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Dear Parents,

15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Attendance for this week: 96.54%

This term, like all others, is action packed and there is a lot of information, especially with the lead up to Christmas, within our newsletters for you to read. Not least of which is the fact that in conjunction with Dinglewell Infant School we can now confirm that **at end of this term (Christmas), Easter and Summer terms, both schools will close at 12.30pm** and not 2pm as in previous years. This change has also been co-ordinated with the organisers of the Y6 Leavers Events. There will be no lunch served on these days.

### Year 6 Bikeability

Pupils taking part in Bikeability next week will need to bring in a padlock, helmet and roadworthy bike on Monday where staff will meet them to attach their bikes to the picket fences. Pupils are allowed to leave their bikes overnight but you should note that this is entirely at your own risk. The Bikeability team will be taking children out whatever the weather, so please ensure they have suitable clothing and waterproofs.

### Coats

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

### Appointments with staff

Please could we respectfully remind all parents/carers who wish to speak to their child's class teacher to make an appointment/request a phone call via the Office and not approach the teacher directly either before/after school by waiting at the classroom door - thank you.

### Parents Evenings

Further to today's email to parents, we would like to apologise for the outage today which has prevented bookings being made for a period of time. The system is now back up and running and we thank you for your patience with this unforeseen situation.

Parents Evenings will be on the following evenings:

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November: Years 4, 5 and 6

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November: All year groups

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November: Year 3 only

Please use the following link to make bookings <https://dinglewelljunior.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> and if you have any difficulty in making an appointment, just call the Office staff who will be pleased to help you. Parents Evening this time will consist of a 10 minute in-person appointment with the Class Teacher which we hope you will find useful and informative (Class Teachers will have

information about Maths). If you have recently had a meeting with the SENDCo to review your child's MyPlan Plus it is not necessary to book a separate Parents Evening appointment but you are welcome to come and look at your child's books if you would like.

### **All extra-curricular clubs - CANCELLED WEEK COMMENCING 25<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Please note that ALL extra-curricular clubs will be cancelled for the week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November due to Parents Evenings that week. Clubs will resume as normal the following week.

### **Children In Need 2024 - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

A big thank you to everyone who took part in dressing in spots/non-uniform to support this year's Children in Need Appeal. All the money raised is on its way to Pudsey HQ to start helping children as soon as possible.

### **School Photos**

Proofs of your child's individual school photos have been sent home this week with your child. If you are interested in purchasing a copy(ies) please follow the instructions on the proof letter.

### **Disasters Emergency Committee Sale - update**

Many thanks to everyone who bought something at Year 4's sale this week raising funds for the Disasters Emergency Committee. They raised a magnificent total of £252. Well done Year 4! Here are a few pictures from the event.



### **Class 3B Forest School change of date**

Unfortunately we have had to re-arrange the next session of 3B Forest School from 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The new date will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, so please make a note of this in your diary. The children have already been advised of this change.

### **Dinglewell Junior School children attend Remembrance Parade**

Last Sunday, Mrs Short, Mrs Gough and Mrs Randle led a group of children who attended this year's Remembrance Parade at the War Memorial on Green Lane. They were joined by many other staff, children and their parents to pay their respects. Thank you to everyone who joined us.



## Year 6 News



On Monday, Year 6 paid their respects to war veterans by visiting the memorial on Green Lane. While there, we read WW1 poetry and laid poppy artwork. Similarly, the whole school heard how the money raised from poppy sales support the Royal British Legion. We would also like to thank our Year 6 children from 6J who have been taking the poppies and other merchandise from the Royal British Legion around to all of the classes for the last few weeks. A representative from the British Legion has now collected all the donations and expressed their continued thanks for our support.

## Christmas dinner – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Letters have been sent home this week 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## 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 10<sup>th</sup> December. Years 3 & 6 will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, Year 5 on 5<sup>th</sup> December and Year 4 on 10<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> November. Many thanks.

## Football News

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November Dinglewell boys played Kingsholm away. On a beautiful crisp afternoon the long grass tickled knees as starlings murmured above the city, the halfway line cutting a line two thirds up the tiny pitch. Dinglewell got off to a flyer, fizzing the ball around and dodging some hefty tackles. Mykolas scored a belter, turning sharply to poke home with his right. Soon after Lucas sent a thirty-yard screamer towards goal which was turned in by a hapless defender. The second half started with a Kingsholm goal to set up a tense finale. The crowd was treated to ten minutes of injury time as Kingsholm were afforded every opportunity to find an equaliser. The defensive effort was immense throughout; the boys should be very proud of an exceptionally hard-fought 1-2 victory.

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, the Girls' Football team played their last group match in the Gloucester Schools Girls' League. We came home with an amazing 3:0 victory, with Flo T scoring a hat-trick! This was only possible with an outstanding support from her team players - Flo N and Isla. It was a tough game, but luckily our defence stood their ground and only let two strikes into our goal which were brilliantly saved by our great goalkeeper Renae. We have won all of our group games and finished top of our group. We now will be playing in the Girls' League Play-Offs next Thursday. Well done girls for all of your hard work and parent for supporting them! Special thanks to Mr Webber for all his help with setting up and support during the matches.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> November - 4Su Forest School  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November - Y5 Swimming lessons  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November -  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Cross Country Championships  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Boys Football v Elmbridge (home)  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November - Girls Football at Oxstalls Park  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November -

ALL EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS ARE CANCELLED THIS WEEK

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

## 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.

**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:

Boys Football (team only x 2 fixtures)  
Christmas Dinner order form  
Parents Evening letters

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