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Assemblies

Apologies for missing these off an earlier newsletter.

22 nd February	Maple
1 st March	Yew
8 th March	Hazel
15 th March	Lime
22 nd March	Ash and Oak
29 th March	Pine
5 th April	Beech

Year 4 Play 'Fleeced'

Well done to all the Year 4 children who took part in the production of Fleeced this week. It was a wonderful experience for all concerned. The children certainly enjoyed themselves and we hope that you did too!

Hair Accessories

Some children are coming to school with fashionable and inappropriate hair accessories. Can we urge all parents who tie their children's hair up to use simple hair bands, clips or Alice bands, not large, bright bows.

Staff Car Park

Once again can I urge all parents not to use the staff car park unless it is for Woodpeckers or if you, or your child have a specific need. We recognise that no one wants to get wet on a rainy day, but please respect the fact that it is for staff only. Thank you.

Staffing changes

In order to improve our provision for children across the school, we have appointed several new teaching assistants. During the year we have welcomed Mrs Kennedy, Ms Brooks, Mrs Rushton, Mrs Lively, Mrs Baldwin and Mrs Gamblin.

Mrs Hubbard will also be focussing on individual or small group interventions with children in Years 5 and 6.

Swimming Team

Congratulations to our wonderful swimming team who recently competed in the Tewkesbury Gala. They came an incredible 1st, with all children reaching the finals and Georgia and Erin doing particularly well. We are very proud of them all.

Maths Challenge

On Monday 6th February, eight Year 4 and 5 children travelled to Balcarras School in Cheltenham to take part in a

Maths Challenge. The children completed a range of different mathematical challenges that tested their number, problem solving, reasoning and spatial awareness skills.



The final challenge involved constructing an icosahedron (a 3D shape with 20 faces, which are all equilateral triangles) out of paper. The children were a credit to our school, and worked very hard on all the difficult tasks they were set.

Lost Property

We have an enormous amount of lost property at the moment. We endeavor to



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return all items that are named, but we have a significant amount that is not. Please take time to look through the box which is in the corridor outside Maple class. Any items not claimed by Friday 24th February will be sent to a local charity.

Dog Mess

Please be aware that there seems to be an increase in the number of dog owners allowing their dogs to foul along Britannia Way. You may want to remind your children to be aware of where they are walking!

Cleeve cluster

Swindon Village, Woodmancote, Grangefield and Gotherington



Grangefield School
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We have welcomed staff from Grangefield School to the school today and they will be followed by teachers and teaching assistants from Swindon Village School on the first Monday back after half term. These visits are an important part of the four schools working together to improve teaching and learning across the cluster.

Balcarras Teaching School Partnership

Several members of staff from Woodmancote recently had the opportunity to shadow colleagues at Balcarras School in a variety of subjects. This is on top of our excellent work with the Maths Hub based at the secondary school. Our involvement with the school continues to have a positive impact upon our standards, particularly in maths.

If you would like to know more about the work of the Math's Hub, please follow the link below.



Young Photographer of the Year Competition 2017

Once again the school has the opportunity to enter photographs taken by the children into this competition. In the past two years we have been successful in getting entries into the final display- maybe this year we will have a winning entry!

In each classroom the full rules of the competition are displayed with a poster, but it is important that the picture is **taken by the child please**. Each print should be marked on the back with the **title** of the photograph, **name of the photographer** and their **school**.

All entries to Mrs Greening by Friday 10th March, to allow time to get them to Churchdown School by the following week.

If you would like a full copy of the rules please ask your class teacher.

STEM Week

A plea from Year 1! Please could you send in any kitchen roll tubes that you have, as we need them for one of our STEM week activities. Thank you.

To celebrate the end of STEM week, we would like to invite you to an open event in the hall on Friday 3rd March from 2.30-3.15pm.

Teams of children from each year group will be exhibiting a selection of the work that they have completed in class throughout the week. We hope that you will enjoy seeing the end products of what we believe will be an exciting week of activities.

Gloucester Museums Young Designers Competition

Gloucester Museums are again holding a Young Designers competition which schools across the county have been invited to enter. We entered last year and our children came up with some great designs! The theme this year is 'Dinosaurs' and the children have been asked to design a poster for the museum's dinosaur exhibition (details will be sent with this newsletter). Two winners will be chosen, one from the Infants and one from the juniors and their winning entries will be entered into the museum's grand final where they can win a variety of prizes. The two winners will also receive a small prize from school.

It would be great if we could have as many children as possible entering and may be a good project to keep them busy over half term! All entries will need to be handed in to Mrs Dodwell by Friday 24th February please.

THE CVI PROJECT

How common is Cerebral Visual Impairment? We hope that as many of you as possible will support the research project that you will have had details of today. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school to be involved in researching an important aspect of learning impairment. Working with the University of Bristol, we hope to gain an insight into the potential barriers to learning that CVI creates for some children. We really would welcome your participation. Letters will be coming home with your child today. Details about the project can be found on our website.

Design a Christmas Stamp Competition 2017

The school have entered into the Royal Mail competition for designing this year's Christmas stamp. Your child should be bringing home an entry sheet so that they can do their design over half term. The theme is '**What does the Christmas season mean to you?**'

It needs to be colourful and fill the box, but please don't use fluorescent colours. You don't need to add the Queen's head or the value of the stamp. The design does need to be the children's own please, but it is fine to help with talking through ideas.

House History Quiz

Congratulations to Malvern House for winning the recent House History Quiz. They will have a non-uniform day on Friday 24th February.

Diary Dates

10 th Feb	Last day of Term 3
20 th Feb	First Day of Term 4
21 st Feb	Parent Consultations 4.30-7.20
23 rd Feb	Parent Consultations 3.30-6.20
24 th February	Non-Uniform Day for Malvern House
w/b 27 th	STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths)
Mon 27 th	PTA Pancake Flip
7 th March	Dance Festival for Yr 1 and Yr 3
22 nd -24 th March	Year 4 Residential Trip to the Forest of Dean
6 th April	Last day of term for children
	Whole School Photograph
	PTA Disco



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