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Dear Parents,

I hope you have had a good week. It's certainly been busy here in school. As I write this, several children are on their way to the Young Voices Concert which will be spectacular!

Rewards

The staff have been busy 'refining' our current reward systems to keep them refreshed and exciting for the children. Please see the attachment this week so that you can help us to celebrate these achievements.

Congratulations to our Platinums this week:

Flynn Yates

Hayden Pollard

Lily Taylor-Phelps

Ercin Donmez

Lachlan Simmons

Dates for your diary

Monday 16th February - Colouring, Lego and Dance clubs start this week

Wednesday 15th February - Valentines themed disco

Friday 17th February - INSET Day (School closed to pupils)

Monday 20th February - Half Term week

Monday 27th February - Parents Evening week

Thursday 26th January - Cross country club starts

Friday 27th January - Netball club starts

May 17th - 19th 2023 - Y5&6 residential trip

July 6th & 7th 2023 - Y3&4 residential trip

Yoghurt Pots!

Mrs Wiseman would be grateful for any yoghurt pots for an art activity next Thursday. If you have any please could you wash and hand them to Mrs Bowen next week. Many thanks.

Unwanted gifts

If anyone has any unwanted gifts that we could use for the 2023 Christmas Fair wrapping room, please send them in to us and we will store them for use in December. Many thanks.

Swimming gala

Last Friday, six Y6 and 5 children represented Twynning at the Tewkesbury and Cheltenham swimming gala held at Tewkesbury school. Each child swam an individual race twice (heat and final) and a relay twice (heat and final). They also took part in the fun, non-scoring 'largest splash' or 'smallest splash' competitions. Overall we placed 5th out of eight schools, with the larger Cheltenham schools taking the top spots. Poppy received a School Games wristband for determination. Well done to Lottie, Poppy, Bobby, Ben, Josh and Elena.

Advice for parents and carers on common winter bugs and viruses

With lots of common winter bugs and viruses circulating at the moment, the NHS in Gloucestershire, including the Paediatric consultant team, has developed advice for parents and carers of children to help care for them at home or know when health advice may be needed.

There is understandable concern amongst the public following reports of children and young people with Strep A or Scarlet Fever going on to develop serious illness. However, health leaders are reassuring people that Scarlet Fever is usually a very mild illness that can be easily treated with antibiotics, and it is very rare for children to go on to develop the more serious illness known as invasive group A strep (iGAS). Please do read and bookmark the advice and share with friends and family:

<https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/news/scarlet-fever-advice-for-parents-and-carers/>

Safeguarding

We recently surveyed all children in the school about their online experiences and we were pleased with the level of understanding that our pupils demonstrated about keeping themselves safe online. Here is a great resource for you to look at with your children to help them stay safe online further: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Dinner menus

The current dinner menu is now pinned inside the Newsletter noticeboard on the wall bottom playground. The menu is also on our website, including the dairy-free and gluten-free menus. Please click this link to view and download them should you wish to.. <https://www.twyningschool.co.uk/news/lunch-menu/70836>

Milk at School

As most of you will know, once children reach the age of 5, they are no longer entitled to free school milk. If you still wish your child/children to have milk at school, and they are now 5 or over, visit the Coolmilk website to register safely online; simply visit [Cool Milk - the UK's leading school and nursery milk supplier](#) and select 'register my child for school milk'. Children over (or approaching) age 5 can still enjoy their school milk for around £16 a term once their free entitlement ends.

Before and After School Wraparound Care

Before and After School Care fees are charged to your child's parentpay account. Please ensure these balances are cleared by the end of each month or if you are

now paying via any of the nursery voucher schemes please let us know so that we can allocate your funds to your child's parentpay account. If you're paying by Edenred voucher and you need our registration number, it is **P21336066**. Many thanks.

Parentpay accounts

Please keep an eye on your children's parent pay balances and top up when necessary. Please if possible make sure any outstanding dinner balances are cleared each week, or load up the balance in advance which is the preferred way.

Free School Meals

If you think your family meets the criteria for Free School Meals please click on this link to apply. School dinners are now £2.36 each - a small rise from the old price of £2.34 per meal.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Contact

Please feel free to make contact with me via email head@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk should you need to speak to me. During evenings and weekends, I may not be able to respond to you straight away but I will make contact with you during normal working hours as soon as I can. Many thanks for all of your support.

Kindest regards



Mrs Lucy Halling, Headteacher

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