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SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

1st February 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

January has been a month of mixed emotions at school. We are all trying to come to terms with the very sad news about our popular teacher and friend, Mrs Cotterill. At the same time, we have been overwhelmed by the condolences and messages of support from parents, Governors and all members of the school community. She was patently a highly respected and popular teacher and we will all miss her greatly. We plan to have a memorial service at school to remember Mrs Cotterill and will be inviting any members of the school community who would like to attend.

School life has continued positively for the children with a multitude of enriching activities designed to inspire and interest them. I have enjoyed watching Beauty and the Beast with Class 4 at Newent Community School today and have observed our children imagining what opportunities lie before them when they transition to secondary school. The show was excellent and, I am sure, has stimulated aspirations to sing, dance, act, play an instrument, work backstage on lighting, sound or front of house or even take a main part some time in their future. The opportunities for our children are endless.

Warm regards,

Jon Tibbles, Headteacher



Reading Challenge

Well done to the two children in Class 2 who last week reached the first step of the Reading Challenge. Reading regularly at home really does help with progress and confidence in reading and makes it easier to access all the curriculum subjects at school.

Other religions—close up



Class 2 have visited the mosque in Gloucester and learnt about the lives of Muslim children in our locality.

Prayer Space—a chance to reflect



Prayer Space gave the children a chance to reflect on their own and with their peers about faith, spirituality and life's big questions. We loved the activities!



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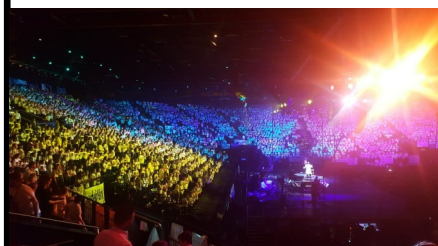
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Young Voices

Our trip to Birmingham for Young Voices was a fantastic experience with famous singers and a huge children's choir! Thanks to Mrs Jones for organising it.



Tsunami Alert in Class 4!

As much as creating the huge wave which destroyed their landscapes, the children really enjoyed building villages with houses and trees. It seemed a shame to wash them away!



Young carers in our community

What an amazing job our young carers do! Kian is pictured here with his family and a representative of the



Young Carers organisation. We are all very proud of Kian for the care he gives to his older sister. Thank you to everyone who supported this charity on Young carers day by wearing snazzy socks or contributing to the cake sale. I know all the children enjoyed comparing the socks they had on as well as eating cake—all for a

Run, run, as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man—Class 1



In Class 1 the cookery, English and technology skills link beautifully under the theme of 'the gingerbread man'. Some hungry faces in this photo!

Our Value is 'Thankfulness' for this term

If you are able to have conversations about the importance of being thankful with your child, this will reinforce our term's value. See our website for help!

Book Fair

The Book Fair is due to take place from Thursday 28th February to Wednesday 6th March inclusive. After school (3.15pm –3.50pm) parents are welcome to come into the school hall and select and purchase a book or books of their choice with their children. If you feel you would like to help out at the Fair, please speak to Mrs Rose in the School office.

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| Monday 7th January 2019 | Term 3 begins |
| Thursday 17th January 2019 | PTFA meeting at The Swan at 7pm |
| Friday 18th January 2019 | Young Voices Trip |
| Tuesday 29th January 2019 | Class 4 trip to Newent School for Beauty and the Beast |
| Friday 8th February 2019 | Class 4 Collective Worship for parents |
| Friday 15th February 2019 | Knex Competition for Class 4 |
| Monday 18th February 2019 | Half term begins |
| Monday 25th February 2019 | Term 4 begins |
| Wednesday 27th February 2019 | Height, weight and vision check carried out by NHS— Reception and Y6 |
| Thurs 28th Feb to Wed 6th Mar | Book Fair - Parent helpers required - contact School Office if you are able to help |
| Thursday 7th March 2019 | World Book Day—fancy dress day |
| Tuesday 12th March 2019 | Parents' evening |
| Thursday 14th March 2019 | Parents' evening |
| Thursday 21st March 2019 | Class Photographs |
| Friday 29th March 2019 | PTFA—Easter Bingo |
| Friday 5th April 2019 | Last day of Term 4 |
| Tuesday 23rd April 2019 | Term 5 begins |
| Mon 13th –Thurs 16th May 2019 | SATs week for Year 6 |
| Mon 20th—Fri 24th May 2019 | PGL week for Class 4 |
| Friday 24th May 2019 | Last day of term 5 |
| Tuesday 4th June 2019 | Term 6 starts |
| Thursday 6th June 2019 | Y6 Leavers' Service - Gloucester Cathedral |
| Tuesday 25th June 2019 | Sports Day 1.15 p.m. |
| Tuesday 2nd July 2019 | Reserve Sports Day 1.15 p.m. |
| Friday 19th July 2019 | Last day of Term 6 |

Reading books and non-fiction books

If you have any books at home that your child has finished with, we would be grateful to receive them at school to boost our choices of books in the library and in classrooms. We can take them at the office or you can give them to class teachers. Many thanks.

Positive Playtimes

Our children's wellbeing team have been brilliant. The 5 areas of wellbeing are being organised by our wellbeing team and playtimes are becoming more positive and even more enjoyable! Thank you to the team and the children who have devised activities.

Doodle Maths and Tables

We are really pleased with the uptake of pupils doing Doodle Maths for homework. We really feel it is enabling children to become more confident and more successful with maths in the class. Please practise Doodle Tables at home regularly.

Winter snow and closure information

In the event of snowfall which prevents enough staff getting to school safely, the school will close. We will send a text to all parents informing them of closure, or you can visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures>