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Friday 8th November 2024 – Term 2 - Newsletter 1

Our Christian Value this term is 'Hope'

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the end of last term, we had two great things to celebrate. We held our annual conker event on the Friday morning and the children really enjoyed taking part and competing with one another. Our overall winner was Henry B - well done, you were fantastic! Thank you to everyone who helped collect and string conkers, your support was much appreciated by all.



We also had our Art Week, where the children explored different artists and different skills. We were so impressed with everyone's hardwork and enthusiasm and hope you are able to attend the Art Gallery this afternoon to help celebrate the children's learning.

This term, we are exploring our three schools rules, which are ready, respectful and safe. We began this week by thinking about what they mean to us as learners. It has been great to see the children being ready for learning by having their equipment ready, being respectful as a learner by listening to others and by helping to create a safe environment where everyone can participate and become the best they can.

We are also thinking about what these rules mean at playtimes and lunchtimes. We are encouraging children to play a range of different games and have a Play Leader who works at lunchtime to support with this.

We have noticed that there are some pupils using the play equipment before and after school. To help keep everyone safe, we ask that the climbing frame not be used at these times. Similarly, we ask that no balls are used. Thank you for your support with this matter.



Odd Socks Day

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and as a school we will be participating in different activities to promote awareness. On Tuesday 12th it will be Odd Socks Day. To celebrate that we are all unique, we would like all children and staff to wear odd socks to school. This simple act helps reinforce our commitment to creating a kind, inclusive, and respectful school environment.



Friends Christmas Market

It is the annual Friends Christmas Market on Friday 29th November 2024. A poster and letter containing more

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information about this event accompanies this newsletter. If anyone is able to help run a stall on the evening for 30 minutes that would be greatly appreciated. Please let the school office know if you are able to offer some time – thank you in advance!

School Dinners

From Monday 2nd December, the price of school meals will increase to £2.30, in line with changes to kitchen supply costs. We ask that all school meals are paid for in advance and if anyone has any problems paying, please speak to the office and we can look at payment options. Where a debt of £11.50 (from 2nd December) or more is owing the school reserves the right to withdraw the provision of meals and notify parents that packed lunches need to be brought from home.

Pupil Premium

Accompanying this newsletter is some information about pupil premium funding. We strongly encourage you to read this letter and, if applicable, submit an application. The Pupil Premium provides valuable additional support for pupils, enabling us to enhance their educational experience. If you think you may be eligible for free school meals, you can apply to South Gloucestershire Council (SGC) by following this link:

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#free>

Alternatively, you can call **01454 868008**.

School Nursing Service

On Tuesday 26th November, from 8.45am till 10am, there will be a coffee morning in the school hall led by the School Nursing Team. This will be an opportunity for families to find out more about this service. Everyone is welcome!

Reception Places September 2025

We are running two stay and play sessions for families with children starting school in September 2025. These are on Monday 11th November 3:30pm-4:30pm and on Saturday 16th November, 10.30am-11.30am. These are an opportunity for you and child to spend some time in the classroom taking part in activities. If you would like to attend, please contact the school office to book on.

Applications for Reception places need to be completed by 15th January 2025 and the link to apply can be found here.

https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=4vPD_KfmtZs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family#primary

School Cleaner

We have a vacancy for a cool cleaner and the advert accompanies this newsletter.



Mrs Fisher's Shout Outs

- Elsa T, Imogen S, Faith and Amber for being helpful in the lunch hall
- Reggie H for helping to stack plates in the lunch hall
- Vihaan for being so proud of the learning behaviours he has demonstrated this week.
- Lily S for being a kind friend to others

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Debbie Fisher
Headteacher

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Coming up ... Dates for your diary 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 1 2024-2025	
School Academic Year 2024 – 2025. Please note these term dates may vary from other local authorities.	
Monday 11 th November	Flu immunisations (information has been sent to parents)
Tuesday 12 th November	Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week – children can wear odd socks to school
Friday 15 th November	Friends Christmas Market information – return filled and decorated white bags to front of school
W/B 18 th November	Friends Christmas Market information – Christmas Jumper Donations: please leave donations of clean, good condition Christmas Jumpers at the front of school during the week, any size from school age to adult.
Friday 22 nd November	Friends Christmas Market information: mufti day in exchange for tombola items (chocolates, sweets etc); Teddy Bear Donations – please leave donations outside the school office by 9.00am. Rags 2 Riches
Tuesday 26 th November	School Nursing Service coffee morning in the hall from 8.45am-10am
Friday 29 th November	Friends Christmas Market information - Cake donations, home baked or shop bought all donations gratefully received
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Wednesday 11 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity at 9.30am
Thursday 12 th December	Key Stage 1 Nativity at 2pm
Tuesday 17 th December	Reception Nativity at 9.30am
Tuesday 17 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Service at St Peters Church
Wednesday 18 th December	Reception Nativity at 2pm
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term 2
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET – school closed to children
Friday 23 rd May 2025	INSET – school closed to children

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