



Dear Parents/Carers

Children in Need

Thank you for purchasing items for sale supporting our Children in Need fundraising and also sending in donations for the non-school uniform day. We will let you know the total amount raised next week.

Linked to : Article 23- children with disabilities have the right to live as full life as possible.

Teams4U Shoe Box Appeal – Friday 18th November

Thank you for the donations of shoeboxes. They are not actually being collected until next week so you still have time to donate one on Monday if you so wish. You can learn more about this charity here -

<https://teams4u.com/wpcms/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/T4U-Romania-Shoebox-2021.mp4>

Linked to : Articles 38/ 22- Protection from war/ refugee children

Cotswold Farm Park – Enchanted Light Trail Draw

We made the draw on Tuesday for 5 families to receive complementary tickets to the Cotswold Farm Park to see the Enchanted Light Trail. Congratulations to :

Ben (C4) Olivia (C3) & Mason (PS)
Finley (C4) Isla B (C1)
Tiago (PS)

Track & Car Park

You may have noticed that Gloucestershire Highways have delivered some crushed tarmac for the school to put down on the track and car park. We hope to schedule this work in the next few weeks (on a weekend), thank you to Mr Hancock for offering the use of a digger and equipment to make this project happen. Thanks also go to Counsellor Hale and the Federations Chair of Governors, Mr Wildin for arranging the delivery.

Breakfast Club/After School Club

We are carefully monitoring attendance at our wrap-around provision to ensure we have the correct level of staffing each day. **Please inform the school your requirements change.**

Christmas 4school Design Items

Reminder - There are still items waiting to be collected from the school office. Thank you!

School Calendar 22/23

Term 2

31st Oct to 16th Dec

Term 3

3rd Jan to 17th Feb

Term 4

27th Feb to 31st March

Term 5

17th April to 26th May

Term 6

5th June to 25th July

Inset Days:

3rd Jan, 24th and 25th July

Diary Dates

November

30th Workshop for Panto C1 & C2

December

1st C1-C4 Pantomime Trip

2nd & Christmas Jumper Bring &

5th Buy sales

5th FoSM Wreath Collection Day

7th Visitor: Harold the Giraffe Life Education

9th Christmas Fayre – 2pm

12th Pre-school Pantomime Trip

13th Pre-school, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity Performances (9:30am and 5:00pm)

15th Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day

16th Christmas Parties & Carol Service – 1:30pm

January 2023

18th Reception & Y6 Screening Vision & Measuring height & weight

25th Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.

Rags to Riches Collection

Pre-school, Class 1 and Class 2 Nativity

Please could you ensure you return your slips requesting tickets as soon as possible. The performance at 5pm on Tuesday 13th December is almost full. There are still lots of tickets for the 9:30am performance.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – We have engaged in World Nursery Rhyme week, focusing on a different nursery rhyme each day- enjoying singing the rhymes, themed crafts and activities. Today is all about Pudsey bear! We have created fingerprint spotty bandanas for Pudsey and talked about why we are raising money and how it helps children!

Class 1 - This week, C1 have been learning about Anti-bullying week and have made some fantastic Anti-bullying posters. Following this, we have been discussing what makes a 'good friend', and have collectively made a good friend wreath for our new friendship display. Reception, have now started their Phase 3 sounds, and this week's sounds are 'j, v, w, x'.

Class 2 have started their new class book. It is all about The Great Fire of London; we have been thinking carefully about what London is like now and how it used to be in 1066. We continued to use adjectives to describe the two different time periods and some of the children even used co-ordinating conjunctions in their writing! They are all becoming great writers and we are excited to learn more about the fire of London.

Class 3 have had a busy week completing assessments and they have all worked hard on these. On Wednesday, we time travelled back to Skara Brae and took a tour of the settlement in Orkney, Scotland. The children then wrote amazing letters to their Future-self about their trip.

Today, we have had an art morning, creating cave paintings using textured paper, sand and lentils. Then the children gathered materials to make their own paints! Have a look at our class page to see their great paintings.

Class 4 - The children in Class 4 have been working hard on their assessments this week. In history, they have been exploring life as an evacuee and had another opportunity to explore a box of resources from The Wilson Museum; in it were artefacts the children used and were able to inform their diary writing. For anti-bullying week, the children have explored peer relationships and what the term 'bystander' means - the children were able to come up with resolutions to solve a situation in a friendship group dynamic.

RRSA

Article 45- non-governmental should provide support for children.

This week, we have been supporting Children in Need. They find thousands of charities and projects around the UK to support children feel safer, support mental health and be given more equal opportunities to flourish.

We have also been collecting shoe boxes to be sent abroad to provide children with some joy this Christmas time.

Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school

Mason - enjoying all aspects of Preschool.

Charlie - great imagination in small world play.

Class 1

Alfie B & Alfie P - for always cracking on with their morning tasks without being asked.

Class 2

Evie - always trying her best and developing her writing.

Lily M - working hard to develop skills in maths!

Class 3

Amelia - Detailed explanations in maths, when reasoning.

Luca - Improved cursive handwriting.

Class 4

Chloe - for a positive start to Class 4.

Annabelle - for being a supportive learning partner.

Whole School Pantomime – Thursday 1st December

We have the Everyman Theatre coming into school on 30th November (the day before the Panto Trip) to provide a workshop for Classes 1 & 2. The workshop is designed to give the children an overview of the Panto and prepare them for the show.

