NEWSLETTER

Friday 30th November 2018

Dear Parents/ carers,

Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown MP
We were pleased to welcome Sir Geoffrey Clifton-Brown to our school today. Sir Geoffrey was keen to hear about our successes, the rapid growth of our school and we were grateful to have the opportunity to discuss with him the challenges of school budgets, in particular in our unique circumstances where we suffered a dramatic drop followed by a rapid increase in pupil numbers.

Christmas Crafts Week
Thank you to the Bransby family: Alex, Angus and Olive who helped the children to each make a beautiful lantern, assisted by Vikki Greenhough, Lisa Peill, Paula Bendle and Bryher Grimes. And thank you to Miss Brennen, Mrs Hunter and all the parents who helped with to make Christmas crafts this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed making gifts and goodies to sell at the Christmas Bazaar which takes place tomorrow (Saturday 1st December) from 2:30 – 4:30 in the village hall. Please come along to support this parish event. Following the bazaar, our pupils will lead a lantern procession up to the church to bless the Christmas Tree. We would be delighted to see as many pupils there as possible. **Please note that parents must supervise their children to, during and from this event, including walking them up to the church.**
We thank you all for your time and creativity with our pupils this week.

Punctuality
A reminder that pupils should arrive at school in time for registration at 9am. The doors open at 8:50 to allow the children to settle and begin learning before the official start at 9am. Pupils arriving after 9am should report to the school office and will be marked in the register as late.

Safeguarding
To ensure our pupils are kept safe and so that we are aware of all visitors on site, it is essential that all parents enter the school building through the school office, having signed and collected a visitors' badge. Parents or any other visitors must not enter the building through any of the other external doors, unless they are accompanied by a member of staff. If your child has a lot to carry, staff will help them. If you need to check the lost property or find something on your child's peg, please speak to a member of staff who will be able to assist you. In addition, parents must not press the entry buttons to allow pupils or parents into the building or hold open the office door. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils.

With a rise in pupil numbers, there is inevitably an increase in the number of vehicles in the car park. Please can parents make good use all of the space available, bearing in mind that access to the village hall is required at all times and children need to be able to safely cross the parking area. Outside of the car park, there is space available along the main road through the village which can be used for drop off and picking up.

I thank you for your cooperation with this.

Watershed Magazine
Congratulations to Evelyn who created the winning design for the front cover of the Christmas edition of the Watershed magazine. The magazine has gone off to the printers and we look forward to seeing the Evelyn's design. Bob Merrill who is the editor of the magazine said ' It was a lovely picture and expressed the Christmas message so well.'
Congratulations Evelyn!

Gloucester Cathedral Trip Church

On Wednesday, Acorn and Sapling classes visited Gloucester Cathedral. The children were very excited to see the cathedral all dressed up for Christmas! We did Christmas crafts and completed a Nativity trail around the cathedral. A special guide introduced us to the different stages of the Nativity story with activities, costumes and props.

Tetbury Christmas Lights

The Tetbury Christmas lights switch on is taking place on Friday 7th December. There will be a parade to start proceedings with all children in the parade receiving a glow bracelet, candle bag and battery operated candle to hold to walk up Long Street and finish at the Market House to watch the Christmas lights switch on by Tristan Gemmill (Robert Preston in Coronation Street) and a few members of the Lowsey-Williams family from Chavenage House. On the night there will be a Santa's grotto, circus workshop and other festive treats for everyone to enjoy. If your child would like to be involved children need to arrive at Tetbury Town Council offices, 63 Long Street before 5.30pm. Please note parents will have to walk with the children.

There is also a Christmas trail quiz which will be taking place from Monday 26th November – Friday 14th December where children need to find various letters hidden in shop windows to spell out a Christmas word, the first three winners pulled out at random will win a teddy bear. These quiz sheets will also be available at the Tourist Information Centre, the Town Council offices and on the switch on event.

Free activities at Tetbury Library

On Saturday 8th December at 10am Mrs Claus herself will be visiting the library and reading Dr Seuss's 'How the Grinch stole Christmas'! Suitable for 3 to 8 year olds and their family and it includes a follow-up activity. Just turn up.

There are drop-in Grinchy activities running from 1st December to 5th January during library open hours – different activities each week, running for the whole week or until materials last.

A winter themed Silk Painting Workshop for 5 to 8 year olds is on Saturday 15th December 10:30 – 12:30. Places are limited, so please book your place via Eventbrite or the library (ph. 01666 502258).

A weekly Italian story-time for 3 to 6 year olds will be starting on Saturday 12th January – a great opportunity to learn a little of this beautiful language and includes a follow-up activity. Just turn up. Everyone is very welcome.

