



Dear Parents/Carers

Remembrance Day

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal this year we will let you know the final total for the school's collection in due course. The children attended assembly this morning very respectfully as we marked this very important day.



Parking – Tuesday 15th November

Just to forewarn you, we are expecting quite a lot of visitors to the school on the afternoon of Tuesday 15th November. Please be prepared to park away from the school and walk. Thank you for your understanding.

Class Snippets

Pre-school – We have talked about Remembrance Day, watching the Cbeebies short animation “Poppies”, to help the children understand this important event. We have created our own versions of poppies, using stickers, fingerprints and red and black loose parts.

Class 1 - this week we have been looking at Remembrance Day and what it represents and we have been doing a lot of poppy themed art in class. We have also finished phase 2 phonic sound this week and all the children have been working really hard on their blending skills!

Class 2 - we have been watching our pumpkin this week. It started out as being a very fresh pumpkin on Halloween, however, it is now 'furry' and 'green'. We are enjoying this experiment and are excited to see what will happen next.

Class 3 have had a busy morning making their own poppy badges to wear for Remembrance Day. They have had a busy week learning about Iron Age hillforts and the different defences that they had. The children have also been learning about prepositions in English and developed dictionary skills.

Class 4 children have had their second session of flute this week and they are doing really well with their embouchure and blowing rhythms into the head joint; they are now starting to learn about the parts of a flute and now know they will need to play music without looking at the keys! Evie and Jenson brought in some family heirlooms linked to the war and the children really enjoyed looking at them - thank you again to families for engaging with the children's learning.

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

18th Children in Need Day

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

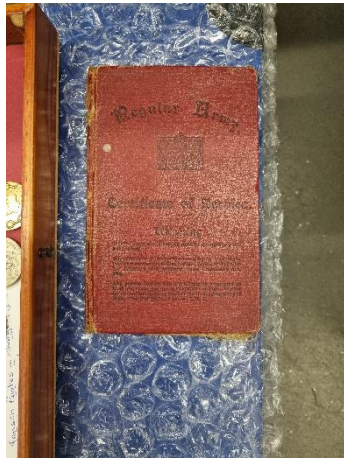
16th Christmas Parties & Carol Service – 1:30pm

January 2023

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

25th Young Voices Concert, Birmingham.

Rags to Riches Collection



Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school

Elliot – Fabulous recall of Patch the Dogs visit.

Ali – Imaginative ideas with Playdough.

Class 1

Charlie - for he's fantastic attitude to learning.

Isla - for the compassion and empathy she shows others.

Class 2

Rowan – for great explanations in science about how different objects can be made from different materials.

Freddie - wonderful descriptions of fruits and a great fruit poem.

Class 3

Tallulah - An excellent understanding of types of homes in the past.

Fergie - Putting 100% effort into everything she does.

Class 4

Ava - for a conscious improvement in presentation and handwriting.

Evie - for challenging herself in maths.

RRSA

This weeks' theme is anti-bullying. The articles linked to this theme are Articles 2- Non-discrimination, Articles 12 and 13- The right to speak out and to be listened to by adults and Article 19- The right to protection from harm.

The theme of this years' anti-bullying week is 'One kind word'. It would be great to discuss with children some ideas for showing 'random acts of kindness' to people in and out of school. For more ideas/ video links, head over to the school website > Curriculum > Rights Respecting Award.

Wet Weather – Coats

Please ensure that your child brings a waterproof coat to school each day. We do still take the children out for a play and fresh air when it is lightly raining. Many thanks.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

The School will be celebrating Children in Need on Friday 18th November and we are asking children to support the theme this year, Be Spotacular, by wearing something spotty (don't worry too much if you do not have spots, normal non-school uniform will be fine).

£1 donation for Children in Need please.



We will also have limited merchandise to purchase starting from **Monday 14th November**:

Pudsey Ears £2.50

Blush Ears £2.50

Wrist Bands £1.00

Linked to : [Article 23- children with disabilities have the right to live as full life as possible.](#)

Teams4U Shoe Box Appeal – Friday 18th November

Each family should have received a leaflet this week to inform about the shoe box appeal that the school have signed up for again this year. Please do contribute if you can to this wonderful charity. If you would like to learn more about this charity, please take a look at the link below. Please hand your filled shoeboxes in by Friday 18th November. Many thanks.

<https://teams4u.com/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 have sent the attached letter out to all families this week. There is an offer of 5 families to receive complimentary tickets to the Cotswold Farm Park to see this light trail. Please ensure that your slip is returned no later than Monday if you would like your family to be included for the draw.

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. Miss Barber has also created a social story which we have attached to this newsletter. You can use this to explain the show to your children if you wish to do so.

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

School Nursing Hubs

The School Nursing service are running drop in Hubs at various venues throughout the academic year.

The purpose of the hub is to allow parents from Gloucestershire to drop in have a chat about any issues that they may be having with their child and us signposting to services or giving some basic information that will help to support them.

Topics include: Behaviour/Anxiety/Sleep

Our **Mitcheldean Hub** will be held at;

Venue; Mitcheldean School

Day; Thursday

Date; 8/12/2022

Time; 9am to 10am

Please see attached flyer for more information.

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>



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

Uniform Donation – Forest Pulse

We have received a kind donation of some new and unused uniform from the Forest Pulse charity, please come to the school office if you would like any items free of charge.

Black or Grey Unisex Trousers Age 3, Age 5, Age 8, Age 9, Age 10, Age 11
Grey Skirts Size 32"

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<<http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf>>

For general queries, you can email us at

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk<<mailto: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.

Gloucestershire Families Magazine

Here is the **link** to the next issue of [Families Gloucestershire Magazine](#)

The **'Christmas'** issue is loaded with really useful information and articles for parents including:

- Westonbirt's Christmas light trail
- Santa's Lapland Word Search
- Gifts for teachers under £10
- Free Weebles toy
- Energy saving for kids, free downloadable
- Top Advent Calendar picks
- Get greener this Christmas
- Eco Christmas gift guide
- and lots more.....

Christmas Wreaths

This order form has now been sent home, 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)
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Contact telephone number.....

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

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.