

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Attendance for this week: 96.16%

Dear Families,

It's been a busy week in school and, as we march into October, just a few little reminders from us...

Our staff are always happy to help and will get back to you as quickly as they can, but sometimes they're juggling ten things at once, so, if you pop into the office and find a bit of a queue, prepare for a friendly huddle and we'll be with you as soon as possible.

Clubs are buzzing with activity, and children seem to have packed social calendars busier than most adults! If you get a call from school, please don't worry. We're simply making sure we know where every child is and that everyone is safe and accounted for.

A little plea from us, please have a read of the newsletter each week and if a fellow parent has missed a message or update, please feel free to spread the word.

School life is wonderfully busy, wonderfully noisy and sometimes wonderfully chaotic, but when we all work together it makes everything run that little bit smoother. Here's to a fantastic October filled with learning, laughter, autumn adventures and plenty of happy faces. Let's keep smiling, keep communicating and keep being the amazing school community we know and love!

School Photographs

School photographs are taking place on **Monday 28th September**, so it's time to get photo ready! Please make sure children come to school in their full school uniform, with shiny shoes, neatly ironed uniforms and their very best smiles. If your child attends **Montagu**, please remember to send their kit in with them for changing and 4SS, please bring your forest school clothes with you to change into. We can't wait to capture some wonderful school memories and see everyone looking their absolute best!

Headlice maybe looming so let's keep them away...

Those cheeky little head lice think school is great fun as they race around and run! But we're much too clever and won't let them stay, so tie long hair back and keep brushes your own each day. Don't share hats or bobbles, no matter how nice they look, because head lice love a shortcut more than a storybook.

Regular checks at home can help send them on their way, and if they do pop by, a quick treatment saves the day. Let's work together to stop those tiny pests in their tracks, so the only thing spreading around school is laughter, learning and snacks!

School dinner monies – outstanding reminder

Our school dinner account has been looking a little hungry lately! If you have an outstanding dinner balance, please could you give it a quick feed via ParentPay.

Winners of the 3H TTRockstars Tournament 14th - 20^h September are:

3H - 1st place Albert.T, 2nd place Ariana, 3rd place Zara.R
3B - 1st place Oscar, 2nd place Henry, 3rd place Hallie
3C - 1st place Cesca, 2nd place Lucas, 3rd place Annabelle

Thank you to the Year 4 children for practising their times tables so well this week on TTRockstars, every little helps. The winners of this week's battle are:

Mrs Stanley and Mrs Short's set: Albie J, Charlie E and Madison D
Mr Sullivan's set: Daniella GB, Poppy W and April B
Miss Belton's set: Jacob P-W, Freddie N and Effimie R

Year 3 visit

On Monday 21st Year 3 parents were welcomed into their child's classroom for an afternoon art lesson. We were incredibly grateful for the high turnout as we are aware that, for many, it meant rescheduling work commitments / childcare.

Teachers and TAs really enjoyed watching parents and children being creative together to create dinosaur silhouette pictures in a way that suited their confidence and artistic skills. We hope that it gave our parents an insight into the atmosphere created at Dinglewell Junior School and our aim to allow all of our pupils to access learning at a level appropriate to them.

The boring, but so important stuff

Term 1 After school club - Although half term may still feel a little way off, we'd like to send a gentle reminder that payment for Term 1 is due by **9th October**.

If you are paying via childcare vouchers, please arrange this as soon as possible, as voucher payments can take a couple of weeks to reach the bank and be processed.

Making payment early will help ensure everything is in place before the deadline.

Flu vaccinations – a reminder email was sent on Wednesday about flu vaccinations. Please make sure you read the information provided and complete the online consent form.

