Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 16 October 2020



Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

I just need to make you aware that the minimum age for WhatsApp is 16 years old. It had previously dropped to 13 years old but in April 2018 returned to 16, as a response to data-protection legislation. Please ensure you have a conversation with your child about keeping safe on line and acting in a caring and responsible manner.



Can I please remind Parents to ensure their child brings a water bottle to school everyday as they are currently unable to use the water fountain and it is important that they drink water regularly throughout the school day in order to stay hydrated.

A big **THANK YOU** for another successful Book Fayre raising a total of £389.95. Your kind support has enabled us to purchase £116.00 worth of assorted books for our reading scheme. I ordered a selection yesterday and they will hopefully arrive before we break up for the half term holiday.



We are continuing to work on our outdoor spaces. Some of the flowers are still in bloom and I have planted winter pansies. A few days ago some of the Year 3 children also planted some bulbs with Ms Carey ready for the Spring!

The children have been busy selecting their House Football Teams this week in their PE sessions. After half term I will let you know the outcome of the House Tournament.

We were joined by Rev. Suzanne this week via zoom. We haven't seen her for quite some time so we all gave her a massive wave to welcome her back!

Wishing you a lovely half term holiday. Don't forget we have an INSET on Friday 23 October and so our last day of school this term is next **Thursday 22 October**.

Kind Regards Maria Budd, Headteacher



Poppy Appeal 2020

Merchandise will be available to purchase from Monday 2nd November

(suggested donations: Zip pull & Reflector 50p, Silicone Wristband £1 and Snap Band £1.50)





PATES GRAMMAR - Y5 & Y6 VIRTUAL OPEN MORNING 2020 -

Tuesday 20th October 2020 Time of Zoom call: 12 noon

Please see our website www.patesgs.org (Menu-Admissions-Open Day, to book a place. Please also see the fully immersive VIRTUAL TOUR on the front page of our website. This is a fully immersive view of the school buildings, for you to navigate your way around and see it from all angles! We are very disappointed not to be able to welcome you personally to the school, but hope that you will join us online instead.



Commendations:

Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit Award winners.

Congratulations also to Elm class who won this week's attendance with 99.6%

















Reading Challenge:

Congratulations to pupils in Willow, Beech, Elm & Sycamore class this week who all came 1st with 100% of pupils reading at least 4 times each week.

2nd - Birch 96.88% 3rd - Oak 95% 4th - % 5th - % 6th - %

Please can you support us in encouraging your child to read at least 4 times per week. Thank

House Points: Congratulations!

Which house is in the lead so far this term?

1st place - Ruby 2nd place - Sapphire 3rd place - Emerald



Which house is in the lead so far overall?

1st place - Ruby 2nd place - Sapphire 3rd place - Emerald



Year 6 Transfer to Secondary School

If your child is in Year 6, they should have brought home a letter this week regarding their transfer to secondary school.

Gloucestershire County Council are asking that applications are made online, however if you are unable to do this, please contact the School and we can give you a paper copy.

Applications must be made no later than the closing date of 31st October 2020.

TERM DATES 2020/21:

Term One: Tuesday 1 September-Friday 23 October Term Two: Monday 2 November-Friday 18 December Term Three: Monday 4 January-Friday 12 February Term Four: Monday 22 February-Thursday 1 April Term Five: Monday 19 April-Friday 28 May

Term Six: Monday 7 June - Wednesday 21 July

INSET DAYS - children do not attend school

Friday 23 October Monday 4 January Thursday 1 April Wednesday 21 July

BANK HOLIDAY—children do not attend school

Monday 3 May

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 11th December - Nasal Flu vaccinations

