



Dear Parents and Carers

### School Lunches

If your child requires school lunches for next week at all, please check now that you have ordered them. We have a 48 hr cut-off for all orders. We have also received our new Menu from AiP which has been loaded onto ParentPay for after Easter. Thank you.

### Parents Evening – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Thank you to those parents that attended our parent's evenings this week. We still have a few appointments remaining with some teachers if you have still to book for next Tuesday. If you have any issues booking for your child/ren, please contact Miss Agg for assistance. Pre-school Parents Evenings will be on the same day and are taking place in the school hall. Bookings can be made with the Pre-school staff.

### The Great Daffodil Appeal (Marie Curie) – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March

There is a Wear Something Yellow day to raise awareness for The Great Daffodil Appeal (Marie Curie) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The school is supporting this day by encouraging children to wear a small yellow item if possible; e.g. hair clip, socks, t-shirt to raise awareness, no donation necessary. All other clothing on this day is to be uniform. We have a Marie Curie assembly planned this term so this day will link nicely to what the children will learn.

### Easter Bonnet/Basket Competition and Parade

Mrs Dickinson is kindly organising another Easter Competition, where children can design and make their own Easter Bonnet or Basket. There are still a few templates left which you can collect from the school office



or children are welcome to create their own. Judging will take place on the morning of **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March**, therefore, please ensure all entries are in school first thing and are named. An Easter parade to show the items made will take place at 3pm, parents are welcome to come in early to watch the parade. Prize giving will now be on the Thursday at the end of the parade.

### FoSM Non-school Uniform Day – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

There will be a non-school uniform day on the last day of this term in support of the FoSM Summer Fayre, please bring in a bottle to donate for the Tombola. Thank you.

### Cyberbullying

Attached to this newsletter is a Parent's Guide to Cyberbullying which we hope you find useful.

#### Term Dates 2023-24

##### Spring term 2024

8<sup>th</sup> January—22<sup>nd</sup> March

Half Term: 12<sup>th</sup>—16<sup>th</sup> Feb

##### Summer Term 2024

8<sup>th</sup> April—22<sup>nd</sup> July

Half Term: 27<sup>th</sup>—31<sup>st</sup> May

##### INSET days:

24<sup>th</sup> May and

22<sup>nd</sup> July

##### Diary Dates

(including Federation activities)

##### March

19<sup>th</sup> Parents Evenings

20<sup>th</sup> Federation activity Y1/2 with an Easter theme

21<sup>st</sup> The Great Daffodil Appeal (Marie Curie) – wear a yellow item (not non-uniform)

Easter Bonnet/Basket Parade

22<sup>nd</sup> Non-School Uniform Day – Bottle Donation for Summer Fayre

End of Term 4

##### April

8<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 5

18<sup>th</sup> Scholastic Book Fair

19<sup>th</sup> FoSM Meeting – 3:15pm

##### May

6<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

13<sup>th</sup> Rags2Riches collection

23<sup>rd</sup> Sponsored Walk

End of Term 5

24<sup>th</sup> Inset Day

##### June

3<sup>rd</sup> Start of Term 6

14<sup>th</sup> Sports Day morning

## Sponsored Walk – 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Letters and sponsor forms were sent home recently regarding the annual sponsored walk. Please complete the return slip and return as soon as possible. Please contact the school office if you have any questions or queries. Thank you.

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

**Pre-school** – we have had a very busy week at Pre-School. We used the packets we have recycled from lunch times to make an eco-brick. The children focussed really well on filling their plastic bottle with recycling. We have started to look at Easter and talk about the story of Easter. The children have had Easter colouring and tracing sheets, stencils and we have started to make Easter themed stained glass windows to put up around the Pre-School building. We have also taken part in wearing red clothes for Red Nose Day, playdough, dancing, yoga and lots of other fun things! Our sound of the week has been i and our number has been 4.

**Class 1** – we have been working really hard on our science experiment; writing predictions and observations. We planted 4 sets of seeds in different conditions to see how they will grow. We will be planting more seeds to support our writing of instructions next week. We had lots of fun using the BeeBots; debugging and coding them in computing. We also made the My Happy Mind characters in preparation for our display. Reception HFW's of the week: (day, play, away, like, when, what, come, some, one, little, children).

