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Newsletter

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11. 5th March 2018

Snow Days

We hope that most of you were able to work around the school closure on Thursday and Friday. Making the decision to shut is never an easy one, but with no water on Thursday and therefore no heating, toilets or washing facilities, we had no option but to close. Thank you for your understanding.

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Week

We wrote to you all before the Half-Term break to bring your attention to our **Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Week**. The week has been designed to give parents access to a range of support from e-safety to sleep, from debt management to dealing with teenagers.

The full range of activities can be found later in this letter, but we have been very disappointed with the response so far, with only 20 responses in total!

Organising for a range of agencies and speakers has been a major undertaking in terms of time and money, so can we please urge you to consider booking one or more slots for the week. We need to know whether you intend to come along, not only to the workshops, but also the morning sessions and the evening talk on Thursday.

Please take this opportunity to access the range of support and advice we have timetabled for the week. We believe we are the only school in this area that has attempted to organise such support for parents and we are confident that you will find it useful.

Please return the booking form by Wednesday 7th March so we can have some idea of numbers.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

STEM Week

Thank you to all those parents who supported our STEM week over the last 5 days. Your support is much appreciated.

We hope that all the children had a fantastic experience and maybe even inspired them to become Scientists, Technicians, Engineers or mathematicians.

A very big thank you to Mrs Holding, Mrs Dodwell and Miss Perkins who coordinated the week.

PTA News

Hopefully the snow hasn't caused too much trouble for you all. While spring is on the doorstep we are looking towards the summer and our planned Summer Festival which we've named "Woodmanstock".

Our next gathering is on 18th April and will be focused on the Summer Festival. If you're interested in joining the fun and getting involved with the festival please come along after the next meeting at 8pm and see how you can help out.

Keep your eyes open for the upcoming Gin night on the 18th May.

Upcoming Events

PTA Meeting-Wednesday 18th April 7:30pm

School Disco-Thursday 3rd May (Please note date change)

Gin Night-Friday 18th May (Provisional)

Summer Festival-Friday 22nd June

Lido Evening-Saturday 7th July

GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUNG

PHOTOGRAPHER-don't forget entries need to be in by Friday 9th March. Lets see if we can get lots of entries this year.



Food Vouchers- please don't forget that the school is able to issue food vouchers for any family finding themselves in financial difficulties, especially during the school holidays.

Please contact the school office or Mrs Greening. Her email address can be found below.

School Meals

In accordance with the County Catering Contract, the price of a paid school meal will increase to £2.36 from Monday April 16th 2018. The County Council reluctantly have to increase the selling price of a school meal due to the increases in the national living wage, food, materials and transport during the last twelve months

We will continue to provide fresh, home cooked nutritious school lunches sourced locally which qualify to the Food for Life Gold Standard and are disappointed that we have had to pass on the increase on this occasion.

ParentPay (PP) will be updating the online payment system for pupil meal charges during the Easter holidays to reflect this increase.

Gloucestershire County Council

School Prayer Group

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.

NEST

(Nurturing and Emotional Support Team)

Mrs Greening-Lead and responsible for Special Educational Needs
Mrs McNamee-Pastoral support
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Mrs Baxter-Pupil Premium and academic support

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Diary Dates

12 th March	NHS Hearing & Vision for Reception
19 th -23 rd March	Healthy Body, Healthy Mind Week A week of events supporting parents with their children. More details to follow
22 nd March	'You are not on the Back Foot' An evening to inspire and support all parents. 7.30-9pm
26 th March	Year 3 to Town Hall Music for Youth event
28 th March	Last day of Term 4
16 th April	First day of Term 5

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Tuesday Evening Workshops & Programme of Events

1	Healthy Mind-Dealing with anxiety	Sarah Gothard (Educational Psychologist)
2	Healthy Body (Diet and Exercise)	Harpury College and University Centre
3	The importance of Sleep	Janet Dowling
4	Supporting Teenagers	Sarah Badham
5	Dads and Boys-The Challenges!	Gary Tucker

7-7.30pm - Welcome/E-Safety

Mr Rees, one of our local Community Police Officers will be outlining the challenges parents face in keeping children safe online. He will be available for parents to ask any questions they may have about current issues around sexting, social media and APPS.

7.35pm - Workshop 1

8.10pm - Interval

8.30-9pm - Workshop 2

Thursday Evening Presentation

7.15 Welcome

7.30 Start

9pm Finish

Caroline Kelly and Madeleine Stanimeros will talk passionately about modern parenting and are sure to entertain you for the evening. Both have visited many schools across the area and feedback from all of them has been overwhelmingly positive.

Many parents constantly feel 'On the Back Foot' when it comes to parenting at a time of great change, whether it be technological, academic or simply dealing with our children growing up.

The evening promises to be one that assures you that 'You are not on the back foot' and can navigate your way round modern parenting.



Booking Form-Please return to school

Monday 19th – Friday 23rd March 2018

Parent's Name:

Date	Time	Subject	Speakers	number of places required	Childcare spaces?
Monday 19th	3.15-4.15	Class DoJo	Mr Evans		
Tuesday 20th	8.45-10.30	Maths	Mrs McCormack		n/a
	7-9pm	Workshops	Various		n/a
Wednesday 21st	8.45-10.30	Coffee Morning followed by classroom visits to watch PSHE	Various		
	2.45-3.15	classroom visits to watch PSHE	Various		
	3.15-4.15	Roadshow	Various		n/a
Thursday 22nd	7.30-9pm	You're not on the Back Foot An entertaining AND informative evening session.	Caroline Kelly and Madeleine Stanimeros		n/a
Friday 23rd	2.15-3.15pm	Maths	Mrs McCormack		

Please circle which workshops you would like to attend on Tuesday 20th March (max 2)

Workshop 1	Workshop 2	Workshop 3	Workshop 4	Workshop 5
Healthy Mind- Dealing with anxiety	Healthy Body (Diet and Exercise)	The importance of Sleep	Supporting Teenagers	Dads and Boys- The Challenges!



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