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NEWSLETTER - 25 OCTOBER 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This term has flown by and we have been impressed with the efforts of so many of our children this term. In particular, Reception children have settled so quickly it is as if they have always been here.

I am sure you would agree how wonderful everyone was during the Harvest Service. It was a joyful thanksgiving of God's bounty and also a recognition of our responsibility to care for everyone. I particularly enjoyed the Infants' quiz about where our food came from. It was fabulous to see all our children joining in. We were all incredibly proud of the choir, with children showing great courage singing duets.

Our thanks go to all parents and guardians who attended the parents' evenings last week. It was great to share how your child is getting on and how, together, we can support their learning. This partnership working was so evident in the maths workshops and we can already see the progress our children are making in the multiplication tables knowledge ($6 \times 7 = 42$, so $0.6 \times 7 = 4.2$) and number bonds confidence (eg $12 + 8 = 20$, $20 - 8 = 12$). Have fun with this over half term.

On a separate note, thanks to all our parents who completed the end of year survey. We continue to build on and review our practice. As part of this we consistently monitor our safeguarding procedures.

Our value this term is Generosity.

Morning Routines

After half term our mornings are changing slightly. Children are still warmly welcome to come to school from 8:30am in the morning. We know that this is a valued provision the school provides enabling parents who need to leave early to go to work and also it greatly eases the traffic congestion outside the school. Obviously pupils are not allowed on the site before then unless supervised by an adult. As ever, the school day starts at 8:50am.

Instead of children and adults coming into the school unsupervised, from November, children will leave their bags outside and only enter the building with their teacher when the bell goes. Adults who need to see Mrs Leahey in the office will go to the white door and ring the doorbell. Please do not pressing the buzzer at the main door as this is not manned.

If it is wet, a member of staff will greet your child at the main door and take them to the 5/6 classroom.

In the mornings, teachers will be in the playground from 8:45am if you need to catch them about anything. If you need a longer conversation please phone the office to make an appointment. We know that working in partnership ensures your child's well-being and we want them to enjoy and flourish at school and in all aspects of their life.

The new routine will promote our children's independence but it will also give you an opportunity to talk to teachers one-to-one first thing in the morning if you need them.

Mufti-Day for tombola prizes Friday 16th November

In exchange for wearing their own clothes to school could children please bring in a wrapped tombola prize for our Victorian Day stall.

Next FOHS meeting is at 7pm on Wednesday 7th November at the Dog Pub, Old Sodbury. All welcome to attend.

School Photographs - Thursday 8 November 2018

The children will be having individual photographs taken on the morning of **Thursday 8 November** (siblings within school will also be photographed together). If you would like a photograph taken with a younger sibling who is not yet in school please come first thing in the morning after registration. The photos will be ready to view at the end of November and your child will come home with an order form and a password for their private, password protected online gallery. The gallery will be online for two weeks, during which time parents must place their order. Digital images can be purchased online and prints can be ordered using the order form and paying with cash or cheque (please drop in form and payment to the School office by December 7th). Prints will be ready for collection during the last week of term. The cost will be £10 per individual print (9" x 6"), or £10 per individual digital download and just £20 for the full set of digital downloads for each child (with the sibling group photos included for free). The downloads are the best option as you will be able to make as many prints as you like, and email the images - a great idea for family Christmas gifts. The school will be provided with 25% commission on all sales, which will help raise funds for the school.

Pyjama Party 29 November 2018 - 6.00pm

This will be a chance for you and your child to come into school for a pyjama party. Children will be dressed in their pyjamas for a bedtime story, cookies and hot chocolate. Parents, you will be able to have wine and mince pies whilst finding out more about how to support your child's learning in English. Do not worry, a reminder will go out in a newsletter closer to the event.

Diary Dates

Individual Photos Thursday 8th November

FOHS Tombola mufti-Day Fri 16th November

St. John's Church Crib Festival w/c 25th November

PJ Party and Reading Event Thursday 29th November

Christmas Service at St. James the Elder Tuesday 18th December 6pm

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.

Friday 19th July 2019 Last day of school for pupils

TBC Year 6 Leavers' Church Service 19th July 2pm

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July 2019 INSET DAYS

Remaining diary dates see last back pages of newsletter

Right: UKS2 about to launch off!

Academic Year 2018/2019

05.11.18	Start of term 2
05.11.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
08.11.18	School Photographs
12.11.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
19.11.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
25.11.18	St John's Church Crib Festival all week
26.11.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
28.11.18	Year 3 and 4 to attend Crib Festival at St John's Church a.m. transport is provided
29.11.18	Pyjama Party and reading event - 6.00 p.m.
03.12.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
10.12.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
17.12.18	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
18.12.18	St James the Elder Christmas Service - 6.00 p.m.
19.12.18	School Christmas lunch for children
21.12.18	End of term 2
07.01.19	INSET
08.01.19	Start of term 3 for children
14.01.19	Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4
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
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

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
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