Sweets/Chocolate in the interval – this box appears on the permission slip for the Panto Trip but we think this is being overlooked. **Therefore please contact Miss Agg if you are not happy for your child to receive this treat.**

Christmas Jumper Sale – Friday 2nd & Monday 5th December

FoSM are holding a Christmas Jumper Bring and Buy sale, please donate any unwanted jumpers to the school office between 14th and 25th November. Thank you!

Christmas Cards

The Christmas Post Box will be put out for the children to post their Christmas Cards to each other at the start of the Christmas week on **Monday 12th December**. Please ensure that names are clearly marked with the class number. Many thanks

Young Voices

All parent tickets and children's t-shirts have been ordered and Miss Agg will inform you when these are ready for collection from the school office. **Please ensure that you go onto ParentPay to pay for your child's contribution to the cost of the coach, £12.50.** Please contact Miss Agg if you have any questions.



Here is also a link for the songs for children to practice at home if they wish and we have attached further instructions:

<https://myclassmate.ai/parentRegisterReferral?code=MYgpp4E5pCRbTFiG>

You can also pre-order a DVD of the children's performance using these details :

Discount code SCHOOLS23

Pre-order your concert video today!

Web address yv23film.co.uk and the discount code **SCHOOLS23** (which makes makes the video price discounted to £9.99).

The YV concert film is a great souvenir of your special night and you can watch them at home the day after your concert! You and your family can re-live the concert for years to come. Don't forget to apply your special *discount code **SCHOOLS23** on purchase.

Featuring edited footage from your concert, some of the children and coaches arriving in the morning and a peek at the rehearsals and backstage interviews!

Here is your [link](#) to pre-order your concert video, then the very next day after the concert you will receive an email so you can watch it straight away.

Check out this link <https://youtu.be/1y89gG29bkk> to see a taste of the films we made in 2022!



** concert films are normally £12.99 and the discount code applies until 1st January 2023*

FoSM Parent Coach – Young Voices

FoSM are looking into booking a coach for the parents to travel up to the Young Voices concert. Please could you contact Louise Bent if you are interested in taking up this offer, the cost would be £8.50 each.

Email: mikerbent@btinternet.com

Holiday Free School Meals Scheme

This winter holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council are providing vouchers to eligible families who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of our commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2), as they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme will receive £15 per child, per week for the holiday period. We will be distributing 2 weeks of vouchers for the winter holiday period.

We have attached details, to find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our Holiday free school meal vouchers webpage:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/meals-during-school-holidays/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/holiday-free-school-meal-vouchers/#main>

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

For any parents wishing to update details of an existing application, please ask them to email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk so we can update their account, as this not an automatic process.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal vouchers for the winter holiday period are now open until the 6 December. Voucher emails will be sent out on 13 December. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by the 14 December please email childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk.

Winter HAF 2022 is coming!

The Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF) will be returning this December to provide you with exciting, festive holiday fun for your family. See below for all the information you need to know.

Click here to watch our latest HAF video! <<https://youtu.be/4Fk3OI8zuSc>>

What is HAF?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is a Department for Education funded initiative to provide free activities and food for children in reception to year 11 who are eligible for pupil premium free school meals.

When is HAF happening?

HAF will be running for 4 days between 19-22 December.

When will bookings go live?

HAF bookings will go live from 1 December

What do I need to do in the meantime?

To make sure you're ready to book your activities this December, you need to need to do the following things:

1. Make sure you're registered on our Children's Activity Booking Site (CABS). This is important as this is the booking system you will use to book your HAF activities. You can register by clicking [here](https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/holiday-activities-and-food-programme-haf/register-for-our-childrens-activities-booking-system/) and completing your

2. If you're already registered to CABS, make sure all details are up to date on your account. This is important as it helps us to make sure we are providing appropriate activities for children attending HAF, and that any additional needs are catered for. We want to ensure children and young people have the best experience possible.

Will food hampers be available?

Food hampers are not available this December, but we will share more details about the Holiday Free School Meal Voucher scheme with you soon.

How can I find out more information?

For more information, you can visit our website at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

For general queries, you can email us at

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Families who receive free school meals can also subscribe to our seasonal, bi-weekly newsletter by clicking

here. https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE/subscriber/new?topic_id=UKGLOUCESTERSHIRE_287

School Debt - ParentPay

The school has a **zero debt policy**, please do make contact if you are finding this difficult to manage and a payment plan can be put in place.

Furniture

We still have a couple of chairs and some tables which are excess to requirement. Please contact Miss Agg if you are interested in giving them a home.

Christmas Wreaths

Last call for orders! **Please ensure payment accompanies all requests.** Thank you.

ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATH



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I would like to order..... wreath(s) at £7 each. Total cost £.....

Name / name of parent who will collect your wreath(s)
.....

Contact telephone number.....

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO MISS AGG IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE BY MONDAY 21ST
NOVEMBER WITH FULL PAYMENT IN CASH

Drybrook Christmas Lights
Switch On
Saturday 3 Dec 2022
from 5pm

Market Stalls
Santa's Grotto
Choirs
Drybrook Band
Food

5pm - Hearts of Oak - Market Stalls (cash only),
Drybrook Band, Drybrook School Choir, Santa's Grotto

6pm - The Cross - Switch on lights

6.15pm - Hearts of Oak - Market Stalls (cash only),
Santa's Grotto, Drybrook Male Voice Choir

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.