Lifting Our Learning

Resilience Award

Acorn: Monty for showing great determination practising for the nativity performance.

Sapling: William for making a huge effort to remain focused in task in each and every lesson.

Oak: Ed for excellent focus and attainment in his work.

Friends News

Fundraising whilst doing your shopping
Please see the attached document, which explains how you can help the school whilst shopping.

Second-hand quality clothing sale
There will be a second-hand quality clothing sale on **Friday 25th January** in the village hall at2.45pm. If you have any items to donate please let us know.

Any items left over will be collected by Rags 4 Riches 4 Schools Further information can be found at https://www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk further details to follow

HOUSE POINTS

House	Points	Comment
Chepstow	48	*2nd*
Sudeley	72	*1st*
Berkeley	31	*3rd*

Well done to **Sudeley** who will receive extra play time on Monday.

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Menu W/C 12/11/18

	A	B	C
Monday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Vegetable Hotpot	Jacket potato with tuna mayo
Tuesday	Cottage Pie	Vegetable Fajita	Tomato soup with cheese baguette
Wednesday	Roast Gammon with roast potatoes and gravy	Quorn roast with roast potatoes and gravy	Jacket potato with beans
Thursday	Chicken Curry with rice	Macaroni cheese with garlic slice	Vegetable Soup with Ham filled baguette
Friday	Fish fingers and chips	Vegetable pasty with chips	Jacket potato with cheese

School Events Calendar 2018 – 2019

Autumn Term 2

Date	Event	Time	Venue
Monday 3rd December	Church Nativity Story – pupils only	am	St Peter's Church
Tuesday 11th December	Infant Nativity Dress Rehearsal YR/1/2	2pm	Village Hall
Wednesday 12th December	Infant Nativity YR/1/2	5pm	Village Hall
Friday 14th December	Scottish Reeling – Y3/4/5	pm	Village Hall
Monday 17th December	Celebration Morning – all welcome Celebration Assembly	9:00 – 10:00 10:00	At School Village Hall
	Christmas Crafts Afternoon	pm	At School
Tuesday 18th December	Flu Immunisations Year R – Year 5	School Day	At School
Wednesday 19th December	Aladdin Pantomime	Everyman Theatre	Cheltenham
Thursday 20th December	School Christmas Lunch	12:00 noon	At School
Friday 21st December	Candlelit Carol Service End of term 2	3:30pm	St Peter's Church

Spring Term 3

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 7th January	Term 3 Begins	9.00am	At School
Monday 21st January	Young Voices – Year 3/4/5	All day	Genting Arena
Friday 25th January	Second hand uniform sale	Home time	Playground
Thursday 14th February	Celebration Morning – all welcome Celebration Assembly End of Term 3	9.00 – 10.00 10:00 3.15pm	At School Village Hall School

Friday 15th February	Inset 4 - non pupil day

Spring Term 4

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 25th February	Term 4 Begins	9.00am	At School
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	All day	At School
Wednesday 27th March	Parents' Evening including SEND Pupil Meetings	3:30 – 6:00	At School
Monday 1st April	Celebration Morning – all welcome Celebration Assembly Friends Easter Egg Hunt	9:00 – 10:00 10:00 tbc	At School Village Hall
Wednesday 3rd April	Parents' Evening including SEND Pupil Meetings	3:30 – 6:00	At School
Friday 5th April	Easter Concert End of Term 4	3.30pm	St Peter's Church

Summer Term 5

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 22nd April	Term 5 Begins	9.00am	At School
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday – No School		
13th – 16th May	KS2 SATS Week (Year 6 only)	During School Day	At School
Friday 24th May	Celebration Morning – all welcome Celebration Assembly End of Term 5	9:00 – 10:00 10:00 3.15pm	At School Village Hall School

Summer Term 6

Date	Event	Time	Location
Monday 3rd June	Inset 5 – non pupil day		
Tuesday 4th June	Term 6 Begins	9.00am	At School
5th June	School Photos	School day	At School
10th – 14th June	YR 1 Phonics Screener Week	School Day	At School
Tuesday 18th June	Sports Morning	am	At School
Tuesday 25th June	Reserve Sports Morning	am	At School
Friday 12th July	Pupil Reports issued		At School
Monday 22nd July	Celebration Morning – all welcome Celebration Assembly	9:00 – 10:00 10:00	At School Village Hall
Tuesday 23rd July	Summer Concert	3:30pm	St Peter's Church
Wednesday 24th July	End of Term 6	3.15pm	

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