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### NEWSLETTER - 28 September 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well autumn definitely feels on its way with the first frosty mornings and the leaves starting to change colour. At school, the songs of harvest celebration have begun as we give thanks for the harvest and all that we have.

We are also grateful to our children who are keen to take on extra responsibility around the school. The Ethos Group have reminded us to take time to thank and celebrate examples of Christian values seen at school by writing about them in our Book of Values. The Health and Safety Team are making sure that the school grounds and buildings are safe and tidy and checking we are all taking responsibility for this. Pupils are currently applying to be Digital Leaders through an application and interview process! Watch this space for names of all these groups members.

In the spirit of British Values the school council representatives were elected recently after candidates gave a speech and their peers voted for children who were deemed responsible and good representatives for their class and school. Congratulations to Sam P Chair, Edward Y6 Secretary, Ewa Y5 Secretary, Kiki Y6 Rep, Eden Y5 Rep, Emma Y4 Rep, Harriet Y3 Rep, Lilia Y2 Rep and Pascal Y1 Rep. Classes are currently discussing and voting on the charities we want to support over the coming year.

It is wonderful to consistently see examples of generosity from our school

community. This is evident from our children's behaviour and it reflects your strong role modelling at home too. Thank you.

### Maths Workshops

The class teachers are also running some maths workshops to give parents and carers an opportunity to find out what we are doing with maths this year and how to support your child's learning at home. These will be during school time so that you can learn alongside your child.

Year 3 and 4 (Swallow Class)  
Mon 8th Oct 2.45-3.30

Year 5 and 6 (Owl Class)  
Tues 9th Oct 2.45-3.30

Year 1 and 2 (Robin Class)  
Wed 10th Oct 2.45-3.30

### Swimming Money for Term 1 and 2

Swimming lessons for Years 1 to 4 start on Monday 8 October. The cost of swimming lessons for term 1 and 2 is £35.00. If payment is made by cheque please make the cheque payable to South Gloucestershire Council.

### Poppy Making

Sunday 11th November 2018 will mark 100 years since the ceasefire, which has come to be recognised and remembered by many as the end of World War 1.

We are making clay poppies to commemorate this. If you have any family members who fought in the First World War and wish their name to be put on the poppies please let school know. This is part of the South Gloucestershire in the First World War Project 2014 - 2018.

## Harvest Festival

All the children will be taking part in our Harvest Festival on Thursday 25th October at St James the Elder Church. Parents are welcome to join us for a 2.00 p.m. start.

## Upcoming events...

### **Pyjama Party and Book Week November 2018 - 6.00pm dates to be confirmed**

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

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

## **Academic Year 2018/2019**

### **Term 1**

- 01.10.18 No swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
03.10.18 to Residential camp for Y5 and Y6  
05.10.18 return on 05.10.18  
08.10.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
08.10.18 Maths Workshop Year 3 and 4 Swallow Class - 2.45 to 3.30 p.m.  
09.10.18 Maths Workshop Year 5 and 6 Owl Class - 2.45 to 3.30 p.m.  
10.10.18 Maths Workshop Year 1 and 2 Robin Class - 2.45 to 3.30 p.m.  
15.10.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
15.10.18 Parents Evening  
17.10.18 Parents Evening  
22.10.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
25.10.18 Harvest Festival at Horton Church - 2.00 p.m.

### **End of term 1 for pupils**

**26.10.18**

### **INSET**

05.11.18

### **Start of term 2**

- 05.11.18 Swimming for Year 1, 2, 3, and 4  
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  
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**