



Dear Parents

After a week of melting snow and a return to winter weather it was amazing to see new born lambs on our run this morning announcing Spring is in the air. The run was very wet but thank you for all the regular support I have for these runs: it is certainly a perfect way to start the day.

This week we recreated World Book Day with a plethora of activities and a celebration of reading. The costumes were stunning and particularly creative: it was so hard to choose winners. The staff, Mrs Pierce and Mrs Carlton had time to read their favourite childhood stories which were very well received. Some of the classics from our youth are still just as powerful and exciting today.



The sponsored read was also a huge success, raising £709.90 so far. This money will be ploughed back into reading resources for the whole school to benefit.

### *Christian Value Forgiveness*

### Important Dates

#### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March**

Class 1 Trip to Gloucestershire  
Constabulary HQ

#### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March**

Parents Evening

#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 3.15pm**

Tag Rugby Tournament at Birdlip

#### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 9am**

Mock Trial – Years 4 & 5

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**

Sport Relief

#### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2pm**

Easter Egg Hunt

#### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March**

Class 2 Trip to Nature in Art

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Class 1 Super Hero Dress Up Day

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 1.45pm**

Easter Service at St. Giles Church

#### **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March**

Last day of Spring term

#### **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

First day of Summer term

### Weekly Winners

**Patch:** Ally Pettigrew

**Zara:** Mrs Black

**Percy:** Evie Luscombe

**Hamish:** Martha Davis



Reading is currently our main focus as a school. We are very aware of how every child is achieving and have specific interventions in place to help whatever stage they are at. The journey from phonics to decoding and then to comprehension and inference is crucial and we are currently creating a parent pamphlet to explain how we can all work together to ensure that every child progresses.



Time and time again we note that the most able readers are those who have a positive reading role-model at home and have the opportunity to talk about the books they are reading.

We also staged the house quiz on Thursday. With help from Mrs Boag and Mrs Clarke we were armed with 12 rounds of questions from identifying logos and faces to geography, history, maths, spelling and general knowledge. Hedgehogs won the house quiz cup and a small team from Hedgehogs won the whole event – their picture is proudly framed in the foyer.



## **Fundraising Total £4,442.98**

Welcome BBQ  
£127.33

Cheltenham Open Door  
£70.00

Macmillan Coffee Morning  
£313.00

80's & 90's Disco  
£1,165.00

Xmas Fayre  
£1,828.00

Class 3 Cake Sale  
£71.00

Royal British Legion Poppy  
Appeal  
£97.75

Pancake Races  
£61.00

Sponsored Read  
£709.90



## School Council

The school council met this week to discuss the range of house competitions we have and also to explore how we can be more environmentally friendly – recycling and saving energy. They also proposed that we have a talent show early next term which will be fantastic.

## Cross Country

The final race of the primary league took place on Thursday at St. Edward's. With hundreds of runners I was thrilled with the results – Allegra (141), Emily (142), William (30), Jacob (80), Ted (137) and Tom (172). Well done to all the runners.



## Inter-School Tag Rugby, Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Birdlip School

We will be competing in a tag competition on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 3.15pm. I hope to have a team of 9-12 children from Years 4-6. Please let Mrs. George know if you would like to take part.

  
Headteacher