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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a good week!

CONGRATULATIONS!!

This week's Platinum awards have been awarded to:

Toby Kania
Leo Irwin-Mills
Millie Last
Joe Young

Lea Williams
Edward Dartnell
Elena Williams
Levi Wilkins

Dates for your diary

Oct 13th, 20th - cross country races at vineyards (20th is a reserve date)
Week 17-21 October - Parents evenings - booking will be via school spider
Friday 21st October - Harvest Assembly
Wednesday 2nd November - Halloween/Bonfire themed Disco
Friday 18th October - PTFA Pudding and Pamper Night
Saturday 3rd December - School Christmas Fair
May 17th - 19th 2023 - Y5&6 residential trip
July 6th & 7th 2023 - Y3&4 residential trip

Parents evening week and clubs

The following clubs will **not** take place in the week of 17th-21st October: Ukrainian, Multisports and Young Voices.

PAN Consultation

Many thanks to those of you who returned their feedback regarding the proposed change of PAN (Pupil Allocation Number). Please be reassured that **this will not mean another change on top of the change we made to our class structure** for this year. Last year, I wrote to you to explain our reasoning and plans for creating a 5th class due to the school having some larger than normal intakes in Reception over the last few years. Please, if you have any questions, make an appointment to come and chat them through with me.

Parents Evenings and SEN Reviews

The appointment booking system on School Spider will go live on Monday 10th October. If you are booking appointments for siblings, can we politely ask that you allow a short gap between each appointment that you make to allow enough time to get to the next appointment.

Please note that if you are attending an SEN review meeting with Mrs Lowe and your child's class teacher, you do not need to book a separate Parent's Evening appointment. We look forward to welcoming you!

Move More Tewkesbury cross country race 2

Yesterday, the second race of the series took place at the Vineyards. Twynning had 21 runners taking part. Elena had an absolutely outstanding race again and came in first by a good margin, despite greater competition behind her this week. Another brilliant performance in the girls' race was Arianne who came in 32nd (out of 99 girls). This is a fantastic achievement as she is only in year 4 and all children in years 4,5 and 6 race together. Notable performances in the boys' race were Levi (18th) and Josh H (25th) out of 130 and I am so proud that we had 16 boys running (this is more than half of the eligible boys in our school). Well done to all our runners for their commitment and determination: Elena, Lottie, Arianne, Tabitha, Skye, Levi, Bobby, Luca, Oscar J, Noah, Tom, Joseph, Josh W, Josh H, Elliott E-C, Tristan, Archie, Sam O, Leighton, Lewis and Jude.

KS2 residentials - save the dates

Years 5 and 6 residential will take place from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th May 2023 at The Pioneer Centre (near Kidderminster). This is with a new company to us (Action Centres UK Ltd) who offer similar activities to PGL but charge more than £100 less per child. They have been recommended to us by another Tewkesbury primary school who have used them for several years.

Years 3 and 4 residential will take place from Thursday 6th to Friday 7th July 2023 at Oakraven Field Centre (near Mitcheldean).

Details and costs will be released shortly.

Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile

If you shop through Amazon Smile, the PTFA gets a percentage donation to their funds from Amazon. Click this link to find out more <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>. We are also still registered for Easy Fundraising. If you click on this link, or type Twynning School into the EasyFundraising search bar it will take you to our fundraising page. Everytime you purchase via one of the partners on the site (including Amazon) we are awarded funds. Please use this if you are able.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/twynningschool/?q=twynning%20school&cause=cause-autosuggest&searchSessionId=59fca970-ce8f-4fa5-9810-6de44e6d37dc>

School Spider and the Website - Class Pages

Is everyone on School Spider? We have sent many texts out this week and want to ensure you are all receiving the information. Please also remember that the Class Pages section on the school website contains all the information for your child's class. This is also where updates, photos and information will go for each class. Please note, if you have requested that your child **does not** appear on the school website, their photo will not appear on there.

Before and After School Care

New sheets for October bookings are now available to download from the website. Mornings are still charged at £3 per child, and afternoons at £6 per child. Forms can be emailed to Mrs Bowen on admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk or handed in in the mornings. Further details are on the school website under the 'Information' tab, then 'before and after school care'. Please remember to top up your parentpay accounts for before and after school care.

Parentpay accounts

Please keep an eye on your children's parent pay balances and top up when necessary. If you think your family meets the criteria for Free School Meals please click on this link to apply. School dinners are now £2.36 each - a small rise from the old price of £2.34 per meal.

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

Safeguarding

Please see the links attached - there is some very useful information about staying safe online with social media.

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media)

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety – What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

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, Head Teacher

Twynning Tennis Club

Auction of

Promises

and trophy presentation evening

An original
painting!

Dinner for two in
Malvern!

An evening of live
music!

Wine tasting
and vinyard
tour!

7:30pm Saturday 8th October

Twynning Village Hall

(trophy presentations from 7:45)

Raising money for new floodlights

Bar available, nibbles provided

If you want to donate a promise email:

twynningtennisclub@gmail.com or contact a
committee member



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