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Dear Parents,

Sports for Champions – Friday 25th March 2022

Thank you for all your kind donations towards Sports for Champions. We raised a total of £668.81.

After School Clubs – Sports

All after school sports clubs have been cancelled for next week, Monday – Year 6, Tuesday – Chestnut Class, Wednesday – Holly Berries and Year 1, Thursday – Maple Class. These will restart after the Easter Holidays from Monday 25th April 2022.

Art club – Thursday and After School Tutoring – Tuesday and Thursday will continue as normal.

Complaints about Parking / Supervision of children in Oak Way Car Park

We have received several complaints this week about parents not being considerate when they park cars during drop off and collection. This has been from residents of Oak Way who have had cars and garages blocked in, and parents being abusive when asked politely not to do this.

Oak Way car park belongs to Two Rivers Housing Association and there has been a long standing informal agreement that parents can use the car park for a quick drop and go, as long as they do not interfere with the resident's use of this area. Two Rivers Housing Association have the right to block access to non-residents.

So that our parents do not lose the privilege of being able to park in Oak Way car park we ask that everyone is considerate to our neighbours and not block entrances, cars and garages. Also to remember that it is a quick drop / collect and go and not a place to leave your car while visiting the play park, friends, etc.

Concern has also been raised about the lack of supervision of children in the area of the car park and the speed at which cars are driven into and out of the car park. We do not wish for any of our children or families to be injured on the way to or from school so please be careful and supervise children at all times. Thank you.

New COVID guidance

We have been issued with the following guidance, as always, if your child is ill please keep them at home and telephone the school office to advise the reason for their absence.

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April 2022

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

Head Teacher: Mrs Hayley McGoldrick

- *adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature*
- *children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend*
- *adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days*

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

Easter Raffle

We would like to thank the Chaffey family for their kind donation of Easter goodies for the raffle. Raffle tickets will be available to buy in school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week. The tickets will cost 50p each, there is no limit on how many or few tickets you can buy. The raffle will be drawn in school on Thursday. All proceeds will go towards Maple Class Prom which will take place near the end of the summer term.

Experience Easter – Wednesday 6th April - Packed Lunches required

Mike Barnsley, Vicar at St Ethelberts Church, has arranged an Experience Easter session for the children in Holly Berries, Chestnut and Maple classes on Wednesday 6th April, Holly Leaves Class and Year 1's from Holly Berries will continue with their Forest School session as normal.

As the hall will be in use we are unable to provide a hot meal but packed lunches can be ordered, please let us know on Monday if you would like a school packed lunch.

Rock Steady

This morning we enjoyed a fantastic concert by our Rock Steady musicians. If you are interested in your child joining and playing in their own rock band please contact Rock Steady on 0330 1130330. Further information can also be found on this short video to see what learning in a band could do for your child's well-being:
<https://www.rocksteadymusicschool.com/watch-video/>

Easter Activities

Please see attached posters regarding play activities at Ruspidge Recreational Ground, Forest of Dean Spring Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) and Pro-Stars.

Crisp Packets

We have been very busy collecting crisp packets over the past few years and recycling them with Terracycle. The scheme is now closing as local recycling centres are now able to recycle them. Can all donations of crisp packets be sent into school before Monday 4th April 2022. Thank you.

FREE Paediatric First Aid Session for Parents

Hilltop Children and Family Centre, Cinderford is offering a free one-off first aid sessions this April. Spaces are limited so book now to avoid disappointment! Details are as follows:

0-9 months: 22nd April, 9.30am - 11am

9-24 months: 22nd April, 11:30am - 1pm

To book a place, please email: babystepsglos@barnardos.org.uk

Contact Details

As the vast majority of our communications will now be through email or postings on the website or twitter is it 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.

Free School Meals

If your circumstance have changed recently please consider if you are entitled to free school meals. If in doubt apply, all applications are treated in confidence.

Why should you apply?

For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

What are the qualifying criteria for Free School Meals?

Your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Children who get paid these benefits directly, instead of through a parent or guardian, can also get free school meals.

If you feel that you may be entitled to free school meals you can check your eligibility and apply for meals by visiting: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> All applications will be treated in confidence.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 6 th April	Experience Easter – Packed lunches required
Friday 8 th April	Last day of Term – finish time 2.55 / 3.05
Sunday 10 th April	Community Easter Egg Hunt
Weds 27-Fri 29 th April	Residential Visit
Monday 2 nd May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 th May	Friends Sunflowers and Book Swap
W/c 9 th May	Year 6 SATS
Tuesday 17 th May	Young Voices Concert
Friday 27 th May	Last day of term
Tuesday 7 th June	Leavers and Class Photographs
Wednesday 8 th June	Book Fair
Tuesday 14 th June	Rags to Riches Clothing Collection
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral

Term Dates 2021/22

Term 4	Monday 28 th February – Friday 8 th April	
Term 5	Monday 25 th April – Friday 27 th May	
Bank Holiday	Monday 2 nd May	
Term 6	Monday 6 th June – Wednesday 20 th July	(Inset day 21 st July)