



Children's Mental Health Week

To launch Children's Mental Health Week (5-11 February) we are having a PSHE day where each class will spend time with Anita, a specialist PSHE teacher from Coram. We'll also be holding a **Wear Your Scarf to School Day** on Friday 9 February. The theme of Children's Mental Health Week this year is **My Voice Matters** and we've put together a range of special activities linking to the theme that we will do this week.

PSHE parents meeting

There is a PSHE parents meeting at school on Monday 5 February from 2:30-3pm. This session is run by SCARF/Coram which is the scheme that we base our weekly PSHE lessons from. Please email Mrs Woodruffe on admin@ if you are planning on attending.

Parents evenings – Spring term

This week we are holding parents' meetings in person or via phone at a variety of times throughout the week. If you have not yet made your appointment or had an email confirmation please **email me (head@)** with your preferred time and whether you would like in person or via phone and I will get back to you.

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday is Safer Internet Day and children will be adding to their usual Internet safety learning through PSHE by undertaking a BBC Live lesson at 11am, which will focus on understanding and navigating AI technology safely. Classes will also be taking part in different activities through the day. We will also be sending out a link to our school internet safety padlet which contains links to a number of useful sites to enable parents and carers to talk about using the internet safely with their children. The UK Safer Internet Centre has a useful area for parents and carers that you might like to look at to carry on conversations with your child: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>

Air Ambulance Day

On Wednesday the Midland air Ambulance team will be coming in to teach the children basic CPR lifesaving and first aid skills. All children across the school will take part in different age-appropriate workshops with the team, using CPR models to practise their skills. Reception children will have a short introduction to first aid and keeping themselves and others safe and what to do in an emergency.

Parents Information evenings next term

As you are aware throughout the year we hold additional parents' information evenings on a variety of topics. We have some in Term 4 around assessments. These are for parents in Reception, Y1 and Y2. Each session will be held at 3pm and repeated at 4:45pm. Please email admin@ to book a place.

Tuesday 27th Feb after school Y2 SATs information evening

Tuesday 12th March after school Y1 PSC information evening

Tuesday 9th April EYFSP information evening - Reception parents

Gymnastics Day

Whilst there was essential maintenance work taking place at school the children travelled to Delta Gymnastics in Swindon and enjoyed half a day of gymnastics. Whilst there, the children had a chance to use a variety of equipment including vaults and bars. Many persevered with skills they initially found tricky and many commented that they used muscles that they had previously not used!

After school clubs

There are no after school clubs the last week of term – week beginning Monday 5th Feb due to parents evenings.

Young Voices

Class 2 and 3 had an amazing day at the O2. The children behaved impeccably all day and sang their hearts out. I want to say a huge thank you to all of the parents who have taken time to email and message thanks to the staff who put in hours of rehearsals with the children not to mention a number of hours on the day – it means a lot.

Netball club in Term 4 – We have been invited to join with other schools in term 4 for a netball club/ friendly matches run at Kingshill school on a Thursday next term. Mrs Sage has offered to attend if we have enough interest. Please can you email Mrs Woodruffe without delay if you are keen for your child to take part – you will need to transport your child there and back(or arrange a lift).

Cold weather and emergency closure

Just a little reminder to ensure that all extra items of clothing – hats, scarves, gloves etc are named please. We currently have lots that children are not recognising and are not named.

Children continue to have playtime and PE outside throughout the winter to ensure that they get daily fresh air so feel free to send in extra layers for this. There is currently no need for extra layers inside as our heating is working properly.

In the event that the school needs to close due to adverse weather or other issues we will try to ensure that this decision is communicated to you in a timely manner and in all ways possible. We would wherever possible email, post it on our facebook page and register it on the Gloucestershire school closure site. As you are aware we do not take the decision to close the school lightly and it is only ever if we feel it is unsafe to do so based on conditions or staffing levels. Hopefully any wintry weather or storms will stay to weekends!

| Key Dates | |
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| 5 th February | Parents appointments class 1/2/3 – email head@ to book |
| 5 th February | Life Education day – parents session at 2:30pm |
| 6 th February | Parents appointments class 1 – email head@ to book |
| 7 th February | Air Ambulance day |
| 7 th February | Parents appointments class 1/2/3 – email head@ to book |
| 8 th February | Parents appointments class 1/3 – email head@ to book |
| 9 th February | End of Term 3 |
| 19 th February | Term 4 starts |
| 26 th February | Cross country year 3 – Year 6 |
| 27 th February | Y2 parents information session regarding SATS 3pm and 4:45pm |
| 7 th March | World Book Day |
| 8 th March | INSET – school closed to pupils |
| 11 th March | KNEX challenge day KS2 – paid for by PTA |
| 11 th March | Year 3 and 4 Multisports |
| 12 th March | Y1 parents information session regarding phonincs screening check 3pm and 4:45pm |
| 14 th March | Panathlon |
| 19 th March | Bee Netball |
| 21 st March | Mock Trail – note change of day! |
| 21 st March | Easter Service at Church 2pm |
| 22 nd March | End of Term 4 |
| 8 th April | Term 5 starts |
| 9 th April | Reception parents information session regarding early years foundation stage profile 3pm and 4:45pm |
| 10 th April | Swimming Gala Year 5/6 |

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| 12th April | Swimming starts |
| 16th April | Dance Festival |
| 7th April | Quad Kids |
| 13th – 16th May | Y6 SATs |
| 24th May | End of Term 5 |
| 3rd June | Term 6 starts |
| 3rd – 14th June | Multiplication Tables Check Y4 |
| 10th – 14th June | Phonics Screening Assessments Y1 |
| 11th June | In the Net – internet safety play Year 4 |
| 12th June | Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral |
| 17th – 21st June | Careers week |
| 18th June | Rounders Year 5/6 |
| 22nd June | Small school fundraising event |
| 24th- 26th June | Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow) |
| 6th July | School Fete |
| 10th July | Schoolbeat visit for class 3 |
| 11th – 12th July | Deer Park School Induction days |
| 19th July | Last day of term for pupils |
| 22nd July | INSET day |