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Dear Parents,

18th October 2024

Attendance for this week: 97.65%

Welcome to this week's newsletter and we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated food to the Gloucester Food Bank this week. We have been overwhelmed by the number of donations and the staff at the Food Bank are very grateful for every single item. Your generosity makes an enormous difference to so many lives in our local area.



Little reminder about coats!

A reminder to please ensure your child/children have a named waterproof coat at school every day, even if the weather looks fine in the morning. We do our utmost to get the children outside for fresh air at breaktime and lunchtime.

School Cross Country - Monday 21st October & Thursday 24th October

On Monday 21st October during the afternoon, Years 4, 5 & 6 will take part in a Cross Country event. Y3 will take part on the afternoon of Thursday 24th October. Please send your child to school in their PE kit and trainers that you don't mind getting muddy. Would you also please send a spare change of clothes and footwear for them to wear afterwards as we don't want lots of mud in school - thank you

Y3 Open afternoon - Wednesday 23rd October

We would like to extend an invitation to all Y3 parents to join us from 2.15pm- 3pm on Wednesday 23rd October to spend some time in your child's classroom and see how well they are settling into life at the Juniors. You can join in some fun art activities with your child, experience the live learning environment and look through your child's books. You can drop in at any point between 2.15pm-3pm and stay for as long as you wish and you may take child home with you at the end of the session if you would like to.

Y6 Secondary School Applications - deadline approaching

Parents with children in Y6 should be aware that the deadline for submitting applications for Secondary School places for September 2025 is Thursday 31st October 2024. The link to apply online is:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/transfer-to-secondary-school-or-from-middle-to-high-school-september-2025/>

If you are unable to use the electronic link, paper copies of Common Application Form (CAF) are available from Reception. Parents/carers with further queries can contact the team on either 01452 425407 or by email to: school.admissions@gloucestershire.gov.uk

FoDJS Autumn Disco - Wednesday 23rd October

The Friends of Dinglewell Junior School will be holding their ever-popular Autumn disco will be on Wednesday 23rd October, Y3&4 will be at 6-7pm and Y5&6 from 7.15-8.15pm. Forms have been sent home with your child should you wish them to attend the event. Please remember to return the form and payment in a named envelope clearly marked DISCO with your child's name and class details by 3.15pm on Monday 21st October. Forms received after this time will be returned to the children for them to purchase a ticket on the night. This deadline allows the FoDJS to process and return all ticket requests in a timely fashion.

Y6 Cycling Proficiency forms deadline - Friday 25th October

Please be aware that the final deadline to return forms/money to enroll for cycling proficiency is Friday 25th October. Forms received after this point cannot be accepted.

School Photos - Thursday 7th November

Individual and sibling photos (Junior School children only) will be taken on Thursday 7th November. Please ensure that your child is in the full school uniform for the photos. If they have PE/Football that day, please send their sports clothing in a separate bag for them to change into.

SEND Ten Pin Bowling event news



On Wednesday 16th October, Mrs Hazell and Mrs Hipkiss took a team of Y6 pupils to Tenpin Bowling to participate in a competition in which pupils from 14 schools across the city took part. All our pupils did exceptionally well and were a credit to both themselves and the school. Charlie T was our highest scorer and he received a special certificate for achieving over 100 points. Overall, we came in the top third and left the competition feeling very proud and smiling from ear to ear! Well done to Lottie, Bobby, Charlie.F, Charlie. T, Fintan and Azra.

Poppies for sale

Poppies and other merchandise sold by the Royal British Legion on behalf of the Poppy Appeal will be on sale next week and also after half-term. Children from Y6 will be bringing the items around to every classroom during afternoon registration time so if you would like to purchase anything please bring some money. As it being sold on behalf of a Charity we are unable to asked for a fixed price for any of the items, but would ask that you consider a donation of 20p and above.

Breakfast & After School Club booking forms for next term

Forms for next term are now available from Reception or After School Club. Please note that we are unable to accept bookings for next term until full payment has been received for the current term. Additionally, when making new bookings, the form must be accompanied by either cash, cheque or proof of payment through childcare voucher schemes. Any questions please contact the School Business Mrs Sarah Ball. These facilities are extremely popular at the moment and therefore spaces are limited and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Y5 trips to SkillZone

Two of our year five classes enjoyed a trip to Skillzone this week. The children identified risks in different situations, practised making an emergency services phone call and learned about rail safety. They also toured the Skillzone house focusing on hazards and fire safety. 5SL will have their visit on Monday. It was an invaluable experience for the children. Thank you to the parent helpers who came with us.

Science Festival



Some lucky Year 5 children enjoyed a trip to Denmark Road High School with Mrs Lyons to take part in the Science Festival on Monday. During the festival, they confidently shared their presentation about microfibres and took part in lots of interactive science experiments which included (amongst other things) learning about cranes, catapults, electricity and the effects of exercise on our bodies!

Out of school achievements



Bawan, who has recently joined us in Y6, won 2nd place for Newcomer solos in his artistic roller skating competition in the summer. He won 3rd place for his newcomer freedance. It was his first ever competition. He has been asked to join the pro team. Here's a photo of him with the medals.

If you've got an out of school achievement that you would like to share with us, please send a short paragraph to: office@dinglewell-jun.gloucs.sch.uk

And finally.....



Doesn't our football team look great in their new kit sponsored by Tom Hoskins, The Life Coach. Tom mentors some of our children here in school each week and was proud to sponsor our team. Thanks Tom very much indeed.

Here are this week's Merit Certificate winners - well done everyone!



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 21st October - 5SL visit to SkillZone (AM)
Monday 21st October - Whole School Cross Country (pm)
Tuesday 22nd October - Y5 Swimming lessons
Wednesday 23rd October - Y3 Open afternoon 2.15-3pm
Wednesday 23rd October - FoDJS Discos
Thursday 24th October - Football (boys) v Carlton (Home)
Friday 25th October - Y6 ALL Classes Forest School Day
Friday 25th October - School closes at 3.15pm for half-term

Monday 4th November - School Closed - INSET DAY
Tuesday 5th November - School re-opens at 8.30am
Tuesday 5th November - Y5 Swimming lessons
Wednesday 6th November -
Thursday 7th November - Individual School Photos
Thursday 7th November - Football (boys) v Upton St Leonards (home)
Friday 8th November -

Don't forget that school will close at 3.15pm on Friday 25th October for half-term and will re-open at 8.30am on Tuesday 5th November

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:

Football letters (Boys) team only
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