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Newsletter 4 – 24th November 2021

Dear Parents,

As we come up to all the festive fun at school this time of year, we thought we would get a newsletter out to ensure we are all up to date and on the same page! Christmas always comes early in school!

Celebration Event (Tuesday 30th November) Cancelled ☹

To ensure we preserve our Christmas nativity plays and other festive events, we have decided to cancel this. This event will reconvene in the New Year. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Christmas Post Box out Wednesday 1st December

We will be having a Christmas post box out for the children to bring in cards for their friends from home. These will be collected up and shared out on the morning of Christmas dinner and party day. Please make sure cards are clearly named with the child's whole name and the class name if possible especially in the case of where there are 2 children of the same name!!

Forest School

Last Forest school for Class One is Thursday 2nd December. We are excited to announce that it will then be Class 2's turn. They will be having Forest Schools after Christmas - dates to be confirmed. Your children will need old clothes, a warm coat and wellies.

Romeo and Juliet Y6 Friday 3rd December

Year 6 children will be going with Miss Mison and one of our governors (Julia Bracewell) to watch a Shakespeare Performance at Hellen's Barn in Much Marcle. These are always amazing experiences. A big thank you to the Poetry Festival for coordinating this. A letter will follow regarding this for Y6 children.

Film Night Friday 3rd December 3.10pm-5pm

Please get your slips back ASAP as this is a first come, first serve event! Thank you so much for Friends for running this. On the day, children are allowed to bring in a onesie or a blanket for the film night. We will store them in the hall ready for the event.





Christmas Play (2pm start on 7th, 8th and 9th December) Doors open at 1.45pm

Thank you to all those who have got their ticket orders in to us quickly and have stuck to the 4 tickets where they can. This will help us to be able to keep in line with our covid risk assessment. Cut off for buying tickets is **Monday 29th November** and tickets will come back to you on Thursday 2nd December. We cannot take anymore after this date as we need to organise logistics. Friends will be serving mince pies and coffees after each performance, whilst we get the children changed. Second hand uniform will also be on sale. Any donations towards this, please bring into school prior to the event.

Covid 19 Measures for the Plays

In order for us to be able to run all the lovely things that have been planned we need to ensure we do this safely. As a school, we have different rules than pubs, restaurants and cinemas. These are laid out by the local authority and we have to ensure we are compliant in this. With this in mind and to ensure we all keep going till the end of term we need you to:

- Do a lateral flow before you arrive. This is an easy gain and we have plenty- please ask if you need one! It goes without saying that if this is positive please do not come and arrange to get a PCR test.
- Wear a mask to Christmas performances (unless you are exempt). It will be busy and with people moving around for teas and coffees, this is the best way to keep the most vulnerable amongst us protected. The performances are only 35 minutes long, so not too long to wear a mask.
- Bring a coat, as we will be having windows open.
- If you or any family member has symptoms of coronavirus do not attend and get a PCR test.

New Gazebo and Outdoor Shelter installation - 29th November

We are having an outdoor classroom style gazebo erected outside to replace the old gazebo, which is sadly rotting away! We are also having a new shelter built behind Class One. The thinking behind this is that we can use the outdoors more for learning!

Pop up Shop Monday 13th December

All gift orders need to be back in by Monday 6th December. All monies will be collected in and children will receive a voucher on the morning of the shopping day to spend.

Christmas Dinner and Party Day Wednesday 15th December

Please get your dinner orders in as per letter sent out. Staff will be joining the children and have been quick to get their menus in! Thank you to Friends as always for the Christmas cracker donation.

On the day, we invite children to come in dressed 'Christmassy'. This may involve a Christmas jumper, a bit of tinsel or a festive outfit (completely over to the children). We will be handing out Christmas cards on this day and having a little Christmas party fun in the afternoon!

Choir performance Wednesday 15th December 3.45pm-4.45pm

A letter will be coming home to choir children individually, but in the meantime please pencil in the date. The children will be carol singing at Tesco. This is a lovely event and Mrs Hankins, Mrs Smith and Miss Blewitt are looking forward to it.

Church Service Friday 17th December 1.30pm-2pm

School will break up for the Christmas holidays at 2pm after our service at St Mary's Church. At the moment, we are being positive and looking forward to inviting parents to join us as usual however this will be limited to two adults per family. If you are unable to attend, please arrange to have your child collected from the church at 2pm and let their class teacher know. School bus will be running straight after the service, please bear with us on timings.



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Covid 19 measures

These may have to be reassessed but we are asking as rates have increased in Gloucestershire schools since our Harvest Service that you all:

- Wear masks throughout the service
- Lateral flow prior to attendance
- Do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid 19

Leaf clearing and school gardening

Thank you to those wonderful parents who have been, behind the scenes, helping us to keep the school grounds tidy and appealing for all! This is really appreciated by all the staff and the children.

Best Wishes

Laura Hankins & Leonie Mison





Dates for your diary 2021

Monday 29 th November	Last day for ordering tickets for the play
Wednesday 1 st December	School Christmas Post Box available
Thursday 2 nd December	Last Forest Schools for Class 1
Friday 3 rd December	Yr6 – Romeo & Juliet at Much Marcle
Friday 3 rd December	Film Night 3.10pm – 5.30pm
Monday 6 th December	Last day for ordering Christmas Dinner
Monday 6 th December	Last day for ordering Pop up Shop orders
Tuesday 7 th December	Whole school Christmas play (2pm)
Wednesday 8 th December	Whole school Christmas play (2pm)
Thursday 9 th December	Whole school Christmas play (2pm)
Monday 13 th December	Pop up Shop
Wednesday 15 th December	Christmas lunch/Christmas Party/Christmassy Outfit
Wednesday 15 th December	Choir to Tesco 3.45-4.45pm
Friday 17 th December	Church Service at St Mary's Church 1.30pm-2pm
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term (2pm close – pick up from church)

2022

Tuesday 4 th January 2022	Inset Day (staff only)
Wednesday 5 th January	First day of term
Friday 18 th February	Last Day of term
Monday 28 th February	First day of term
Friday 8 th April	Last day of term
Monday 25 th April	Inset Day (staff only)
Tuesday 26 th April	First day of term
Monday 2 nd May	May Day – No School
Friday 27 th May	Last day of school
Monday 6 th June	First day of term
Thursday 21 st July	Last day of term
Mon/Tue 5/6 th September	Inset Days (staff only)
Wed 7 th September	First day of term

