



Welcome to Term 2! We have had a great start to the term with Class 3 enjoying Bikeability and a number of children travelling to the Stroud Book Festival to meet authors and partake in workshops. The weather has certainly turned more Autumnal and I would like to remind you to ensure children have waterproof coats and additional layers – hats, scarves and gloves so that they can enjoy outdoor playtime. We will continue to use the field throughout the year so if you would like to send children with wellies and spare socks then these can be stored at school.

Non- uniform day

Friday 17th November children are allowed to come to school in non-uniform. Please bring a bottle donation for the Bottle Tombola at our Christmas event – this can be a bottle of fizz, wine, pop, shampoo or anything else in a bottle! There will also be a coin collection for Children in Need. Children are asked to come in clothes suitable for the weather and to do PE in.

Cleaning help needed!

We do not currently have a school cleaner – our last one gave no notice and the cleaning company are unable to find us a replacement. The staff are currently cleaning the school themselves each evening but this is not sustainable. If you know of anyone who would like this position full time or can help us out in the short term the staff would be very grateful!

Residential, Swimming and Young Voices

The payments are now set up for you to start to pay for the residential and for next year's swimming in order to help you budget for them. **The first residential payment of £50 is due by November 15th.** If you have requested adult coach tickets for young voices please can you pay for these now, we still have some seats available. **I would be grateful if you could all email me (head@) to let me know whether you are wanting a seat or if you travelling alone so that I can issue extra seats to those that would like them.**

The tickets for the event have arrived digitally and I will send you more details of how to download the apps to receive them.

Bulb planting

Next Friday 17th November we are planning on planting the 500 Spring bulbs we have been given by Bulbs4kids - if you could spare any time to help us plant these we would be very grateful. Weather depending we will be starting first thing.

Bikeability

Well done to all of the children in Class 3 who completed their bikeability course this week, they have worked so hard throughout the week to develop their skills.

Bags for Schools

Thank you to everybody who donated jumble on Monday – we raised over £200 and the teachers and children have already started to think about what they will spend this on! Many thanks to the PTA for organising this, we are very excited to hear that we will soon be getting a clothes bank in the village carpark that will be raising funds for us all year round.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM is on Tuesday 14th November at 6pm – we hope to see many of you there! It is at school in Mrs Russell's classroom.

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Key Dates	
13 th November	Reception and Year 1 trip to Cirencester College
15 th November	Open morning 9:30-11:30am
17 th November	Non-uniform day donations for bottle stall and Children in Need / Nasal Flu vaccines
21 st November	Schoolbeat officer visiting class 3
21 st November	Sportshall athletics
22 nd November	Netball friendly against Ampney Crucis
23 rd November	Open morning 9:30-11:30am
28 th November	Open evening 4-6pm
19 th December	Panto
21 st December	Nativity at 1:30pm at the Village Hall
22 nd December	INSET day
8 th January	Term 3 starts
9 th February	End of Term 3
19 th February	Term 4 starts
11 th March	KNEX challenge day KS2 – paid for by PTA
22 nd March	End of Term 4
8 th April	Term 5 starts
12 th April	Swimming starts
13 th – 16 th May	Y6 SATs
24 th May	End of Term 5
3 rd June	Term 6 starts
3 rd – 14 th June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10 th – 14 th June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
12 th June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
17 th – 21 st June	Careers week
22 nd June	Small school fundraising event
24 th - 26 th June	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
6 th July	School Fete
10 th July	Schoolbeat visit for class 3
11 th – 12 th July	Deer Park School Induction days
19 th July	Last day of term for pupils

22nd July

INSET day