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Dear Parents,

21st March 2025

Attendance for this week: 95%

It's been so nice to see the sunshine back again, however it can still be a little chilly so please remember to send your child to school with a jumper and coat that is named. We have a quite a few jumpers and cardigans that have been left outside at playtimes; these have been placed on the bench under the shelter so please do take a look if your child is missing any uniform.

Next week we are looking forward to seeing lots of parents at Parents Evening and we hope that you find these sessions useful, informative and you are as proud of your children's achievements as we are.

Extra Curricular Clubs and SATs tuition next week

As it is Parents Evening next week, **all** extra curricular clubs and SATS tuition sessions are cancelled for the week apart from the Y5/6 Gym Club which will be on TUESDAY not Thursday and Super Kind club which is on Thursday.

WhatsApp

There have been some issues this term with children on WhatsApp groups. Be aware that WhatsApp's default setting is that **anybody** can add your child to any group unless you change the privacy settings. Click on the 3 dots->Settings->Privacy->Groups and then switch from "Everyone" to "My Contacts" to amend this. Here is a link below with some more useful information: [What is WhatsApp?](#) [A safety guide for parents | Internet Matters](#) We have also attached an informative poster to the end of this newsletter.

iRock Concert for Parents - Friday 4th April at 9.15am.

On Friday 4th April those children who attend iRock lessons will be performing a short concert for their parents in the School Hall from 9.15am for approximately 30 minutes, please do join us if you are able to.

Scaffold Planks

Andy, our caretaker, is currently improving our picnic benches outside, ready for what will hopefully be a glorious summer. He is in need of any spare scaffold planks to complete this. If you have any spare, please could you kindly contact the office or bring them in. Many thanks.

Red Nose Day

Wow! The children looked absolutely amazing today with their whacky hair-dos and dressing in red raising money for this wonderful event in its 40th year. We raised £258.98 for Comic Relief which will go towards many children's



charities. Thank you for all your donations and congratulations to all the winners of the whacky hair-do competition.

Y3 DT week

As part of Y3 DT week, the children have been tasting different types of French bread and next week they will be cooking baguettes and French cheeses and participating in French-themed activities. We look forward to seeing the pictures of their bread that they will be baking.

FoDJS Spring Fayre, Friday 9th May 5-7pm

On Friday 9th May 2025, the Friends of Dinglewell Junior School will be holding our Spring Fayre after school from 5pm to 7pm. This is a joint event with Gloucestershire Girl guiding who are our friends and neighbours. We desperately need volunteers to man our stalls and would love to have enough to create slots to enable people to volunteer and have time to enjoy the fayre with their families. If you can spare some time on May 9th between 4:15pm and 6:45pm, please add our fayre into your diary and let us know via our email below.

We are also looking for any companies that may be able to donate any of the following items, either at a reduced cost or free: nachos, grated cheese, hot dogs and buns, condiments (ketchup etc.), food trays, drinks or sweets. If you think you, your company or someone you know may be able to help us, then please email friendsofdjs@gmail.com with details. If you, or someone you know, may be interested in having a stall (selling) on the day, then please email springfayre2025@outlook.com with details of your product.

Y3 Swimming lessons - Summer Term

Letters regarding Y3 Swimming lessons in the Summer Term have been sent home to parents (hard copy) this week. Please ensure that you return the forms by the deadline of 31st March so that groups can be organised

Football news

Our girls' football team played a home match against Churchdown. They played brilliantly but unfortunately lost 1-0. Well done to all the girls in the team and Mrs Gough their coach.

School Meal price increase from 1st April 2025

We have been advised by Caterlink that the price of a standard school meal will increase from Tuesday 1st April 2025 to £2.85. We will automatically change our pricing structure to reflect this change for any meals ordered after this date. You need to take no further action; this is purely for your information only.

Y6 Residential Trip - installments

The final payment for this year's residential trip is due on Monday 7th April. If any parent is likely to be unable to meet this deadline would they please contact Mr Sullivan (trip leader) via the School Office. We have added an extra medical section to be completed on the trip information form which is on ParentPay. Please ensure that you have completed all the relevant sections on this form.

Take a Peek



Please can parents in Y4 take a quick look at their children's hair this weekend as we have had a couple of reports of headlice this week and treat them if necessary - thank you.

Out of school achievements

Congratulations go Bear in Y5 who recently came 4th in the County Cross Country championships. This earns Bear a place in the County team to represent Gloucestershire at the Nationals. Well done!

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



Forthcoming Diary Dates

ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS CANCELLED APART FROM GYM

Monday 24th March - Parents Evening
Tuesday 25th March - Y4 Swimming - last lesson
Tuesday 25th March - 5SL Forest School
Tuesday 25th March - 6J Shakespeare event
Tuesday 25th March - Y5/6 Gym Club - note change of day (LAST ONE)
Wednesday 26th March - Parents Evening
Thursday 27th March -
Friday 28th March -

ALL EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS ARE

Monday 31st March -
Tuesday 1st April -
Wednesday 2nd April -
Thursday 3rd April - All Y6 classes, Forest School all day
Friday 4th April - iRock Concert for parents at 9.15am (30 mins)
Friday 4th April - Look Who's Talking Finals at the Guildhall

Term Dates for 2025-26 are now available from Reception

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:

Y3 Swimming letters
E&OE



WhatsApp safety guide for parents

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13+

WhatsApp's
minimum age
in the UK

58%

Kids aged 3-17
who use
WhatsApp

37%

Kids under 13
who use
WhatsApp



5 tips to keep kids safe on WhatsApp



1

Review privacy settings WhatsApp has a range of privacy and security settings to keep users safe. Customise groups, app access, live location and more.



2

Customise contacts Show your child how to report and block unwanted contacts. Then, work with them to add their friends and family. Review and talk about their contacts regularly.



3

Talk about personal information Make sure your child understands what personal information is. Talk about the importance of keeping that information private on WhatsApp.



4

Show them where to get support If something goes wrong or they see something worrying on WhatsApp, make sure they know to come to you, and talk about other sources of support.



5

Check in regularly Once you've done all of the above, check in with them regularly to review settings and how they use WhatsApp.

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