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Dear Parents,

Today we have said goodbye to Miss Boote who is off to Georgia to teach English as a foreign language. We will really miss her in School and thank her for all of her hard work and dedication. We wish her well on her travels.

Congratulations to our Platinums this week:

Hugh Phillips

Evie Western

Ewan MacDonald

Grace Gissane

Ben Rudgley

Headteacher's Award:

Today, I was very privileged to be able to present 2 very special awards for exceptional behaviour over time and for being fantastic role models to everyone else. Huge congratulations and thank you to:

Jasper Wilson (Hedgehogs)

Lottie Dorkings (Owls)

Dates for your diary

Friday 10th February - Wear your scarf to school day (see below for details)

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

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

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

Industrial Action - Teachers

You may be aware from the media that one of the national teaching unions, the NEU, announced yesterday that their members have voted to take industrial action. This action, commonly known as strike action, will be happening on four dates across February and March as follows:

- Wednesday 1 February 2023
- Thursday 2 March 2023

- Wednesday 15 March 2023.
- Thursday 16 March 2023

The NEU statement about this is:

The ballot is a result of failure by the Secretary of State in England and the employers in Wales to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers which at least matches inflation, and which begins to restore lost pay.

While the **exact impact** of the strikes on our school is not yet known for certain, I am keen to advise you of the dates so you can make contingency plans just in case your child's class is impacted by the strike. Due to the nature of the rules around strike action, it is unlikely that the school will be able to give you very much notice about any closed classes or changes to the usual school provision.

We are currently working with the staff to make preparations and we will communicate information to you as soon as we are able to. **Please note - currently, I do not believe that any of our classes will be affected but I know that this could change.**

Wear your Scarf to School day!

On Friday 10th February we will be joining in with Wear your Scarf to School day. This is in support of Children's Mental Health Week. Children are invited to wear a favourite scarf or snood all day in school. Our School Council would like to raise funds to buy some more "Little People, Big Dreams" books, which would fit in with the SCARF theme of Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship, so we are asking for a small donation in exchange for wearing your scarf. We will also hold a cake sale after school and will be running a free "Guess the length of the scarf" competition. We have been gifted a special scarf, which will be displayed in a large jar, and invite children to play the game. The child whose guess is nearest to the actual length of the scarf will win the scarf!

Alternative going home arrangements

Please could parents let Mrs Bowen know, either by email, phone or in person, if your child is going home with another parent. Many thanks.

Packed Lunches

We have noticed that some of the packed lunches children are bringing to school do not contain a healthy balance of items. Please could you make sure lunch boxes contain a good balance of food, including fruit and vegetables if possible, and **strictly no sweets.**

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.

Holiday activities

We have received a number of flyers regarding holiday activities and training sessions that might be available - links are attached, should you be interested in booking.

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.

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.

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