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Dear Parents,

This our last newsletter for this academic year! The year has absolutely flown by with some great successes and achievements! I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks to you all for your continued support which has helped to make our lovely school so great! Thank you and I hope that you all have a wonderful summer break. We wish our Y6 Leavers all the very best of luck as they move onto their next schools and we welcome our new Reception starters in September!

Congratulations to our Platinums this week

Millie Last **Sofia Critchley**
Leighton Fletcher

Dates for your diary

Monday 24th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly 2pm in the hall

Tuesday 25th July - "Break the Rules" Day! (see PTFA notice board and flyer below!)

Tuesday 25th July - last day of term.

Monday 4th September & Tuesday 5th September - INSET days

Wednesday 6th September - NEW TERM begins

Important change to one of our INSET days next academic year!

Please note that we have made the decision to move our INSET day on Monday 8th January to Monday 22nd July. This means that term will now start for all pupils after Christmas on Monday 8th January 2024. The summer term will end for all pupils on Friday 19th July 2024! These term dates are on the website but please note the change on your own calendars! Apologies for any inconvenience this change may cause.

Parentpay - Dinners

Please could all parentpay balances be cleared by the end of term? **ALL dinner balances must be at nil by the end of this term.** Many thanks.

Before and After School Care

Please can all Before & After School Care balances be cleared by the end of term or end of July at the latest. Many thanks.

Heritage Schools Award

Today we were awarded the prestigious Heritage Schools Award from the Department for Education. Huge thank you to Mrs Wiseman (History subject leader) and all of our children for all of the hard work that has gone into achieving this.

Bookbags and small Rucksacks

We would like to ensure that **ALL** children who are in Rabbits, Squirrels and Foxes Classes bring bookbags to school so that they fit into their trays in the classroom. Hedgehogs and Owls children are allowed to bring small rucksacks if they choose to instead of bookbags as long as the bag can be suitably hung up in the cloakroom. This is a decision that has been made based on staff discussion. We hope that you can fully support us with this.



Water bottles

We have noticed that a small number of children are bringing drinks bottles in with squash in instead of water. We ask that you only send water in with your children please. Thank you.

Change to the start time of the School day from September!

From the start of the new term in September, The start time will be 8:45am instead of 8:50am. This is to comply with new DfE guidance that states that children should be in school for 32.5 hours a week. Thanks for your understanding with this change. Please can I use this opportunity to remind all families that the children should be in the playground ready to come into the building at 8:45 so that we have a prompt start to the day!

Welcome to new staff members in September

We have successfully recruited 3 new teaching assistants to work with us in September. They are Mrs Calder, Mrs Holtham and Mrs Treanor. We look forward to welcoming them to our team.

Shrek The Musical - Years 5&6 Summer Play

Wow! What a show it was! We are so proud of all of the children. What a fabulous way for the Y6 children to end their time at Twynning by showing off that fantastic talent, confidence and success.

School Disco

The summer discos were held on Wednesday and feedback has been that it was a very successful event - everyone appeared to enjoy themselves, especially our Year 6 leavers who had a great time dancing, playing together and making and eating pizza! A huge thank you to the PTFA who did such a wonderful job of organising it all.

Children moving from Year 2 to Year 3

Please remember that once your children begin year 3 and begin KS2, they are no longer eligible for the universal free school meals that they have previously enjoyed as they did in KS1. You will need to make sure there are sufficient funds in their Parentpay School Dinners account for their

daily lunches. Please email or see Mrs Bowen if you have any queries regarding this. If you believe your family to be eligible for Free School Meals, please click on this link <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Change to School Dinners on Tuesday 25th July (last day of term)

We will be having a 'Friday Menu' on the last day of term. The choices will be **A: Fish Fingers and Chips** **B: Veggie Sausage and Chips** and **C: Jacket Potato with the usual choice of filling.**

The Secret Garden

Our Secret Garden is now open for the children to enjoy. We are so pleased with the finished steps and walls. The garden now seems much bigger! Here is a photo of some of our children with Mr Wilkins, who arranged and worked so hard on the whole project. Thank you to Mr Wilkins and Costain for giving their time to do this for us.



