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"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 17th March 2023

Newsletter No 10

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Dear Parents and Carers

What a lovely atmosphere we have in school this morning! Personally, it's lovely to be back after Covid having kindly reminded me that it was still a thing, but mainly there is such a nice feel around the place with Red Nose Day and our Mother's Day sale. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our smiley PTA volunteers for their time and support in making this happen, it's very much appreciated.

If you haven't already, please remember to sign up for parent-teacher consultations on either Tuesday 28th or Thursday 30th March; the teachers are looking forward to speaking with you and updating you on how the children are getting on in school. Next week, Reception, Year and Year 2 are heading to the Cotswold Wildlife Park for their first ever school trip! Covid really affected our ability to run events of this nature so everyone involved is really looking forward to that.

Extending School Hours

Following the government White Paper, those of you with us last academic year may remember that I wrote to you to invite you to engage with a consultation about extending our school hours to 32.5 per week. Following that, in the autumn, we took stock and agreed that this extension was not a priority at this time due to the budgetary impact of increasing support staff hours during a time of significant budgetary strain. However, the Department for Education has now stated that this change is not desirable but mandatory and so we will be extending the school day for the new academic year.

From September, the school day will run from 8.40 – 3.10, equating to 32.5 hours per week. The gate will open at 8.35. Through consultation, it was felt that finishing at 3.10 would help families get to clubs and other after-school activities, especially considering travel difficulties often experienced in the village.

Schoolwork Drop-Ins

I have received some feedback in recent weeks with some expressions of disappointment at not being able to look at pupils' work due to holding parent-teacher consultations (parents' evenings) via telephone appointments again. We've taken this on board and would like to offer two opportunities to come into school to have a look through your child/ren's work alongside your child/ren.

1. Monday 24th April 2.40 – 3.10: You may enter the classrooms from the external doors and look through books. If you have more than one child in school, you can spend ten minutes with each child in their learning space.
2. Wednesday 26th April 8.30 – 8.50: You may come into the hall to look at your child/ren's books alongside them. Please note that teachers will not be present at this time as they will be in class.

We will write to you next week to ask if you intend to visit on one of these slots so that we can ensure the books are set out ready and to help us know how many people to expect in any given space. I do understand that, whatever slots we offer, we won't be able to suit everybody and I am particularly aware of the challenges faced by those of you whose children travel to school on the army bus. However, I hope that this is a welcome offer and that the length of notice is useful.

You will receive an opportunity to feedback on how we run parent-teacher consultations next year through a parent carer survey in the summer term.



Safeguarding

I thought it would be helpful to share some resources around mental health and parenting, available [here](#) courtesy of the NSPCC.

The Daily Mile

Many of you will have seen Miss Lund's post on Class Dojo yesterday about the return of the Daily Mile, which I felt it would be helpful to reproduce here.

Yes, it's coming back!!

After the Easter holidays, we will be relaunching our mile run after gaining feedback from the school community.

It will consist of 3 sessions in the week:

Mile Monday - ensuring we try to get in our 5 laps to make a mile;

Wellbeing wander Wednesday - walk whilst chatting catching up with friends
and finally

Fit Fridays - where the UKS2 sport leaders will add in some extra excitement to the mile through obstacles, music and even a fun warm up.

As we know, there are huge benefits to being outside and engaging in active activity which is why we want this to be a whole school approach. The children will come in and register before then heading out for 15 minutes.

Children will need to have a pair of trainers they can keep in school to wear for the mile run and their school shoes to then change into afterwards. To help support this, the PTA have kindly offered to run a second hand trainer stall on Wednesday 29th March at 3pm, where you can give a donation to buy a pair of trainers. We all know how quickly children's feet grow and how expensive trainers can be. If you have any old children's trainers that are still in good condition that you would like to donate then please bring them into school by Monday 27th March.

Thank you for your support

Amazon Wishlist


Thank you to everyone who has supported us through the PTA Amazon Wishlist, including those of you who have shared with the local community and local business. People's generosity – often anonymous – has been humbling. We do still have some essential items on there that we need in the summer term, so any further support is very much appreciated.

The list can be accessed here: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2JMYGV5VHPKNI?ref_=wl_share

Did you know?

...That Miss Ward has updated the information on our website about teaching and learning in **phonics**. Please click [here](#) then scroll to the bottom of the page to find out more.

Yours Sincerely


Ian Moore
Headteacher

Key Dates:

Tempest Class Photos	Tuesday 21 st March
KS1 Cotswold Wildlife Park Trip	Wednesday 22 nd March
Prayer Space Week – Spirituality garden focus	W/C 27 th March – am or pm session
Parents' Evening - 10-minute phone calls	Tuesday 28 th & Thursday 30 th March
Easter Church Service (Yr3/4 parents/carers)	Friday 31 st March 9.30am – 10.30am
Last day of term	Friday 31 st March (1.30pm finish)
Easter Holidays	Monday 3 rd April – Friday 14 th April
First day of term	Monday 17 th April
Yr5 Cycling Proficiency	Monday 17 th April – Friday 28 th April
Schoolwork Drop-in Session	Monday 24 th April 2.40pm – 3.10pm
Schoolwork Drop-in Session	Wednesday 26 th April 8.30am – 8.50am
Tuesday 25 th April	EYFS/Y6 height and weight checks (date change)
KS1 SATS	1-31 st May
Bank Holiday	Monday 1 st May
PTA King's Coronation Fete	Thursday 4 th May 5pm – 6.30pm
Bank Holiday for the Coronation	Monday 8 th May
KS2 SATS	W/C 8 th May



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Last day of term	Friday 26 th May (3pm finish)
PTA Street Fair Family BBQ	Sunday 28 th May
Half Term	Monday 29 th May – Friday 2 nd June
Yr4 Multiplication Check	W/C 5 th June – 3 week window
Inset Day	Monday 5 th June
First day of term	Tuesday 6 th June
Yr1 Phonic Screening	W/C 12 th June
EYFS New parents meeting	Tuesday 13 th June
Experience Church Yr1 & Yr2	Wednesday 14 th June
Year 6 Leavers Service – Gloucester Cathedral	Wednesday 14 th June
Armed Forces Day	Friday 23 rd June
Sports Day	Friday 7 th July
Yr6 dress rehearsal to school	Monday 10 th July Pm
Yr6 performances to parents	Tuesday 11 th July PM and Thursday 13 th July evening
Prayer space week	W/C 17 th July
Y6 Leaving event	Monday 24 th July
Last day of term	Tuesday 25 th July (1.30pm finish)