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### NEWSLETTER - 18 JANUARY 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring Term. We trust you had a pleasant Christmas and wish you all the best for the new year. Thank you all for your good wishes and efforts last term with a particular thank you to the FOHS for all their events and support. We know that the carol singing was a great success too.

The value this term is PEACE and it has been wonderful to see our children taking time in their busy, active days to be still and calm. We have been thinking about where we find peace and it has been interesting to hear our children's views on this. A very popular place is being in bed when everything is quiet but also on a beach listening to the waves, riding a horse, lying on a lino in the sea, listening to music (this ranged from calm music to very loud). As ever, our children showed respect for one another and valued each others' comments. Our reception children continue to impress us with their confident and thoughtful involvement.

Our topic across the school does not sound that peaceful however! Fire and Fury is a joint topic and the curriculum letters going out today outline what each class will be covering this term. Years 5 and 6 have started investigating volcanoes whilst years 3 and 4 have invented their own mythical dragons and will be immersing themselves in their Vikings topic. Robins class are busy finding out about the Great Fire of London. They have enjoyed role-play and are now recording speech bubbles

from what people may have said using the diary of Samuel Pepys.

In maths our children have been sharing their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes. Their positive attitude means that they are working with care and perseverance. William N impressed us with his reasoning about what mystery 3D shapes could be. Reception have been learning their coin recognition and upper juniors have been problem solving, making nets of 3D shapes which will help with their maths challenges today. A special well done to Jamie D who has made fabulous progress with his writing these last two weeks and to Finlay H-B for being always ready to learn. Congratulations also to our children who have worked hard to be free readers.

As you know, we have new reading certificates so we look forward to celebrating our children's efforts in reading in subsequent newsletters.

On a separate note, you may have noticed that we have a new amphitheatre. It looks fabulous and the company worked tirelessly on replacing the old one with this new structure. Our thanks go to the FOHS and governors who have helped fund this wonderful resource.

We plan to take up your kind offers of help to host a Saturday working party at the school. We will probably do this in term 4 once the weather is a little warmer and there is not the threat of snow. I have experience of having to postpone these events due to late, unexpected snow but we should be fine by April!

Reception children were doing regular forest skills last term with Mrs Mitchell but now that she is teaching this is on hold temporarily whilst she settles back in. Meanwhile PE in the Village Hall continues thanks to the kind support of the Village Hall committee. Information about the Spring Term clubs has also gone out this week:

Tue: Computing  
 Tue: Archery  
 Wed: Creative writing  
 Wed: Ball skills  
 Thu: Colouring/drawing

If your child would like to do a club please sign up by Monday 21st as clubs start Tuesday 22nd. Football club will have additional training sessions at St. John's Mead. Mr Baglow will send out more details shortly.

### Swimming Money for Term 3 and 4

Swimming lessons for Years 1 to 4. The cost of swimming lessons for term 3 and 4 is £28.00. If payment is made by cheque please make the cheque payable to South Gloucestershire Council. Please remember that if your child is in receipt of FSM then no payment is required.

### Residential Camp payment

The next payment for residential camp is due on Friday 25 January 2019 the amount is £40.00.

### Safeguarding parking audit

Last Friday, Anne Vickers, our safeguarding governor, carried out a monitoring check of our safeguarding procedures and looked at the parking issues. Whilst it is highly recommended that parents park at the bottom of the hill and walk up in the mornings it is recognised that this may be tricky for some people to do. Ideally parents would turn further up the road but the main safety concern raised by parents and staff is cars being parked on the corners making visibility tricky for children and parents crossing the road. Please avoid parking on the street corners or stopping your car in the road to let your children out. One suggestion put forward by our safeguarding governor was to consider a morning walking bus run by parents. If you think this is something you would find useful and could help with please let us know and we will open it up for further consideration.

### Newsletters

We are interested to know how often and how many people read our newsletters and what information you find useful within them. From comments we have heard, parents appear to find the regular emails about events more helpful. As such we will continue to send out (at least) fortnightly information via email, with newsletters continuing to focus on what is going on in school and celebrating events and pupils' efforts and achievements. We will look into the timing of these based on what information parents and carers would find most useful and in what format.

**Congratulations** to Pascal and Jemima's dad, Andy, who made a significant difference for others over Christmas with his support for children in hospital on Christmas Day. We were told this by a very proud daughter.

**Thank you** to everyone for bringing in their **stamps for charity**. The school has raised several hundred pounds for the charity. If you have any remaining stamps please bring these in next week for an additional collection.

### Diary Dates

**TBC PTA Easter Fair Tue 2nd April**  
**TBC Easter Church Service Thurs 4th April 2pm**

Sunday 2 February Bingo Night - FOHS

Thursday 13th June 2019 Sports Day at Village Hall - 1.30 pm.

Thursday 6th June 2019 Year 6 leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral children only transport provided

Tuesday 2nd July 2019 dress rehearsal at the Village Hall 2pm

Wednesday 3rd July 2019 Summer Production at the Village Hall 5:30pm for 6pm.

Wednesday 10 July 2019 FOHS - Cattle Country Y6 Leavers Party 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.

Friday 19th July 2019 Last day of school for pupils

Year 6 Leavers' Church Service 19 July 2pm

## Academic Year 2018/2019

### Term 2

21.01.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
29.01.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
04.02.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
08.02.19 Bingo Night at Horton Social Club - FOHS details to follow  
11.02.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
**15.02.19 End of term 3**

### **25.02.19 Start of term 4**

25.02.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
04.03.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
11.03.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
18.03.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
25.03.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
01.04.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
**05.04.19 End of term 4**

### **23.04.19 Start of term 5**

29.04.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
06.05.19 Bank Holiday  
13.05.19 KS2 SAT's week  
13.05.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
20.05.19 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
20.05.19 Life Skills for Year 6 coach booked leave school at 8.30 a.m.  
**24.05.19 End of term 5**

### **03.06.19 Start of term 6**

03.06.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
06.06.19 Year 6 Leavers Service at Gloucester Cathedral  
Children only - transport provided  
10.06.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
13.06.19 Sports Day at Village Hall - 1.30 p.m.  
17.06.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
24.06.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
30.06.19 Family Fun Day at Village Hall - FOHS details to follow  
01.07.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
02.07.19 Summer Production dress rehearsal - Village Hall 2.00 p.m.  
03.07.19 Summer Production at Village Hall 5.30 p.m. for 6.00 p.m. start  
08.07.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
10.07.19 FOHS - Cattle Country Year 6 leavers party 4.30 to 6.30 a.m.  
15.07.19 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
19.07.19 TBC Year 6 Leaver's Church Service - 2.00 p.m.  
19.07.19 End of Term 6 for children  
22.07.19 **INSET DAY**  
23.07.19 **INSET DAY**  
**23.07.19 End of term 6 for staff**

