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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week! I hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 27th February.

Congratulations to our Platinums this week:

Chelsea Thomas Lachlan Simmons
Henry Smith Jack Western

School Spider - technical issues this week

Apologies for any inconvenience with School Spider this week - the company had some technical issues that affected all of their schools across the country. A few more issues that we were made aware of were corrected today - you should now be able to report absence via School Spider again. Please email Mrs Bowen in the office if you have any further issues.

Dates for your diary

Monday 27th February - Back to school!
Monday 27th February - Parents Evening week
Thursday 2nd March - World Book Day
Monday 6th March - Bag2School Day
Tuesday 25th April - Y1,2,3 trip to Waterways Museum, Gloucester
May 17th - 19th 2023 - Y5&6 residential trip
July 6th & 7th 2023 - Y3&4 residential trip

Clubs

Please note there will be no activity clubs after school during the first week of term due to parents evening meetings taking place. (The wrap-around before and after school care sessions are still running).

World Book Day - 2nd March

Children should come to school in normal uniform (or PE uniform), but we will be spending more time reading and enjoying reading related activities throughout the day. Children will also be given a book voucher to take home.

Bag2School Day

Children have been given a bag each for Bag2School day - if you are having a clear out over half term, please fill your bag and bring it to school on Monday 6th March. Many thanks.

Valentine Disco

Our PTFA once again organised a fantastic disco for the children on Wednesday. It was lovely to see them all having so much fun. Thank you to everybody who gave up their time and energy to help run this event for our children.

Sickness - Please read!

Please see the link from the NHS about when to keep children off school. If your child just has a cough/cold and no temperature, please send them in.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

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!

Safer Internet Day

The Schoolbeat Team from the Neighbourhood Policing Team, Gloucestershire Constabulary have put together a short video for parents encouraging them to talk to their children about internet safety. Please click on the link below to view the short video. <https://youtu.be/IEfS-OK70sY>

Wear your Scarf to School day and SCARF cake sale

We raised £221 in total last Friday! This is an amazing total. Our School Council have started choosing which books we need to add to our already amazing collection of Little People Big Dreams books. These books are so popular with the children and we are looking forward to expanding our collection.

Cross Country - Race 5

Yesterday saw the last competitive race of the season at The Vineyards and Twyning (as usual!) ran with determination, resilience and success. Particular congratulations go to Elena who won her race - her 4th win out of 5 races! Well done to all of our runners: Lottie, Arianne, Vienna, Elena, Sam O, Jude, Sam H, Josh W, Noah, Leighton, Tom, Joseph, Tristan, Kellan, Lewis, Josh H. We look forward to the fun run and presentations on the 2nd March!

Move More Holiday Camps

Have a look at these holiday camps and activities available from Move-More

CAMPS : www.move-more.org/camps

10% Sibling Discount

Childcare Vouchers Accepted

3 Camp Locations

Camps for ages 3 - 12

LEARN TO CYCLE: 4 weeks to go until the next block of Balanceability lessons start! 6 lessons every Saturday at All Saints Academy, 3 to 7 years, equipment can be provided.

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 fully paid 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.

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/>

Remember the rules of online safety: Keep personal information limited. Keep privacy settings on. Practise safe browsing. Make sure your internet connection is secure. Be careful what you download. Choose strong passwords. Report online concerns about online exploitation to: www.ceop.police.uk

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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Join us as we design flora and fauna for our children's exhibition board, which will go on public display for Earth Day. So come along and be a part of this fantastic project which focuses on the wonderful wildlife we have here in Britain!



Wednesday 22nd
& Thursday 23rd
February 2023

10am to 12pm
Drop in

Old Baptist
Chapel,
Old Baptist Chapel
Court,
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Donations
appreciated

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