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Friday 10th February 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week! Thanks for supporting our 'Wear a Scarf' day and for sending cakes in for the cake sale! Don't forget that next week is a shorter week as **Friday 17th February is an INSET day** so school will be closed to pupils.

Headteacher's Award

I am delighted to award **Daisy Allen** in Squirrels Class a special award for always setting such a great example and being an amazing role model to others. Thank you Daisy!

Congratulations to our Platinums this week:

Bridie Buckland	Jack Cox	Vitalina Kucheruk
Holly Parkinson	Sacha Ryzhuk	Levi Wilkins
Elodie Gordge	Maisie Bartlam	Livvy Dorkings

Congratulations!

Our HUGE congratulations also go to Miss Copson who got engaged at the weekend! Wonderful news for her and exciting times ahead!



Cross Country news

Race 4 took place at The Vineyards yesterday afternoon with 15 of our runners taking part. Notable performances from Elena (2nd), Noah (24th) and Josh W (27th). Well done to all our runners (Elena, Arianne, Lottie, Vienna, Noah, Leighton, Tom, Josh, Tristan, Joseph, Sam O, Jude, Lewis, Sam H, Kellan). We look forward to race 5 next Thursday.

School Spider - technical issues this week

Apologies for any inconvenience with School Spider this week - the company has had some technical issues that have affected all of their schools across the country. I am assured that it will be back up and running by Monday.

Dates for your diary

Monday 13th February - Year 5 Taster Day at Tewkesbury School

Wednesday 15th February - Valentines disco (booking form - see below)

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

Monday 20th February - Half Term week

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

Change to dinners on Thursday 16th February

Because Friday is an INSET day, the A choice on Thursday will be fish fingers and chips.

Valentine Disco - see booking form below!

Our PTFA are organising valentines discos on Wednesday 15th February in the school hall. Please see the poster and booking form at the bottom of this newsletter. Payment is required in advance please as usual. We hope the children will enjoy themselves, and are looking forward to it.

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 £126 this morning from your kind donations! This money along with cake sale money will go towards buying new 'Little People Big Dreams' books, which our School Council will choose. The "Guess the length of the scarf" competition winners were Tabitha Shepherd-Hackforth and Imogen Yates. We hope they enjoy wearing their scarves!

Turkey/Syria Earthquakes

In School, we subscribe to First News which is a newspaper designed specifically for children. They have some excellent online information about the recent earthquakes in Turkey and North-west Syria. Have a look at this link if you wish to talk about it with your children in a sensitive and informative manner.

<https://www.firstnews.co.uk/talking-points/in-the-news/earthquakes/>

We will have a fundraising bucket available every day on the playground if you wish to donate anything to help these disaster stricken areas.

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. For next month, all bills MUST be cleared by February Half Term please.

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

If you think your family qualifies for Free School Meals, have a look at this link and apply - it only takes a few minutes and you should have an instant decision.

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

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

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/>

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



KS1 DISCO 17:30 - 18:15
KS2 DISCO 18:30 - 19:15

MY CHILD:

IN YEAR:

WOULD LIKE TO COME TO:

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KS1 DISCO (RABBITS, SQUIRRELS & FOXES)

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please note that year 3 children can choose which disco they would prefer to attend

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NATURAL HISTORY | HERITAGE | LIVING VOICES



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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