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Dear Parents,

10th January 2025

Attendance for this week: 95.47%

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025! We do hope that everyone had a wonderful and relaxing time over the Christmas holidays and that the children are refreshed and ready to learn. As the weather is definitely colder at the moment, please make sure that your child has a waterproof coat with them every day as we do like to get the children out in the fresh air at lunch/breaktimes whenever possible. Please make sure that their coats, hats, scarfs and gloves are named.

Look Who's Talking Competition 2025

The Gloucester Schools Partnership (GSP) are running their annual Look Who's Talking Competition in the new year and this week the children have taken part in their class heats so that class finalists can be selected for our School Finals on Wednesday 15th January 2025. Our School Finalists will then go forward to the Key Stage 2 Gloucester Schools Final.

Homework

Following feedback from both parents and staff, we have decided not to set homework on Teams. Our focus will be on Reading, Spellings and Maths (which includes learning of timetables). Children are expected to:

- Read at least three times a week and have their planners signed by an adult
- Practise their weekly spellings in preparation for Friday's tests
- Continue to complete MyMaths homework set on Mondays each week (this will now have an extended completion date of one week)
- Practise timetables using ttrackstars

Thank you for your support in ensuring your children complete these tasks.

Start of the Day

The children are now very use to the routine of lining up on the playground at the start of the day. Please could we ask that parents/carers do not line up with the children for safety reasons as we need to see children clearly. If you want to stay on the playground until your child goes into school, please may we ask you stand at the very back of the playground by the trim trail. If your child is late for school, they must come to the office where a member of staff will escort them to their class. Please do not take them to their classes or go round the back of the classroom pods.

Reminder about how to see/speak to your child's class teacher

At Dinglewell, we have always had, and will continue to have, an open-door policy for parents to come in and talk to staff about any concerns or issues with their child. Please can we remind you that you must come to the office to book appointments with staff as doing this at classroom doors at the beginning/end of day isn't ideal due to commitments of the staff with the children in their care.

We, as a school, are here to help you and have always had a great relationship with all our stake holders. Unfortunately, we have had an increased number of unacceptable behaviours towards staff. We have a zero tolerance for abuse in our school and aggressive, intimidatory or disrespectful behaviour will not be tolerated. If this does happen, you will be asked to leave immediately, and this may result in a ban from the school site. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Year 4 MTC and Year 6 SATS

Today, Year 4 children have brought home a letter about an information evening on Monday 20th January at 4:30 - 5:00 pm for the MTC they will be taking in June. Year 6 children have also brought home a letter about an information evening, also on Monday 20th January, at 5:15pm about KS2 SATs which they will be taking in May. Please can parents return the reply slips so Mrs. Naylor knows how many parents to expect for each session. Many thanks.

New PE/Games Slots from January - Whole School

Year 3 Indoor PE: All classes Fridays. Outdoor Games: All classes Thursdays

Year 4 Indoor PE: All classes Mondays. Swimming: All classes Tuesdays

Year 5 Indoor PE: All classes Wednesdays. Outdoor Games: 5H and 5R Mondays, 5SL Thursdays

Year 6 Indoor PE: All classes Tuesdays. Outdoor Games: 6CB and 6R Wednesdays, 6J Fridays

Year 4 Swimming

All children have been advised of their new swimming groups for lessons which start on Tuesday 14th January 2025. Children in the second group will return to school at approximately 3.40pm, depending on the traffic. ParentPay remains open for parents to make the necessary payments for this activity.

Clubs for Spring Term

Application forms for places at extra-curricular clubs running in the Spring Term have been sent home with the children this week. Please ensure that you return your child's form by Monday 13th January in order for us to allocate places so clubs can start on Monday 20th January.

Year 6 Indoor Athletics Event update



A massive congratulations to the Year 6 Athletics team who showed amazing sportsmanship, determination and enthusiasm at today's Sportshall Athletics Event at the UOG Arena! They took part in a range of track and field events, some of which the children had never done before, and wore our new sport event T-Shirts - which the children felt proud to wear and they represented DJS incredibly well.

Y6 Egyptian Day - Monday 20th January

On Monday 20th January, Year 6 pupils will experience an Egyptian day led by the company 'Portals to the Past'. During the day, children will experience the mummification process; learn how to measure using Egyptian units and handle genuine artefacts nearly 3000 years old. 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. Staff will take photos of the day and they will appear on the Year 6 blog.

Emotion Coaching sessions at School

As a school we have been using Emotion Coaching which helps children to recognise and manage emotions. The Emotion Coaching model works across both home and school settings, through a clear and consistent approach, including a proven model of parental engagement and workshops...

Emotion Coached children and young people: -Achieve more academically in school; Have fewer behavioural problems: Are more emotionally stable; and are more resilient. We are planning to run parental workshops during the Spring Term. It is a 4 week programme and this term will be on Monday afternoons. If you are interesting in joining this programme please contact the school office and we will be in touch.

Y6 Residential trip - next payment

Just a quick reminder that the next payment of £75 was due on Monday 6th January. Anyone who has yet to make this payment should do so at the earliest opportunity please. If you have any difficulty in making this stage payment please contact the School Office as soon as possible.

Out of School achievements



Elsie has her hair cut! Elsie in Y3 has been growing her hair, to donate over 12 inches to Little Princess Trust, for the last year. Alongside this brave decision, she has raised £450 in sponsorship money, to go towards the £700 it takes to make a wig, for a young person that has lost their hair due to illness. We are all so proud of her!

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 13th January -
Tuesday 14th January - 5R Forest School
Wednesday 15th January - Look Who's Talking Oracy competition
Thursday 16th January - Football v Harewood (away) Boys
Friday 17th January -

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

Clubs forms for Spring Term

Football letter (boys team)

MTC Letter (Y4 hard copy)

SATS letter (Y6 hard copy)

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