



Dear Parents/Carers,

Pantomime

Reminder that all children need to be at school by 8:20am with coaches leaving for Cheltenham at 8:30am. Late lunch will be served when the children return at approximately 1:15pm.

A big **thank you** to Mollie and Oscar R's (class 2 and class 4) Dad at Forest Complete Carpentry for the kind donation of all the chocolate and drinks for our interval treats.

Class 2

We look forward to welcoming Miss Chamberlin to the team in January, following her recruitment to the Class 2 teaching post. Well done to Nora, Freddie, Maeve and Pacey from Class 3 on the 'pupil panel' during the interview day. They asked some fantastic questions and all the candidates were very impressed.

Class 4 – Trip to We the Curious

It was so lovely to hear that Class 4 enjoyed their trip to We the Curious to Bristol earlier this week. The children were so excited to be going and were a credit to Steam Mills. Well done Class 4 and a big thank you to those parents that helped on the day. We hope that other class trips will be arranged next year as and when possible.

Rights Respecting

Article 2- The right to non-discrimination and Article 23- Children with disabilities to live a full and dignified life. This week, we have explored how children with disabilities can be supported to access their rights. In Class 3, we have discussed how different disabilities can impact on children and how adjustments can be made to support them. We were very pleased with the mature conversation that the child had. We also explored the terms equality and equity. Equality- everyone is treated equally and accesses equal opportunities. Equity- Recognising that everyone is different and giving everyone what they need to achieve.

Christmas Cards

Children are welcome to bring into school Christmas cards for their friends. Cards need to be marked clearly with the name of the recipient (sometimes there is more than one of the same Christian name in a class! So the first letter of the surname should also be used) and their class number. Please would parents check letters before children bring them into school. The post-box will be available from **Monday 6th December**.

Diary Dates

December
6th Panto Trip (see letter)
10th Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day
14th Pre-school Christmas Trip
15th Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate
16th Christmas Lunch
17th Last Day of Term 2 – FoSM non-school uniform day & Class Christmas Parties

January
4th Inset Training Day
5th Children start Term3



December Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers

During the December holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £30 for each child who is eligible for FSM, which will cover both weeks in the December holidays.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the December holiday period is open from **Friday 26 November until midday Monday 13 December**. Voucher emails will be sent out between 13 and 15 December. If parents apply after the deadline, we cannot guarantee delivery of vouchers before 25 December.

For more information and for sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page on <<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/>> our website.

Please contact

childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk<<mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk>> if you have any queries not answered on the Holiday Free School Meal vouchers page.

Christmas Carols & Hot Chocolate

All parents/carers are welcome to join the whole school for Christmas Carols and Hot Chocolate in the playground starting at 3pm on Wednesday 15th December. Many thanks to FoSM who will be providing hot chocolate and refreshments for a small charge to boost their fundraising for the school.

Rags to Riches

We have signed up to the Rags2Riches4Schools recycling scheme again, to help others around the world benefit from our good quality unwanted clothes and shoes. The school (FoSM) gets 40p for every kilo we collect of reusable items. Our next collection will be **26 January 2022** so please keep us in mind if you are planning to have a sort out.

BeeZee Bodies

Attached, is information from BeeZee Bodies, the healthy lifestyles company funded by Gloucestershire County Council, for families with children of 5-15 years living in the City of Gloucester and the Forest of Dean, to support them in making healthier lifelong changes.

Best Wishes
Mrs Davis

Head Teacher Certificates

Pre-school
Maddison – fabulous singing for the Nativity practice and tapping to a beat.

Class 1
Alfie P – for his general can-do attitude.
Chester - always being ready to learn and trying his best in everything he does.

Class 2
The whole of Class 2 - for their wonderful behaviour on Tuesday with the interview candidates.

Class 3
Elsa - for using a range of features in her writing.
Macey - for excellent progress in maths.

Class 4
Oscar – for really good and insightful contribution to the class trip.
Finley B – for a positive learning attitude.