



Dear Parents/Carers

Leavers Service

What a wonderful leavers service this afternoon, thank you to all those that were able to attend. We would like to wish our Year 6 cohort all the very best in their next stage of education at secondary school – Good bye and good luck!



Diary Dates

July

24th Inset Training Day
25th Inset Training Day

September

4th Inset Training Day
5th Start of Term 1
20th Rags 2 Riches collection

October

3rd Tempest Individual/Sibling photos
11th Konflux Theatre visiting C3
30th Half-term Holiday

November

6th Inset Training Day
7th Start of Term 2

December

6th Pantomime – Classes 1-4
(Article 29- develop a child's talents).
22nd Inset Training Day
25th Christmas Holidays

KS2 Leavers Performances

I think you will all agree that the children who performed in the play and sang in the choir at the leavers performances did an amazing job! Thanks go to the teachers and staff for their commitment and hard work in producing such a wonderful production, also to parents/carers for helping with lots of practice at home. We received some really positive comments and this note was also emailed yesterday morning:

Good Morning

I have just got home following watching the KS2 production and I wanted to email to say a high congratulations and well done to every single child involved.

All of you sang, acted and danced your hearts out and every single one of you was brilliant! Your hard work and practice has really paid off and you have presented a fantastic production of which you should all feel very proud! Your smiles showed how much fun you were having and that meant that we all had fun in the audience too!

Thank you for entertaining us, I think we all laughed and smiled all the way through. You have brightened my day and I am sure some of you will have a fine career on the stage in the future!!!!

Good Luck to year 6 on the next step in your journeys!

Well done everyone!!

School Discos

Thank you again for supporting the school discos last week, FoSM raised a total of £220!

School Hours

The school week will be changing from September 2023 to 32.5 hrs per week. The expectation will be for children to arrive in the school grounds from 8:40am (drop and go will also operate from this time) then children will be seated in their classrooms at **8:45am**. Pick-up time will remain at 3:15pm. Pre-school start time remains unchanged at 9:00am and pick-up is 3:00pm.

The **KS1 and KS2 double gates will be locked at 8:45am**. Please could all Pre-school parents/carers park in the main car park and access Pre-school via the small gate.

Parking

Please can we remind parents/carers when parking adjacent to the main road, to please park diagonally up to the grass verge and not lengthways. We can get more cars in the space available if this is adhered to please. Thank you.

School Lunches

Unfortunately the paid school meal price will be increasing again in **September to £2.54 per meal**. This increase is as a result of current food and energy costs. We have been able to minimise this increase with AiP so that it falls in-line with the current Gloucestershire County Schools price.

Please also ensure that all meals are ordered via Parentpay (new Reception children need to complete a paper version) well in advance for September!

Cookery Club

Please note that Cookery Club is fully booked and the 6 children that were successful for the September/October club have been informed. If your child was not successful, they have been placed on the waiting list and you will be contacted again when a place is available for future terms.

Class Snippets - (Article 28- children have the right to an education. Article 29- Education should develop a child's talents, personalities and beliefs)

No individual snippets this week but Steam Mills have enjoyed a wonderful last week of term. Along with the usual learning and finishing off topic work, the whole school have enjoyed lots of other activities. The whole school enjoyed watching the dress rehearsal for the leaver's production earlier this the week. The show was over an hour and we were very proud of our Pre-school and younger children for how well they behaved, sitting and watching intently. Children have enjoyed time on the "big field" this week, be it playing ball games, playing on the "big" equipment or playing rounders. Lunch has also been "alfresco" earlier this week, which was lovely.

Library challenge

A message from Gloucestershire Libraries:

Thank you so much for letting us tell your children all about The Library Challenge! Below is some more info, and attached is a pdf leaflet. We would be really grateful if you could circulate these on your parent/carer platforms, or anywhere else you feel appropriate.

Youtube video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nj2snGl9Y7A> – this 3min video is perfect for sharing in class or assemblies as an additional follow up, or can be shared with families to watch at home.

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/>

The key message we are aiming to deliver to children and their grown-ups is that The Library Challenge is free, and available for all children aged 3-12yrs. Library membership is open to everyone, and all are welcome!

Have a great summer!

School Debt Policy – September 2023

New measures we are introducing from September are as follows.

- Bookings will only be accepted if Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club Accounts are in credit for each day booked.
- If your child is a “no show” or you have not given 24hrs notice, you will be still be charged for your child’s place.
- If your child is not booked in for either service, you will be contacted and if we are oversubscribed, asked to collect your child.
- Accounts will be debited on the same day (BC) or next day (ASC) and not weekly.
- Childcare vouchers/tax free childcare payments should be **sent in advance** and your Parentpay account will then be credited ready for use.
- Breakfast club remains free of charge to those eligible for income/benefits based Free School Meals.

Please ensure that your Breakfast Club and After School Club Parentpay accounts are in credit by September if you are planning to use these services.

Free Food Offers

Please find attached a list of free and discounted food outlets which you may find of interest for the summer holidays.

Monster Phonics Webinar

There is a monster phonics parent webinar scheduled for parents on 4th October. If you are interested in learning more about how we teach phonics you can reserve a place by opening the link below:

[Monster Phonics a Guide for Parents Tickets, Wed 4 Oct 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to welcoming most of you back on Tuesday 5th September at 8:45 am

As always, please do let us know if you have any questions or queries. We do also encourage parents/carers to let us know if they have any suggestions of events or activities that you would like to see in school.

Our Safeguarding, Behaviour, Complaints and other policies are available on our school website