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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new School year and a big welcome to all of our new parents and families! Watch this space - we are busy working on a new format for our weekly newsletter.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 14th September - Hindu workshops taking place in school (RE)

Friday 13th October - Squirrels and Foxes trip to The Wilson Museum in Cheltenham

Tuesday 19th December - Whole school trip to the pantomime Beauty and The Beast, at The Roses Theatre in Tewkesbury.

Class Dojo

Thank you so much for your support with Class Dojo. We have made a whole staff decision that we **will not** respond to any private messages sent to us via Dojo. If you need to speak to your child's teacher, please drop them an email or phone the office to ask for an appointment. I am currently in the process of updating our school Communication Policy which I will share with you as soon as I can. This will provide a really clear process for communicating with school so that we can respond and assist in the most effective way.

Summer 2023 challenge - "Can you raise £20.23?"

Well done to those of you who raised money for our PTFA funds over the summer! So far we have had collections handed in from Lillie, Ada, Evie and Jack W, Toby and Theo, Isla and Ewan, Josh, Jack and Anna W, Kellan and Keira R, . Well done to you all for raising a total of £333 between you! This is amazing and we are very proud of you!

Parentpay - Dinners

Please remember that all school dinner account balances should be in credit on parentpay at all times. Many thanks.

Before and After School Care

If you are using our Before & After School Care facility, balances should be cleared by the end of each month at the latest. Many thanks. If you use government vouchers please email Mrs Tingle at bursar@twynning.gloucs.sch.uk to advise when you have made a payment, each time you do this. To register your child for Before or After School Club, please complete and send in the

booking form which can be downloaded from our website or ask Mrs Bowen for a printed copy. These forms should be returned to Mrs Bowen at admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk .

Change to the start time of the School day.

Thank you all for making sure your children have arrived promptly this week. This new start time of 8:45am 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. Playground gates open at 8:30am with main doors opening at 8:45am.

Children now in 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/>

Clubs

Clubs will start the week beginning Monday 18th September and run until half term (6 weeks). However, cross country only, will start next Thursday (14th September) to give us two practice sessions at school before the first race at The Vineyards. We have decided to split clubs into short terms to enable us to provide more variety across the year. We are aware that this term there are more clubs for older children. The sports clubs need to begin this term to prepare the older children for races and tournaments this Autumn and the lack of hall space is limiting. After half term (term 2) there will be more clubs available to our younger children. Clubs finish at 4.15pm. The list of clubs is attached to the bottom of this newsletter. Please email Mrs Bowen at school at admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk with your clubs requests. Thank you. *Mrs Leggett*

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.

	 <p>AUORE CHATRON-MICHAUD French Tutor</p>
<p>LEARNING A LIFELONG SKILL Twynning School Weekly lunchtime classes Small groups - All ages <i>Songs, games, role-plays, rhymes, stories and lots of FUN!</i> 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</p>	 <p><i>Valuable, Educational Fun and Engaging Classes</i></p>
<p>To find out more or secure a place: Email: bonjourlittlepeople@live.com or call 07964 709399</p>	

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>

Day	Term 1	Times
Monday	Football Y5-6 (Mr Davies)	3:15 – 4:15
	Colouring Y1-3 (Miss Ray)	3:15 – 4:15
Tuesday	Young Voices Y4-6 (Mrs Mulligan)	3:15 – 4:15
	Football Y3-4 (Mr Davies)	3:15 – 4:15
Wednesday		
Thursday	Cross-country Y4-6 (Mrs Leggett)	3:15 – 4:15
Friday	Netball Y4-6 (Mrs Leggett)	3:15 – 4:15