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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week and have some nice plans for the weekend!

**Congratulations to our Platinums this week:**

<b>Skye Wilkins</b>	<b>George Reeves</b>
<b>Bridie Buckland</b>	<b>Isiah Smith</b>
<b>Maverick Azevedo</b>	<b>Giorgio Bonomo</b>

**Headteacher's Award:**

**Today, in assembly, it was a great privilege to present a special award for exceptional behaviour and hard work consistently over time to one of our Y5 pupils! Huge congratulations and a big thank you to:**

**Millie Bartlam (Hedgehogs)**

**Football Tournament - Year 5 and 6**

Well done to Bobby D, Joshua H, Oscar J, Archie W, Levi W, Teddy H, Elliot E-C and Joseph W who took part in a football tournament on Tuesday this week at Tewkesbury School. They battled hard against some excellent footballing teams and did themselves proud with some close-fought matches. Congratulations to Joshua H for earning a school games wristband for demonstrating outstanding teamwork.

**Cross country**

We wish Josh H and Elena W a huge GOOD LUCK for their county race on Sunday morning at Newent School!

**Dates for your diary**

Sunday 12th March - Cross Country County Championships at Newent School

Monday 13th March - Foxes Class trip to Cheltenham Town Hall

Friday 17th March - COMIC RELIEF - Wear something red + own clothes

Tuesday 21st March - Y5&6 Netball Cup after school (selected pupils)

Wednesday 22nd March - Y5&6 Tag rugby festival (selected pupils)

Tuesday 28th March - Y5&6 Tag rugby after school (selected pupils)

Thursday 30th March - break up for Easter holidays

Friday 31st March - INSET day - school closed to pupils  
Monday 17th April - Summer Term 1 starts  
Tuesday 25th April - Y1,2,3 trip to Waterways Museum, Gloucester  
Monday 1st May - Bank Holiday - School closed  
Monday 8th May - Bank Holiday - School closed  
May 17th - 19th 2023 - Y5&6 residential trip  
Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June - Half Term holiday  
July 6th & 7th 2023 - Y3&4 residential trip

### **New Classroom**

You may have noticed that there have been various groundwork investigations taking place on our school site over recent weeks. There is a lot going on “behind the scenes” as part of the process between school, local authority and the building contractors to ensure that our new classroom is ready as soon as possible. The plan has always been for the classroom to be sited on our top playground area in the same place that there was originally a temporary classroom a few years ago. Unfortunately that site is no longer deemed suitable so that has caused a few delays. It is likely that the new classroom will now be sited further up on the flatter part of the field. It is all very exciting and I will keep you posted on all the developments as we move forward.

### **Y2 and Y5 next year**

It has been a while since I explained our class structure arrangements for our 5 classes. This year we have our Y6 pupils on their own for one year only due to space restrictions. Moving forward, our class structure will be as follows as explained previously:

**Rabbits - Reception**

**Squirrels - Y1/Y2**

**Foxes - Y2/Y3**

**Hedgehogs - Y4/Y5**

**Owls - Y5/Y6**

A huge amount of thought and discussion is involved when making the divide between the Y2 and Y5 cohorts. In order to make the decision, we consider the following:

- an equal balance of ability within each class (this is highly recommended)
- an equal balance of boys and girls (where that is possible!)
- whether siblings would benefit from being separated or kept together
- class dynamics (eg are there children who would benefit from being separated)

This is still relatively early in the year for us to be considering this ready for next year but if you would like to discuss it, please do get in touch with me.

### **Bag2School Day**

Thank you for your bag donations! We raised £110!

### **Comic Relief**

On Friday 17th March, we will be raising funds for Comic Relief. There will be a sporting challenge during the day and a cake sale after school. Please send your children in to school wearing their own sporty clothes with something RED! Please donate £1 or more on arrival in the morning and we welcome as many cake donations as possible!

### **Staff changes**

As you know, Mrs Booth is retiring on 30th March after an incredible 40 years service at Twynning School and we would like to give her a good send off. We have a retirement book in the Office,

which we would love for as many of you to sign as possible. If you know any past pupils/families who would like to sign the book, please send them to the office during school hours. If you'd rather write a note that will be stuck into the book, please hand or post it to Mrs Bowen in the Office. Many thanks.

### **Barchester Nursing Homes - Easter Competition**

Tewkesbury Fields Nursing Home invites your children to take part in their Easter Egg competition! They are asking you to send in your drawings or paintings of an egg design which their residents will judge. The competition is open to everyone and is split into categories, under 5 years, 6-11 years and entrants may enter more than once. There will be one winner per category and each winner will receive an Easter egg prize. Please see posters attached.

### **Lost Library Books**

We have recently noted that a few library books have not been returned to our school library after having been borrowed by children. We have therefore decided to implement a system whereby if a child does not return a book they have previously signed out, a letter will be issued asking for either a replacement book or a donation of five pounds so that we can buy a replacement. We hope that you will support us with this.

### **Your feedback is important to us!**

Asking for feedback can be a scary prospect but we like to regularly ask for your views and comments so that we can strive to be as good as we possibly can! We may not always be able to act on or make the changes that are all suggested but we always listen to your views. I would like to draw your attention to a new section on the school website along the top bar called 'Your Feedback'. On this page you will find summaries of your most recent feedback from surveys. You will also see that there is a link to <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> which every school should periodically share a link to. Parent View gives you the chance to tell Ofsted what you think about our school. The survey can be completed at any time; you don't have to wait until the school is being inspected but it would be really great to acknowledge all of our successes so that when Ofsted do arrive (some time in the future!) they will see how proud we all are!

### **Charity Concert 11th March**

Local band *Too Young to Know, Too Old to Care* are playing at a charity concert on 11th March at Twynning Village Hall, and a proportion of funds raised will go to our PTFA. We are very thankful for this. If you want to buy tickets, please email [ian.southall@sky.com](mailto:ian.southall@sky.com).

### **Move More Holiday Camps**

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### **Contact**

Please feel free to make contact with me via email [head@twynning.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@twynning.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

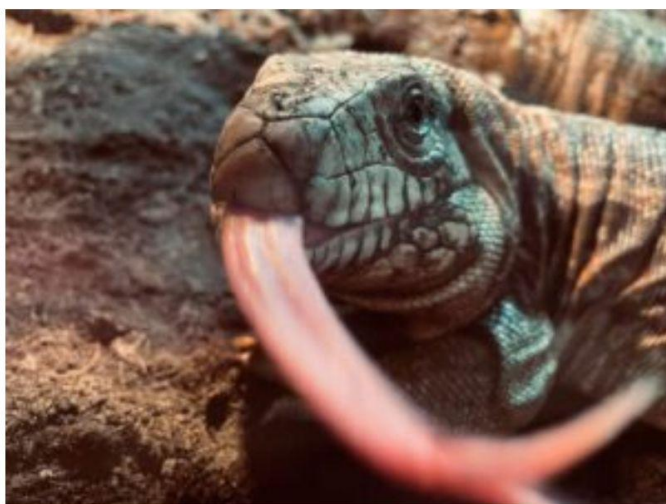
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Mrs Lucy Halling, Headteacher

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