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Dear Parents,

24th January 2025

Attendance for this week: 93.87 %

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We had an excellent day on Monday with our Y6 Egyptian day. There were some really wonderful costumes this year and we've included some photos of the event below in a separate news item. Our extra-curricular clubs have started this week and we hope that everyone enjoyed their new clubs.

End of School Day

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all parents that if you have been asked to take somebody else's child home after school that you ensure that the parent has written their permission in their child's reading record or that they have contacted school prior to the end of the school day.

3H Forest School

Sadly 3H had to postpone their Forest School session today due to the weather forecast, Mrs Hazel will notify parents of the revised date shortly.

MTC (Year 4 parents) and KS2 SATs (Year 6 parents) evenings

Thank you to all those parents who came to the above meetings on Monday evening. We hope you enjoyed the meetings and found them informative. Copies of the presentations are now available to view on the school website under the Blogs section for the relevant year group. Y6 parents who wish to purchase the CGP revision guides should complete and return the forms to school by Thursday 30th January. Copies of the revision guides are available to view in Reception if you would like to look before you commit to purchasing them. They are being sold at a specially negotiated price with CGP but we cannot guarantee this price point if you don't submit your order by the deadline date as the discount is for a bulk order, with all items being delivered to school at the same time.

Y6 Egyptian Day - Monday 20th January



On Monday, Year 6 experienced a fantastic Egyptian day from Portals to the Past. We learned about mummification; Egyptian gods and looked at genuine artefacts. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day. All photos can be seen on the Year 6 blog. A big thank you to the Friends of Dinglewell Junior School who paid for this enrichment event.

Y6 Height & Weight session - Monday 27th January

Staff from the NHS will be here on Monday 27th January for the annual Y6 Height & Weight measurement sessions as per their correspondence previously circulated. If you have not opted out prior to the session taking place, your child will be weighed and their height measured by the NHS staff.

Y5 Planetarium - Wednesday 29th January

Y5 children are looking forward to the mobile Planetarium which will be visiting us next week. A big thank you to the Friends of Dinglewell Junior School who are paying for this enrichment event.

Eco Warriors News

The Eco Warriors have been busy this week finding out about the Climate and Nature Bill that was having its second reading in parliament today. They wrote a letter to our local MP, Alex McIntyre, to ask him to give his support to this important bill. We are hopeful that the bill will be passed so that we can continue to work towards looking after our natural world and slowing down climate change.

Y6 Residential trip

With the next payment of £75 due in early February, it is an appropriate time to issue the kit list for this upcoming activity. With this in mind, all children booked to go on the trip will be issued with a comprehensive kit list next week. Please read it carefully, the emphasis is on using old clothes and things you don't mind getting dirty for the outdoor activities planned. Please do not buy nice new clothes for this trip. Additionally, please remember that if your child's medical information changes or you wish to provide any additional information for the staff about them, you can change these details within the Residential Trip section of your ParentPay account under the sub heading marked Additional Information. We would prefer that you ensure that this is updated and current before the trip as we aim not have parents coming in with last minute medical information on the actual day of departure. Arrangements will be made in the week prior to the trip for parents to drop off medication for their children which is to be in its original packaging (particularly if it's prescription medication), which must be clearly labelled with the child's details and dosage instructions.

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.

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 27th January - Y6 Height & Weight Check NHS
Monday 27th January - Y6 Author event (MG Leonard)
Tuesday 28th January - 5SL Forest School
Wednesday 29th January - Y5 Planetarium event in School
Thursday 30th January -
Friday 31st January - 3B Forest School

Monday 3rd February -
Tuesday 4th February - Look Who's Talking GSP Finals
Tuesday 4th February - 5R Forest School
Wednesday 5th February -
Thursday 6th February - 6J/6BC/6R Forest School
Friday 7th February - 3C Forest School

**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:

Eco Warrior trip letter (Eco Warriors only)
Football letter (Boys) team only

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