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Dear Parents,

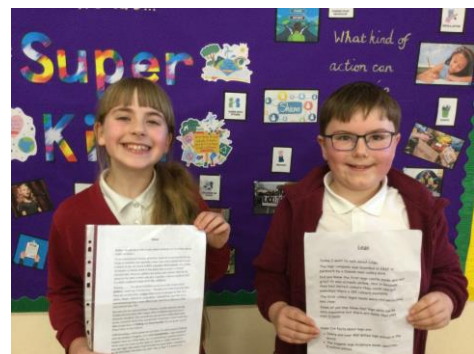
17<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Attendance for this week: 96.48%

Welcome to this week's newsletter. We've had a great week here in school with everyone really enjoying the Look Who's Talking Competition culminating in the whole school watching the class winners presenting their chosen topics. Y4 have started their swimming lessons this week and club places have been assigned and letters sent out. Extra-curricular clubs will be starting next week and children must be collected at 4.15pm from outside Reception.

### **Look Who's Talking Competition 2025**

On Wednesday, the whole school listened to our class finalists for the "Look Who's Talking" oracy competition. There was a diverse range of topics including: badgers, Walsall FC, Autism, Marie Curie, lego, phobias and singing. It was a really tough choice for our judges Mrs Halford and Mr Jones. Maya and Archie were awarded the Star Speaker certificates and will move forward to represent the school at the Gloucester finals in February. Thank you to all parents for supporting their children with their talks, it was an amazing standard this year.



### **Clubs for Spring Term**

Places have been issued for clubs this term and all successful applicants have received a note confirming their place this week and clubs start next week. If your child has been given a place in a club that they no longer want please let the School Office know as there is a small waiting list for some clubs this term. Any child who has been granted a place in a club but is on 2<sup>nd</sup> swim this term can join the club on their return from swimming. Similarly, any child who usually goes to after school club will be taken immediately to the Hub on their return from swimming.

### **Reminder about information evening on MTC (Year 4 parents) and KS2 SATs (Year 6 parents)**

Letters were sent out last week to Year 4 and Year 6 parents about the information evening on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January for the MTC (4:30-5pm) and KS2 SATs (5:15pm). If you have not returned your reply slip and will be attending, please do so on Monday so Mrs. Naylor has an idea on the number of parents to expect. Thank you.

### Y6 Egyptian Day - Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January

Y6 pupils are looking forward to their Egyptian Day next Monday. Children are invited to wear costumes as an archaeologist, pharaoh or mummy - pictures for inspiration have already been shared with the children. If, however, your child would prefer not to, please can they arrive wearing school uniform.

### Y5 Planetarium visit - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5 will be having a visit from a mobile planetarium on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Each class will be participating in their own session where they will explore the solar system, a virtual space station and watch a planet adventure film. This experience has been generously gifted by The Friends of Dinglewell Junior School.

### Football news

Yesterday, the Football team travelled to Harewood Junior School to play their last fixture of their league. Initially, it was an even contest until Harewood began to dominate possession. Unfortunately, the home team managed to score twice before half time. Following the break, Harewood continued to boss the game and eventually won the contest 4-0. We have to congratulate the better team on the day. Now the team are looking forward to competing in the knock out cup competition. Good luck boys!

### 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 20<sup>th</sup> January - Y6 Egyptian Day, Y4 MTC and Y6 SATs information evening  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January - 5H Forest School  
Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January -  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January -  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January - 3H Forest School

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

Confirmation of club places (successful applicants only)

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