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Cross Country

Well done to all those children who competed in the recent Inter-school cross country races. In the Cleeve competition on Wednesday we came second to Grangefield, whilst other runners, competing against well over 20 Cheltenham schools, have put in very strong performances.

Football

Our superb football team have had two tremendous wins against Rowanfield Juniors and St Gregory the Great school. The score lines were 10-0 and 3-1 respectively!



We are delighted to be starting a brand new after-school club on Wednesday 15th November and this is your chance to enrol your son/daughter online now. The club is for all children in Years 1, 2 and 3 (girls and boys). It's a fun and exciting progressive programme of transitional non-contact rugby as players follow the RFU core values of teamwork, respect, enjoyment, discipline and sportsmanship. The emphasis will be on progression, participation and values. A special graded award will be given to each child according to year group in assembly on the 15th December at the end of the course. Your professional lead coach will be Gareth Fyles, who is RFU Level 1 licensed and qualified and who coaches at Cheltenham Tigers RFC each week.

SECURE BOOKING ONLINE NOW AT
www.roaringrugby.co.uk

Full payment of £28.75 through an online registration form with payment through PayPal via our website on a first come first served basis.

In the event of exceptionally bad/very wet weather the programme will be held inside where possible. Children should wear suitable clothing according to the weather i.e warm trousers/top/jumper/coat/gloves/outdoor trainers and bring a full water bottle.

Literature Festival

Thank you to all those parents who fed back to us regarding the Literature Festival. We really do appreciate your positive comments. The children had a fantastic time and thank you to the PTA for supporting this event financially.

Break and lunchtimes for Years 2 and 4

From next term we will be trialling a different approach to break and lunch time, with children in Years 2 and 4 able to go out on the field whatever the weather. The aim is to promote well-being, by giving children more space to play in a variety of ways. Over the course of the term we will promote different activities and focus on how play can improve emotional well-being.

In order for the children to be allowed on the field they will need to bring in to school a set of wellington boots or other footwear that they can change into. These will be left at school. They must also have a coat. No change of shoes and no coat means no field! Everything must be labelled with their name and this includes their school shoes.

If children would rather play on the playground that is fine, but we want to evaluate the feasibility of this approach with all children.

Children will continue to be monitored and there will be certain expectations placed on them. If they wish to bring in waterproof trousers as well, that is fine.



Harvest Festival

Thank you for all your donations, they are much appreciated and have been donated to the local Foodbank.

Mrs Minett's latest challenge!

Mrs Minett will be competing in the Snowdonia Marathon during the half term break.

<http://www.snowdoniamarathon.co.uk/>

If you would like to support her, please visit her justgiving page.

Having seen first hand the impact that type 1 diabetes has on the children I have worked with, I want to help raise money for research to help control this condition in the young. A very special young lady who I was lucky enough to work with, showed me how strong and brave these young people need to be. Seeing and remembering this strength and courage will help me through the tougher parts of this challenge. D Minett

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Your details are safe with JustGiving - they'll never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to the charity. So it's the most efficient way to donate - saving time and cutting costs for the charity

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/debminett>

School Prayer Group

The next meeting of the prayer group will be on Friday 3rd November in the Activity Room of the Year 6 block from 8.45am until approximately 9.30am. The group is open to Christians of all denominations, governors, staff and parents - anyone who would like to

meet regularly to pray for the school. If you are interested but can't make this meeting, dates for the rest of the year are:

December 1st/January 12th/February 2nd/March 2nd/April - no meeting/May 4th/June 8th/July 6th

If you would like more information about the group, please contact Andrew Hiscock either by email: arhiscock@gmail.com or by telephone: 07926093738.

Remembrance Sunday in Woodmancote

10.45 in The Apple Tree car park
Mr Hiscock would love to hear from anyone who would like to be involved in the act of Remembrance on Sunday 13th November. This has been held for several years in The Apple Tree's car park and we are eager to bring it to the attention of more families. Please contact Mr Hiscock and give him some indication of whether you would simply be going along or if you would like to do anything in particular. He would be really pleased to hear from you!

Woodmancote Week of World Languages

Thank you to all those parents, grandparents and governors who gave up their time to enrich the children's experiences of languages from around the world. The week has once again been a wonderful success at introducing children to various languages and a big thank you to Mrs Hubbard for coordinating all the visitors.

Little Chestnuts

Work has continued on the pre-school and we are on track to open our doors on 20th November. Landscaping will be completed during the break and resourcing the setting will begin soon after.

Registration is still open and parents are reminded that it is only a 30 place setting and we will not be able to accept over this number.



NEST

(Nurturing and Emotional Support Team)

Mrs Greening-Lead and responsible for Special Educational Needs

Mrs McNamee-Pastoral support

Mrs Lee-Medical Support

Mrs Baxter-Pupil Premium and academic support (from November 27th)

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Diary Dates

20 th October	Last day of Term 1
30 th October	First day of Term 2
6 th November- 17 th November	Teachers from Shanghai will be visiting the school for two weeks
Week beginning 11 th December	Reception Nativity
18 th and 19 th December	Christmas Parties

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