#CEOPSummerChallenge

This summer, CEOP are encouraging parents and carers to talk more and learn together with their children, through #CEOPSummerChallenge. On Monday 24th July they are launching #CEOPSummerChallenge - six weeks of thematic challenges for parents and carers to complete with their children. The challenge aims to support parents and carers to talk regularly with their children about being online and how to be safer. Each week, parents and carers can choose one challenge (or more if they wish!), from four options per age group, for ages 4 to 11 and 11+. Topics covered in the challenge will be:

Week 1: online security

Week 2: a balanced view of being online

Week 3: sharing photos online

Week 4: socialising online

Week 5: online videos

Week 6: online gaming

Parents and carers can follow the challenge on CEOP's [Facebook](#) (Click CEOP), where you can look out for posts every Monday.

The Library Summer Reading Challenge

The children listened to a talk from Tewkesbury Library on Monday and were all told about the summer challenge. Here is some more information for you at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj2snGl9Y7A>

The official press release is here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/gloucestershire-county-council-news/news-june-2023/free-summer-challenge-for-children-with-gloucestershire-libraries/>

La Jolie Ronde

For those of you wishing to enrol your children with Aurore Chatron-Michaud's lunchtime French Club, please see the flyer below. This club is a payable club and contracts are between yourselves and Aurore, not school.

FRENCH CLUB

AURORE CHATRON-MICHAUD
French Tutor

LEARNING A LIFELONG SKILL
Twynning School
Weekly lunchtime classes
Small groups - All ages
Songs, games, role-plays, rhymes, stories and lots of FUN!
Each child can have their own Activity Book & access to our Media App, so they can continue learning at home & you can see how well they're progressing

Valuable, Educational Fun and Engaging Classes

To find out more or secure a place:
Email: bonjourlittlepeople@live.com or call 07964 709399

Your feedback is important to us!

Thanks to those of you who have been busy filling out the surveys on School Spider. It is so useful to get your feedback and we appreciate your thoughts and comments.

Contact

Please feel free to make contact with me via email 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

Mrs Lucy Halling, Headteacher

Some useful links:

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

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

<https://www.coolmilk.com/>

BREAK THE RULES DAY

25th July 2023

**One Day
ONLY**

Twynning School Rules

1. You must not wear a silly hat
2. You must not wear fancy dress or bright clothing
3. You must bring a healthy snack to school
4. You must not colour your hair or wear it in an outrageous style.
5. You must not bring cuddly teddies to school
6. You must drink water at school
7. You must not wear a uniform such as Beavers or a football team
8. You must not wear face paint, glitter or temporary tattoos.



50p per rule or £3 to break ALL 8 rules!
Please bring money with you on the day

2023



SUMMER CHALLENGE

**CAN YOU FUNDRAISE
£20.23?**

**THIS SUMMER WE
CHALLENGE
EVERY CHILD TO
RAISE £20.23
HOWEVER THEY
WANT!**

- SPONSORED READ
- SELLING PLANTS
- LITTER PICKING
- DOING CHORES
- BIKE RIDES
- ANYTHING!

**[JUSTGIVING.COM/
TWYNINGSCHOOLPTFA](https://www.justgiving.com/twyningschoolptfa)**

**ALL MONEY RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS
BUYING NEW OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT**

Infobuzz Community Connectors For the Tewkesbury District

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Who are they and how can they help?

We are here to help with the sign-up for the HAF programme where needed,
Additional Support;

- Transport to and from activity sites
- IT support when registering, booking, and canceling activities
- Household support fund support
- Signposting to further support over the holidays
- Reserved camps and Ticketed offer will be available

**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITY &
FOOD
Programme**



For more Info: HAF@youngglos.org.uk
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Drop-in days: Tuesday and Thursday



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