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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good week and have some exciting plans for the Easter holidays!

Head Teachers Award:

Yesterday I had the pleasure of awarding a Head Teacher's Award to Scarlett O'Hanlon. Scarlett is always an exceptionally well behaved pupil and role model to others. Thank you Scarlett for all of your hard work - this is so well deserved.

Congratulations to our Platinums this week:

Kitty Cope	Nika Rhzhuk
Anna Williams	Jacob Ross
Beau Shephard	Sofia Critchley

Dates for your diary

Friday 31st March - INSET day - school closed to pupils
Monday 17th April - Summer Term 1 starts
Wednesday 19th April - Bike Night in the village (school providing refreshments again)
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

Attendance

Thank you to you all for your recent efforts to improve our attendance figures. Of the children who were showing attendance of less than 96%, 74% of those have improved their attendance since our recent correspondence.

Keep up the good work and thank you all for helping to improve these figures!

Easter Raffle!

The lucky winners of the Easter hampers were drawn in assembly today. They were Eva-Jayne Staines, Jesse Wilcox, Mrs Bourton and Teddy Hadley. Thank you to everyone who bought tickets and well done to our lucky winners! We raised £270 for the PTFA!

PE Days

PE after Easter will now be as follows:

Rabbits	Monday and Friday
Squirrels	Tuesday and Friday
Foxes	Monday and Thursday
Hedgehogs	Tuesday and Friday
Owls	Wednesday (all afternoon)



Congratulations!

National Cross country championships

We would like to recognise the huge achievement of Elena reaching the National cross country championships near Loughborough last Saturday. It was an absolute honour for Mrs Halling and Mrs Leggett to witness her run an extremely demanding course (2400m), competing against 170 of the best runners in the country. She placed a fantastic 33rd. Congratulations Elena!

Musical Success!

Congratulations also go to Amber on achieving a merit in her recent Flute exam. Well done Amber. We are very proud of you.

Farewell and thank you, Mrs Booth!

Today we said a sad goodbye to Mrs Booth who has worked tirelessly in our school kitchen for 40 years! We wish her a well earned rest and a wonderful retirement. The children presented Mrs Booth with a lovely bouquet of flowers at lunchtime, and an enormous cheer or two! After school, she was treated to a surprise 'afternoon tea' in the hall, where she was presented with gifts, cards and her keepsake retirement book. Thank you Mrs Booth. We will all miss you.



Biker Night on Twyning Green

On Wednesday 19th April, Twyning Green will be hosting the first Biker Night of the season. We will be selling teas, coffees, cakes and pulled pork baps from the playground to raise money for our school, with the help of our wonderful PTFA. If you are able to make a cake/cupcakes/cookies

please bring them to school on the morning of the 19th April. If you wish to help out on the night (anytime from 5pm onwards), please get in touch. Many thanks.

Parking around school - we need your help please!

We have had a number of concerns raised by local residents about the parking around drop off and pick up times. We know that these are busy times of the day but it would be great if parents can allow an extra 5 minutes in the morning so that they can park a bit further away from school to ease the congestion. As the weather improves, it will be wonderful if more families are able to walk at least some of the way to school. Thank you for your support.

NHS guidance re illnesses

Please see this useful 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. We will always call you to pick your child up if they are too unwell to stay in school so please always try to send them in if you are unsure. <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Tewkesbury tag rugby festival

On Tuesday ten year six children attended the Tewkesbury tag rugby festival. The standard of play was very high and we had a mix of wins, draws and losses in our six games. The children have improved significantly in their understanding and performance during the two recent tournaments. Poppy received a wristband for self-belief. Well done to Poppy, Lottie, Amber, Josh, Oscar, Tristan, Levi, Archie, Ben and Bobby.

Swimming lessons

Swimming has finished for years 2,3 and 4 this year. Well done to all of our children for their perseverance. The absence of the main sports centre manager over the last two weeks means we are unable to obtain the usual certificates before Easter, but we are hoping to obtain these after the holiday to send home. If you are interested in carrying on their lessons privately and to further their progress, please contact Tewkesbury school sports centre by email:

swimminglessons@tewkesburyschool.org

Message from Twyning Tennis Club

Girls only Tennis at Twyning Tennis Club

Following a national programme to introduce tennis to girls who have never played before, we are starting a new session on a Friday at 3:30-4:15pm at Twyning Tennis Club for girls only aged between 4-7 years old. The cost of the 6 weeks course is £35 and you receive a free racket which you can keep after you have signed up. It's a great introduction to tennis, as sessions will be fun, building on the basic athletic development children need for all sports.

If you would like to book in, please do so here

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/SarahBennisonCoaching/BookCourse/3f661f19-f6b3-46c1-9678-10e021d980d3> We look forward to seeing you on court!

New Classroom

Further to the information I gave you last week, the project has developed again and there are some changes to the location of the new classroom. The decision has been made that it will now be sited in the original place on the top playground. The work is due to start in May half term which is later than originally planned. This means the completion date has been pushed back to October half term which we are of course disappointed about. In September, Owls Class will have a section of the hall screened off as a classroom area for those first few weeks of the new academic year.

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!

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

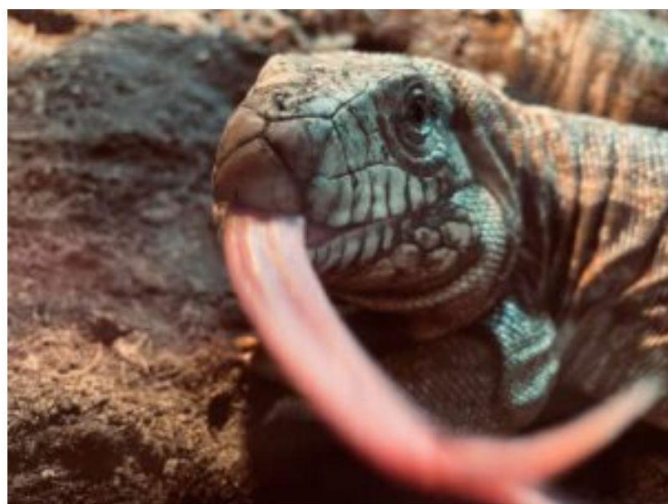
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Mrs Lucy Halling, Headteacher

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