

Please note that schools are not obliged to provide remote learning on strike days but Miss Lund and I will once again post some possible consolidation or enrichment options the day before for those of you who would find that helpful. If you wish to prepare for what could be available, please follow the links below and select the relevant year group and subject.

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/primary>

Oak National Academy: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/subjects-by-key-stage>

### EYFS/Year 6 Vision and Screening Checks

As a result of the proposed strike action, these checks have moved to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March to Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### Staffing Update

During Mr Mobey's absence, Miss Becky Parkes and Mrs Sarah Thraves will continue to teach Holly Class until Easter. Huge thanks to them both.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Horne back into Reception next week.


I am very pleased to have been able to appoint three new midday supervisors: Mrs Faranisese Kasami, Mrs Ria Akers and Mrs Alison Richards. Welcome aboard!

### Did you know?

...That you can find more information about our First Aid Champions week as part of our unique curriculum here: <https://annedwards.gloucs.sch.uk/first-aid-champions/>.

I hope you and yours have a lovely weekend.

Yours Sincerely

  
Ian Moore  
Headteacher

### Key Dates:

First Aid Champions Week

1<sup>st</sup> Aid Champions Week - Skip Hop workshops

PTA Disco

Last day of term

Half term

Toastie Tuesdays begin

Strike Action

Ann Edwards Book Day

Strike Action

Strike Action

Red Nose Day

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February (3pm finish)

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - school open to specific groups by invitation

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March – school open to Y2 and 6 children

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March – school open to specific groups by invitation

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March



Tempest Class Photos  
 Prayer Space Week – Spirituality garden focus  
 Parents' Evening - 10-minute phone calls  
 Easter Church Service (Yr3/4 parents/carers)  
 Last day of term  
 Easter Holidays  
 First day of term  
 Yr5 Cycling Proficiency  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
 KS1 SATS  
 Bank Holiday  
 PTA King's Coronation Fete  
 Bank Holiday for the Coronation  
 KS2 SATS  
 Last day of term  
 PTA Street Fair Family BBQ  
 Half Term  
 Yr4 Multiplication Check  
 Inset Day  
 First day of term  
 Yr1 Phonic Screening  
 EYFS New parents meeting  
 Experience Church Yr1 & Yr2  
 Year 6 Leavers Service – Gloucester Cathedral  
 Armed Forces Day  
 Sports Day  
 Yr6 dress rehearsal to school  
 Yr6 performances to parents  
 Prayer space week  
 Y6 Leaving event  
 Last day of term

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
 W/C 27<sup>th</sup> March – am or pm session  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9.30am – 10.30am  
 Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March (1.30pm finish)  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April  
 Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April  
 EYFS/Y6 height and weight checks (date change)  
 1-31<sup>st</sup> May  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May  
 Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 5pm – 6.30pm  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
 W/C 8<sup>th</sup> May  
 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May (3pm finish)  
 Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
 W/C 5<sup>th</sup> June – 3 week window  
 Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
 W/C 12<sup>th</sup> June  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July  
 Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Pm  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July PM and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July evening  
 W/C 17<sup>th</sup> July  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July (1.30pm finish)