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Dear Parents,

22nd November 2024

Attendance for this week: 96.28%

This week has seen a rather damp and, at times, snowy cohort from Year 6 doing their Cycling Proficiency but everyone has passed with flying colours despite the weather throwing everything at them including snow! The Cycling Proficiency staff have been really impressed with the 'can do' attitude and excellent manners displayed by the group this year and we are rightly proud to hear these kind words and, as parents, you should be proud too. Well done!

Rehearsals are well underway for our Christmas production with letters coming home today regarding ticket sales. Please remember that there are NO extra-curricular clubs running next week due to Parents Evening appointments. If you have forgotten to book a parents evening appointment, please call the school office who will do their best to accommodate you in finding an appointment. At present over 84% of parents have booked their appointments which is fantastic news.

Message from the Chair of Governors

We recently wrote to all parents to indicate that there would be an opportunity to take on a more supportive and involved role within your child's school, as there was to be a parent governor role vacancy that we would like to fill. No nominations were received following our previous mail shot and therefore new Nomination forms have been sent home again this week and if you are interested in this role and would like further information, please contact the Clerk to the Governors at clerk@dinglewells-jun.gloucs.sch.uk

FoDJS Non-Uniform Day - Friday 6th December

On Friday 6th December, the FoDJS are holding a non-uniform day, but instead of paying £1, they are asking for donations of new, unwrapped items such as: toiletries, beauty sets, mugs, socks, ties, scarfs, gloves, chocolates, sweets etc. but NO alcohol please. These will then be sold at ELFridges gift shop at their up-coming Christmas Disco which will be on Wednesday 11th December. Donations can be given to the class teachers or delivered directly to the Hall on Friday 6th December in the morning. The ELFridges shop will then sell the items at the Disco, prices will range from 50p to £2 per gift. Information about ticket sales for the Christmas Disco will be sent home next week.

Coats

As the weather has turned colder, please make sure that your child has a suitable waterproof coat with them that is clearly named.

Christmas dinner - Thursday 18th December

Letters have recently been sent home with your child to order a school Christmas dinner if they would like one. **Forms must be returned to school by no later than Monday 2nd December** in order to meet Caterlink's ordering deadline. **Forms returned after this date cannot be accepted.** All

children will sit together whether they are having a Christmas dinner or sandwiches so nobody will miss out on the festive occasion. At the moment, there are still 132 children who have not returned their forms.

Pantomime reminder

We are delighted to be going to the Pantomime at The Roses Theatre again this year to see Cinderella. The Friends of Dinglewell Junior School (FoDJS) have very kindly agreed to subsidise this event and will be paying for the coaches to/from the venue. Parents only need to pay for the ticket via ParentPay at a cost of £12.50 per child and ParentPay is now open until the 10th December. Years 3 & 6 will be on 3rd December, Year 5 on 5th December and Year 4 on 10th December. Children will require a packed lunch on their day. If your child is eligible for Free School Meals and you would like school to provide your child with a packed lunch, please let the School Office know by Monday 25th November. Many thanks.

Football news

The boys' football team hosted a very strong Elmbridge team on Thursday this week. Elmbridge came flying at Dinglewell, passing the ball well and driving superbly into space. A deserved 5-0 lead was quickly gained within the first ten minutes of play. With the game out of reach, Dinglewell started the second in much better shape and managed to contain an Elmbridge team desperate to score more goals. The final score was 0-6 Elmbridge, a deserved victory and an enjoyable game for all despite the heavy loss. The next game is Upton at home next Thursday.

On Thursday 21st November, the Dinglewell Girls Football team went to Oxstalls Sports Park to participate in the GPSFA Girls' League Play-Offs. We kicked off the tournament with a 1:0 win against Hempsted which was a strong team. Our second game was versus Churchdown, which we also managed to win, with Flo T. scoring a goal right before the final whistle! Even though we drew our third game against Finlay, we had enough points to go into the Semi Finals. The girls faced tough opponents from Field Court and unfortunately we lost our first ever match in the League, with a 0:1 score. It was a very cold evening and some girls were tired from the Cross Country tournament, but they showed extreme resilience and we managed to secure a draw in our last match of the day, which meant we finished in third place! There are 38 Primary schools that participate in the Girls' Football League, so the girls should be very proud of their achievement this year.

Cross-Country news

An enthusiastic group of 45 children travelled to the annual cross-country championships at Holmleigh Park on Thursday this week. The children represented the school admirably in all year groups, pushing themselves to the limit in the beautiful, if not chilly, conditions. Dinglewell won a host of Silver year group awards so it was no surprise that in the overall prize Dinglewell took a well-deserved Silver medal. Congratulations to the children and thank you to the many parents who turned up to support their children, with a special mention for Mrs Wainwright for her impromptu officiating role!

School Photo information

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Tuesday 26th November 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Free Winter activities for children, young people & families in Gloucester

The booking line is live from 2nd December for HAF Winter Activities which will take place between 23rd December and 3rd January. For enquiries: www.gloscityhaf.co.uk or call 07340 709871 or email: gloshafconnector@gmail.com

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

ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS ARE CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Monday 25th November - Parents Evening for Years 4,5 & 6 only
Monday 25th November - 4Sh Forest School
Tuesday 26th November - Y5 Swimming lessons
Wednesday 27th November - Parents Evening for All year groups
Thursday 28th November - Y3 Parents Evening
Thursday 28th November - Boys Football v Upton (home)
Friday 29th November - 3C Forest School

ALL CLUBS ARE RUNNING AS NORMAL THIS WEEK

Monday 2nd December - 4F Forest School
Tuesday 3rd December - Y3 & Y6 Panto visit
Tuesday 3rd December - Y5 Swimming lessons
Wednesday 4th December -
Thursday 5th December - Y5 Panto visit
Friday 6th December - Y6 Forest School
Friday 6th December - Non-school uniform day. Children to bring in donation of gift for ELFridges present room at Xmas disco.

Term Dates 2024-25

Copies of term dates for 2024-25 are available from Reception
All relevant school policies are available to view on our Website.

Don't forget School will close at 12.30pm on Friday 20th December for the Christmas Holidays

**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:

Parent Governor Nomination Forms hard copy to all children
ELFridges letter hard copy to all children

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