<https://www.ghcimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=GC115495>

Close the gate - A gentle reminder to all parents and visitors: please make sure the school gate is closed securely behind you when entering or leaving the site. It only takes a moment, but it plays an important part in keeping our children safe and ensuring the school grounds remain secure throughout the day. Thank you for helping us look after everyone in our school community

Garden tools shout out

Got a lonely planter gathering dust? A half-used bag of soil hiding in the shed? Or a trowel that's seen better days and is ready for one last mission?

We're on the hunt for any spare planters, soil, and especially hand-held gardening tools. Before they become permanent residents of your garage, let them enjoy a new life helping our children get their hands dirty (in the best possible way!).

If you can help, please let the office know. Your forgotten gardening bits could become our next blooming masterpiece!

Tea towels

To celebrate the **60th Anniversary of Dinglewell Junior School**, the children took part in a special project, creating colourful self-portraits as part of our birthday celebrations last week. Each child's artwork has been carefully brought together and professionally scanned to create a commemorative tea towel for each year group.

These unique tea towels capture the creativity and individuality of our pupils and serve as a wonderful keepsake to mark this significant milestone in the school's history. We hope they will provide families with a lasting reminder of this special anniversary year and the many memories made at Dinglewell Junior School.

Children who took part will have been sent a letter and sample of their work, please take a look and if you wish to order one, the deadline is **7th October**.

Census day – menu change

We will be changing our menus next week because of Census day so Thursday will be Friday's menu and Friday will be Thursday's menu!

Girls football match results.....

Girls' Football Tournament Success! What an amazing performance from the Dinglewell girls today!

The whole team played brilliantly, showing fantastic teamwork, determination and skill throughout the tournament. Every girl gave 100% and should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

A special mention goes to Ava Brown, who scored a superb goal to help Dinglewell secure the result. The girls finished winners of the tournament by just 1 point, narrowly beating Heron in a fantastic finish!

This fantastic result means the girls have now qualified for the finals on 15th October, where they will compete against the other top teams.

A huge well done to every player - you were absolutely brilliant and represented Dinglewell with pride. We are so proud of you all!

Young Voices

For those who have joined the Young Voices choir, parent invitations have been sent out by email with a link to register with Young Voices. Please can these be completed by **Sunday 27th September** so we can confirm numbers early next week.

Our Lantern-Making Adventure Begins!

What an exciting first week we have had as we begin our Gloucester City Council Lantern Procession project! This year's lantern procession theme is 'Maritime', celebrating 200 years of Gloucester Docks. We are incredibly excited to be part of this special celebration and to help bring the history and spirit of the docks to life through our lanterns.

A group of 30 children from our school have been chosen to take part. Over the coming weeks, the children will be working together to design, build and decorate our lantern structures, which they will proudly carry during the procession.

Our first week has been all about getting started! The children have been learning how to work with the materials, thinking creatively about our maritime theme and beginning to construct the frameworks for their lanterns. There has already been lots of teamwork, problem-solving and, of course, plenty of excitement! It has been wonderful to see the children sharing ideas, helping one another and watching their creations slowly begin to take shape. What started as simple materials is already becoming something very special.

We can't wait to see how our lanterns develop over the next few weeks. We'll be sharing more updates as our maritime lanterns take shape and we get closer to the big procession!



Watch this space for more lantern-making adventures!

Other information



Celebration assembly

Congratulations to all the children who received a merit certificate today.



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 28th September – School photos
Montagu/Christmas production club. 4SS
Forest school

Tuesday 29th September – Y5
Swimming/cheerleading/ flu vaccinations

Wednesday 30th September – With The
ball multisoccer/girls football club/flu
vaccinations

Thursday 1st October – Young Voices/Y6
parents residential meeting.

Friday 2nd October –

Monday 5th October – School photos
Montagu/Christmas production club. 4B
Forest school

Tuesday 6th October – Y5

Swimming/cheerleading/ flu vaccinations

Wednesday 7th October – With The ball
multisoccer/girls football club/flu
vaccinations

Thursday 8th October – Young Voices

Friday 9th October –

**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:

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