

Newsletter

Newsletter Date: 12 March 2021



Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents/Carers

We were genuinely delighted to welcome the children back this week. We have sincerely missed them! Hopefully they are all aware of just how much!

If you have not already booked your **virtual** parents evening slot, please do so before Monday. If you have any questions or queries regarding making an appointment, please telephone the school office and they will be happy to help you.

Class photos were taken on Wednesday, look out for information coming home soon, to view your child's photo and place an order.



Congratulations to Simone Curran for winning the "I survived 8 weeks of home learning" Pamper Hamper! You are all amazing however, there can only be one winner! We raised £76 towards the development of our outdoor area. A one day raffle for a children's chocolate hamper is planned for Thursday 25th March - see below for more details.



An extremely **BIG well done** to all those children who continued with their weekly reads throughout lockdown.

Kind Regards
Maria Budd

Families entitled to **Free School Meals (FSM)** can apply to receive a Home Cooking Kit and meal vouchers of £15 per eligible child for over the Easter Half-term. Please sign up, on the link below.

The sign up form to cover both weeks, together with FAQs is available at:
<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/holiday-free-school-meals/>

Applications are open until 9am on Friday 19.03.2021.



Children's Easter Raffle:

CHOCOLATE GALORE HAMPER

One day only - Thursday 25th March

£1 a ticket

All profits to support the development of our outdoor area



All households with children of school age can now get 2 rapid COVID-19 tests per person per week:

The government has confirmed twice-weekly testing using rapid lateral flow tests will be given for free to all families and households with primary, secondary school and college aged children and young people, including childcare and support bubbles, to help find more COVID-19 cases and break chains of transmission. With about a third of individuals with coronavirus showing no symptoms and potentially spreading it without knowing, targeted, regular testing will mean more positive cases within households are found and prevented from entering schools and colleges, helping to keep educational settings safe. Rapid testing detects cases quickly – in under 30 minutes – meaning positive cases can isolate immediately. This can be the difference between children being able to stay in school, or a class being sent home due to an outbreak. It could also be the difference between a workplace having to close for a period, or being able to stay open and running. To order these tests right click on this link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

Commendations: Congratulations to our Golden Book Merit Award winners and Year 6 Netball Emerald Winners. Congratulations also to Willow & Beech class who won this week's attendance with 100%



Reading Challenge:

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

2nd Ash - 95.6% 3rd Birch - 90.6% 4th Willow - 80.77% 5th Beech & Oak - 71%

Please can you support us in encouraging your child to read at least 4 times per week & ensure that they bring their signed Reading Records into school. Thank you.

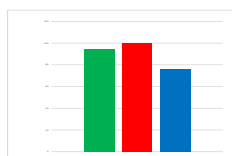
House Points: Congratulations!

Which house is in the lead so far this term?

1st place - Ruby

2nd place - Emerald

3rd place - Sapphire

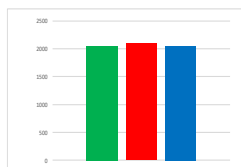


Which house is in the lead so far over-all?

1st place - Ruby

2nd place - Emerald

3rd place - Sapphire



TERM DATES 2020/21:

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

Thursday 1 April

Wednesday 21 July

BANK HOLIDAY - children do not attend school

Monday 3 May

Dates for your Diary

Friday 19th March - Comic Relief- (see newsletter dated 26 February)

Thursday 25 March - Easter Raffle (see over for information)

Friday 26th March - The Great Easter Egg Challenge (see last week's newsletter for more information)

Tuesday 30th March - The Great Easter Pea Hunt (more details to follow)

Calming the Mind for Parents

Wednesdays from 17th March
7.30 - 8.30pm

To book a place please email
fay.tucker@gloucestershire.gov.uk

A free* 5 week online course via Zoom to introduce you to mindfulness in the comfort of your own home.

- Explore ways to manage your stress levels
- Find new ways to relax yourself and your family
- Learn how to be mindful everyday