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Dear Parents,

7th February, 2025

Attendance for this week: 93.83%

February is our month of kindness and the children have been making cards and bookmarks which will be being sent to various locations around Gloucester. Linking with this, we have heard that Gloucestershire Bundles are very low on stock, so if you can help, that would be wonderful and much appreciated.

Gloucestershire Bundles - can you help?

Gloucestershire Bundles is a charity providing emergency packs of toiletries, clothing and equipment to pregnant women and families with children up to the age of 16, who find themselves in crisis situations. Currently, they are extremely low on supplies and as a school, we would love to support them. If you are able to add a pack of newborn nappies to your weekend shop or any other toiletries suitable for a child or adult, please bring them into school next week. We will then ensure that they get to Gloucester Bundles warehouse during half term week.

Look Who's Talking!

It has been a wonderful week for Dinglewell in the Look Who's Talking competition with both Archie and Maya facing over 20 competitors in their respective competitions.

On Monday, Archie in 3B travelled to Elmbridge Primary to take part in the next round for lower Key Stage 2 children. He delivered a speech on Lego and spoke very clearly and confidently, impressing his teacher, Miss Brooke, and the rest of the audience. We are very proud of him for reaching this stage of the competition and being such a fabulous ambassador for the school! Then on Tuesday, Dinglewell hosted the next round of the Upper Key Stage 2 competition and we were represented by Maya in 6J. Maya's topic was Phobias and her talk was very well received by the audience and judges alike and Maya was the announced as winner of this round. This is wonderful news for us here at Dinglewell and means that she will represent our school in the final. Watch this space for more information. In the meantime, our congratulations to go Archie and Maya for being such excellent representatives for Dinglewell Junior School. Well done to you both.

Breakfast & After School Club booking forms for Term 4

Forms have been sent home to every child who currently uses the provision in order to assist with their bookings for next term. Spare copies are also available from the website and Reception. As these facilities are becoming ever more popular, please book as soon as possible to secure your child's place. Please remember that a minimum 50% payment of the term's fees is due at the time of booking and that forms cannot be accepted from families with outstanding monies owing until their present balance is paid in full.

Cheltenham Dance Festival

On Thursday 13th February, our Dance Club will be performing their routine at the Cheltenham Dance Festival in front of an anticipated large audience at the Everyman Theatre. They have been rehearsing every week since last September and we wish them the very best of luck. Watch this space for a news report soon. Miss Richardson, Miss Lavis and Mrs Sinclair who have been coaching them will be cheering them on as will lots of their parents.

Non-uniform day - Friday 14th February

The FoDJS (Friends of Dinglewell Junior School) have organised a non-uniform day on the last day of this term, on Friday 14th February, in return for a £1 donation.

Year 6 Residential trip

A kit list has been issued to all those children on the Residential trip later this year. A copy of this is also available on the School Website. A reminder that the 4th instalment of £75 was due on Monday 3rd February. It is imperative that all instalment payments are made according to the schedule issued as school is invoiced at regular intervals by Barton Hall and the funds must be available to pay the invoices accordingly. If you are having any financial difficulties in meeting the payment schedule, please call School to discuss the situation - thank you.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

Thank you to all the parents who have already been to try the hoodies on their children, the hoodie order will be submitted on 24th February so please don't forget to order by then.

Breakfast and After School Club Assistant

We are looking for a Breakfast and After School Club Assistant to start after half term. If you or someone you know would be interested in this position, please contact admin@dinglewell-jun.gloucs.sch.uk for more information.

Cold Weather warnings



We hope we don't have to use the Emergency school closure procedures, but if we do, parents should listen-in to local radio broadcasts from 7am or go to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures> to check. Any notice of closure will also be put on the school website and the school's Facebook page.

Messy Church - Saturday 8th February

MESSY CHURCH at St Philip & St James Church, Larkhay Road meet again on Saturday 8th February 4 - 5.30pm. Our theme is "The Friend at Midnight". There will be lots of things to do for all the family from painting a portrait of your friend to Giant Jenga! There will even be a chance to make your own sandwiches for tea! Everyone is welcome.

Skaters Club at Leisure @ Cheltenham

We're a non-profit organisation focused on providing the local community with a fun, active weekly roller skating session every Saturday. Our sessions provide a family-friendly environment where children and parents of all ages and skating abilities can enjoy expert tuition, stay active, and have a great time together. We also incorporate team-building activities that help skaters develop trust and mutual respect, which strengthens relationships and fosters a positive, supportive atmosphere. For more information please check out www.skatersclub.org.uk

Here are this week's Merit Certificate winners - well done everyone!



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 10th February - In the Net presentation for Y4
Tuesday 11th February - 5H Forest School
Tuesday 11th February - Y4 Swimming
Wednesday 12th February - Y3/4 Key Steps Gym competition
Thursday 13th February - Gloucester Schools Dance Festival
Thursday 13th February - Boys football v Upton (home)
Friday 14th February - Non-School uniform day £1 donation
Friday 14th February - School closes at 3.15pm for half-term holidays

Monday 24th February -
Tuesday 25th February - Y4 Swimming
Wednesday 26th February -
Thursday 27th February -
Friday 28th February - 3H Forest School (provisional date)

Don't forget School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 14th February for half-term and will re-open on Monday 24th February at 8.30am

Term Dates for 2025-26 are now available from Reception

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PROVIDE NUTS OR ANY NUT DERIVATIVE FOOD IN SCHOOL DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



Correspondence sent out this week:

Kit list for Y6 Residential (also available on the website)
Breakfast & After School Clubs for Term 4

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