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Learning and achieving in a caring community

"Do to others what you would have them do to you." - Matthew 7:12

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

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Newsletter No 4

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Dear Parents and Carers

I was going to express my surprise that it is December next week but we have actually been practising singing Christmas songs and KS1 have been working on their rehearsal for some time, so that would have been disingenuous of me! This is the first newsletter in this format for a little while owing to me not wishing to overload you with correspondence following some recent important letters on the following topics:

- The school's SIAMS report
- The school's Ofsted report
- Punctuality and morning routine
- Phase newsletters

I hope you have had the opportunity to read all of these. It has been pleasing to see greater general punctuality since my letter, thank you.

Please remember to read the key dates below as we do often receive calls and messages asking for information which has already been shared in this section.

Inclusion

We are approaching the time to review My Plans for children with special education needs and/or disabilities. Previously, only parents and carers of children on My Plan Plus or with an Education and Health Care Plan were invited to review meetings but we are now extending this to include all children on the SEND register. The aim of this change is to improve home-school communication as well as team working for your child/ren. We are also increasing the children's involvement in review of their strengths, needs and provision, although this will take some time to embed and for them to gain confidence in this approach. Our SENDCo, Mrs Singh, will attend some of these meetings alongside class teachers, who are in the process of contacting parents and carers with meeting slots.

Another improvement we are making is to ensure that each child has no more than three or four sharp targets which are achievable in eight to ten weeks, at which point they will be reviewed.

Safeguarding

Here is a link to the NSPCC website offering parents and carers support around recognising the signs that a child may be struggling with their mental health, which can be really hard to notice. They provide advice to help you support children who may be experiencing depression, anxiety, suicidal feelings or self-harm:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/childrens-mental-health/> .



Dental Hygiene and Drinks in School

Please remember that children should only have water in their water bottles in school, although they may of course have a different non-fizzy drink as part of their packed lunch. The reasons for this include reducing intake of sugars and additives and helping children to stay properly hydrated. Also, as they sip and drink throughout the day, we want to avoid them drinking sugary drinks which contribute to many preventable health conditions like obesity, tooth decay and Type 2 diabetes. We are fortunate to have Mrs Leon on the staff, who previously worked as a dental nurse and practice manager. She has signed up to the dental health organisation who provide useful resources to support children throughout the school. Also, she has provided the link for you to access important information: <https://www.dentalhealth.org/childrens-teeth>. Finally, Mrs Leon pointed out that the pH level of squash is not far from that of battery acid – a rather sobering thought.

In a very small number of cases among a pupil population of 240, a child may have specific individual needs relating to drinking which may require an alternative approach. If so, please contact Mrs Singh.

STEM

From Mrs Gleeson

We are delighted to announce that we have been successful in our application to become a STEM Enthuse Partnership. We have joined up with six other local schools - Fairford, Southrop, Bibury, North Cerney and Down Ampney - to begin the two-year STEM Enthuse Partnership. Over two years, the schools will work collaboratively to inspire our pupils to engage with Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) subjects and STEM-related careers.

The partnerships have significant benefits for teachers, young people, and employers, transforming both the educational culture around STEM in schools and the pupils' achievement and aspirations. The schools receive funding support and access to continued professional development, leading educational resources and STEM Ambassadors, volunteers from industry who share their background and knowledge to inspire young people in STEM subjects.

We will launch this next term with an introduction into STEM and aspirations for the children. What do the children want to be? What job do parents, family members do?

We aim to invite parents and carers into school in the spring term to talk about their jobs and hope to encourage the children to interview their parents over the Christmas Holidays about their jobs (more information to follow).

In the summer term, I will be running a STEM Club for LKS2 where in collaboration with the other schools, where we will be set challenges and this will culminate in a presentation of the club's achievements at one of the schools.

We are very excited to participate in this partnership and are looking forward to working with the ENTHUSE Partnership team, STEM learning, and colleagues from local primary schools to bring high-quality teaching and learning and STEM related opportunities to our pupils. If you work in a company that you think can support us either through talks, visits or STEM ambassadors please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Garages by School Entrance

I have been informed by Bromford Housing that the garages will be blocked off with Harris fencing for week beginning Sunday 3rd December, which will impact on parking when dropping off and picking up. Many of you will be aware that Berkeley Close is being significantly redeveloped over the next three to four years and eventually there will be no garages and new houses going up to the curb on the narrow walkway.

Did you know?

...That you can find more information about our English curriculum on our website [here](#).

Yours Sincerely



Ian Moore
Headteacher

Our PTA Amazon wishlist can be accessed here: list can be accessed [here](#).



Key Dates

KS1 Christmas Production – Dress Rehearsal to pupils
KS1 Christmas Production

EYFS Nativity

Church Christmas Service – All Hallows (Y3/4 Parents)
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner

Last day of term

INSET Day – school closed

First Day of Term

Open the Book (Yr3/4 Holly Parents) 9am

Last Day of Term

INSET Day – school closed

Half Term

Open the Book (Yr2 Birch Parents) 9am

Scholastic book fair

Open the Book (Yr1 Bay Parents) 9am

World Book Day

Tempest Class Photos

Comic Relief

Prayer Space Week

Parents' Evening

Easter Service – All Hallows (Yr1/2 Parents) 9.30am

Last day Of Term

Easter Holidays

First day of Term

Y5 Cycling Proficiency (2 weeks)

Open the Book (Yr1 Beech parents) 9am

Bank Holiday

Open the Book (Yr5 Oak Parents) 9am

Last Day of Term

Half Term

INSET Day – school closed

First Day of Term

EYFS New Parents meeting

Y6 Leavers Service Gloucester Cathedral

Open the Book (Apple Parents) 9am

Sports Day

Y6 Dress Rehearsal to pupils

Y6 Performances to Parents

End of Year Church service (Yr5/6 Parents)

Last day of Term

INSET Day – school closed

Tuesday 12th December (PM)

Thursday 14th December PM and

Evening Performances

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Wednesday 20th December

Thursday 21st December (1.30pm finish)

Friday 22nd December

Monday 8th January

Tuesday 16th January

Thursday 8th February

Friday 9th February

Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Tuesday 20th February

Thursday 22nd – 29th February

Tuesday 5th March

Thursday 7th March

Tuesday 12th March

Friday 15th March – TBC

Monday 18th – 22nd March

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st March

Friday 22nd March

Friday 22nd March (1.30pm finish)

Monday 25th March – Fri 5th April

Monday 8th April

Monday 15th April – 27th April

Tuesday 23rd April

Monday 6th May

Tuesday 21st May

Friday 24th May

Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June

Tuesday 4th June

Tuesday 11th June 5.45 – 6.45pm

Wednesday 12th June

Tuesday 18th June

Wednesday 3rd July

Monday 8th July PM

Tuesday 9th July PM and Thurs 11th

July Evening

Wednesday 17th July

Friday 19th July (1.30pm finish)

Monday 22nd July



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