**Class 2** – on Wednesday, we had a very exciting trip to Slimbridge Wetland. The weather held off for us all day and we had a wonderful experience. When we arrived, we got to feed some of the swans, geese and pigeons. We then ventured to see the otters and other mammals. We spent the next hour having a learning session about adaptations of birds. The children got to explore how birds keep warm, how they stay dry and why they have webbed feet. After lunch, we spent some time in the playground! Then, we split up into two groups and explored the centre further. We got to see everything that Slimbridge had to offer and even got a quick splash in Wellyboot land! Thank you to our amazing volunteers, without you this trip would not have been possible. All the children were well behaved and had a fantastic day.



## Star of the Week Certificates



### Pre-school

**Oak** - for having a go at forming the letters of his name independently.

**Willow** - for her focus and attention to detail during activities.

### Class 1

**Charlie** - for his resilience when coming into school.

**Tate** - for working really hard on his writing.

**Star readers: Luca, Elodie & Texas-Rose**

### Class 2

**Zia** - wonderful questions asked during our trip.

**Evie W** - amazing bravery and enthusiasm during our trip.

### Class 3

**Blake Y3** - for a great use of narrative features in his fairy tale.

**Arlo** - for always following instructions and trying his best in everything he does.

### Class 4

**Rhys** - for having an enthusiastic approach to every area of the curriculum.

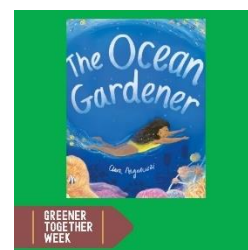


**Class 3** - had a visit from pupils at Woodside and Soudley this week. They worked in groups to design their own book covers for alternative fairy tales based on our federation work on Zombierella and the zoom with Joseph Coelho. They also were library detectives and went on a scavenger hunt to explore different genres of books and created reading rivers to showcase their love of a variety of texts/ books. It was lovely to see the children engaging with pupils from other schools and mixing so well. We have also been working on our own alternative endings to fairy tales, based on our work around The Lost Happy Endings. The children have had brilliant ideas and included many great features in their stories.

**Class 4** have been exploring formal language and the structures of persuasive letter writing. This has included looking at the features used when using persuasion such as emotive language. Next week they will be using these skills to write their own persuasive letter to the Prime Minister! In other areas of the curriculum they have been very busy using their creativity such as designing and making birds hides in DT. We have seen some brilliant technical drawings when planning and can't wait to see the finished pieces. Class 4 were joined on Wednesday by Y5 and Y6 children from Soudley and Woodside for a federation session. The focus was on wellbeing and myhappyminds, which is taught across the three schools. Children worked as mixed groups, so they had plenty of opportunities to mix and make new friends. Thanks to Miss Barber, all staff involved and to Mrs Davis and Mr Wildin for advocating these experiences for the children.

### Cinderford Library event

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 10:30-11:30 there will be an author visit at Cinderford library for their Greener Together Week. The author of 'Dear Earth' and 'The Ocean Gardener', Clara Anganuzzi, will be at the library for a 'how to draw' and crafting session. Spaces are available on the library website, you can book here: <https://gloslibraries.uk/event/greener-together-week-clara-anganuzzi-author-event-cinderford-library-16-03-2024>



### Community Litter Pick – Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March

There is a Great British Spring Clean litter pick in Cinderford on the 16<sup>th</sup> March 10-12 meeting at Bo Peeps nursery on the industrial estate. Attached is a poster for your information.

### Art of the New Hospital

Gloucestershire Health and Care are reaching out to Forest of Dean communities, schools, colleges, groups and organisations who may be interested in helping design and produce artwork that reflects the history, flora and fauna of the FoD. Please find attached information.

### Roadworks

We have been made aware of more roadworks to be carried out by Gigaclear that will impact traffic around the school after Easter. Gloucestershire County Council have confirmed that access to the school will remain open at all times but this will invariably cause delays once again. We have attached plans that have been sent to the school for your information.



*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**