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Dear Parents,

Headlice and Nits

We have been advised that a family have had to treat their children for headlice and nits over the past few days. Please help us to become nit and headlice free by tying long hair up whilst in school and checking your children (and other family members) on a regular basis. Further information can be found on the NHS direct website. Thank you. <http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Summer Reading Challenge

Once again the local libraries will be taking part in the summer reading challenge. This year the theme is 'World Wild Heros'. This is what they say:

Summer is just over the horizon, and with it comes the Summer Reading Challenge @ Gloucestershire Libraries!

This is our favourite time of year. We love seeing all your pupils get so enthused about reading, and coming to their local library. Last year, given all its weirdness, made for a very different Challenge. We took things digital, with children logging their progress online, receiving digital incentives as they went. Gloucestershire Libraries also worked hard to distribute free, gifted books, packs and medals to vulnerable children across the county. These gifts were available for every child in care, and also to those accessing Trussell Trust and independent Foodbanks across the county during the summer months. We are continuing with both these offers this year - digital content for all, and free books for vulnerable children - but our main aim is to get all children back in their local library!

This year's challenge is called 'Wild World Heroes', and was designed by The Reading Agency to be relevant, thought provoking, but above all - FUN! We have lots of fantastic events in the planning stages, to run alongside the challenge (Covid allowing), but the core challenge remains the same. 8 weeks, 6 books, 3 visits - any books at all! Even the most reluctant readers can manage that, to get their hands on a shiny golden medal (and maybe some house points too?!)

You can find out more about the challenge on a national level here:

<https://readingagency.org.uk/news/media/the-reading-agency-partners-with-wwf-for-nature-focused-summer-reading-challenge.html>

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/school-zone-src>

Your continued support is what makes the challenge so successful in our county, and the ultimate goal is to get more and more children reading for pleasure, a goal we know you all feel as strongly about as we do.

Summer Camps - Tennis

We have received the following information from Goodrich Tennis Club.

*The Committee is pleased to announce that we will be running some Summer Camps during August, for children aged 5 - 16 years, and would be grateful if you'd share this with anyone you know who might be interested. All sessions are action-packed with **music, team games, tennis drills, friendly matches and fun!***

The dates are all Fridays: **6th, 13th and 27th August**, 5-9 year olds from 12-3pm and 10-16 year olds from 3-6pm
The dates for the **Autumn coaching** have also been posted on the website and will start with a **Free Fun Day** on Saturday 4th September, with the 6 week course commencing the following week (11th September)
For further information and booking, please check out our website [Goodrich Tennis Club](http://www.goodrichtennis.co.uk) or by emailing Bonnie at welfare@goodrichtennis.co.uk. Spaces are limited so please book soon!

Dog on the school grounds

We ask that dogs are not brought onto the school grounds at any time, even when the school is closed. Unfortunately the children (and staff) have stepped in dog mess on the playground and the field which is unpleasant for all. Thank you.

Whitemead Residential Visit

A reminder that the first payment is due on or before 5th July 2021. If you are having difficulties in paying by this date it is important that you speak with the school office. In2Action, the provider for the residential, have a very strict payment schedule. Many thanks.

Pre-School

The last day for our Pre-School will be **Friday 16th July 2021** ending at the normal time of 2.45 p.m.

Last day of term

We will be holding our usual leavers service but this year it will be by Zoom. Further details to follow. **The school will close after lunch at 1.00 p.m.**

Covid-19

Are you aware cases of Covid-19 are rising in the area and a number of schools including ourselves have had positive cases and staff and pupils isolating. Please help us to continue to reduce the risks of Covid-19 in the school community. Only one adult to bring and collect children, social distancing, follow our drop and go policy, staggered start and finish times, wearing of face masks on the school site.

If your child is unwell before the start of the school day, please do not bring them into school. Please phone the school office and let a member of staff know exactly what symptoms your child is exhibiting, even if you do not suspect Covid-19. Your help is very much appreciated.

Contact Details

As the vast majority of our communications will now be through email or postings on the website or twitter it is even more important that we have up to date contact details for you. If you or your emergency contacts have changed telephone numbers, email addresses or have moved house please let us know as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 7 th July	New to Reception class parents meeting via Zoom
Thursday 8 th July	Maple Class Prom
Friday 9 th July	New to Reception class Forest Schools session 10 – 12.30
Friday 16 th July	Reports sent to parents
Friday 16 th July	Last day for Pre-School
Monday 19 th July	Leavers Play via Zoom at 1.30 and 6.00 – details to follow
Wednesday 21 st July	Last day of Term, 10.30 Leavers service via Zoom, school ends at 1.00

Term Dates 2021/22

Term 1	Monday 6 th September – Friday 22 nd October	(Inset days 2 nd and 3 rd September)
Term 2	Tuesday 2 nd November – Friday 17 th December	(Inset day 1 st November)
Term 3	Tuesday 4 th January – Thursday 17 th February	(Inset day 18 th February)
Term 4	Monday 28 th February – Friday 8 th April	
Term 5	Monday 25 th April – Friday 27 th May	
Term 6	Tuesday 7 th June – Friday 22 nd July	(Inset day 6 th June)