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Important Dates

Monday 4th March

Music for Youth Samba – Class 2
at Cheltenham Town Hall

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

Monday 18th March

Parent Meetings

Wednesday 20th March

Class 1 Trip to Puzzlewood

Thursday 21st March, 1.30pm

Mock Trial, Cirencester – Years 4
& 5

Tuesday 2nd April

Class 2 Trip to Harts Barn
Cookery School

Thursday 4th April, 2pm

Easter Egg Hunt

Friday 5th April, 1.45pm

Easter Service at St Giles Church

Dear parents, staff and governors

The annual pancake races were, as always, a competitive and fun event to begin the start of Lent. This year it appeared that Badgers' won the coveted trophy but, after a contested enquiry, Badgers' were disqualified from the last race and the trophy was awarded to Hedgehogs. It was a super event and it was lovely to see so many parents supporting.



Weekly Winners

Patch: Ted

Hamish: Omar

Zara: Mr Wyeth

Percy: Iestyn

Leafy: Hope, Jack H, Freddie J,
Evie F, Sam

This week Year 6 were rewarded with some fantastic news about their Secondary Schools. They were offered a myriad of schools in Gloucestershire including four different grammar schools and two fantastic maintained schools: it is always such a relief when the children get their first choices!

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Fundraising Total

£4239.43

Coberley Village Fete

£50.00

Welcome BBQ

£315.00Harvest Festival –
Cheltenham Open Door**£104.00**Non-Uniform Day in aid of
Gloucestershire Deaf
Association**£140.00**

Cookie Sales

£269.46

Children in Need

£134.60

Christmas Card Project

£110.50

Christmas Fayre

£1700.00

Green Dragon Xmas Party

£1034.20

Class 1 Nativity

£207.61

Easyfundraising

£174.06

A huge thank you to Mr Yates for the repair to the dry stone wall. A sterling job has been done and we are very grateful for his time and generosity. We would also like to thank Mr Bynorth for all his help with the evening sports club and his kind donation of two football goals - the children are really pleased!

The press has been awash this week with Internet safety fears concerning Momo. The Internet can be a terrifying place for children and supervision is always strongly advised along with a safety filter, such as Mobicip. The news has reiterated the importance of clear dialogue with children to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the Internet. Guidance about Momo can be found at this [link](#).

Lockdown Procedure

This week we tested our new Lockdown procedure. This is similar to a fire alarm but a different siren is used to get all the children back into school quickly for their own safety. The children responded fantastically and were all back in school in less than a minute.

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Operation Encompass

Gloucestershire police service begins the new Encompass operation from Monday 4th March. This new service supports families and children who have suffered domestic abuse and ensures that schools are notified immediately so that they can support the families and children as best they can. A letter regarding Encompass was sent out earlier today via email. Please note that any concerns or complaints you have with the new system must be taken up directly with the police.

Playground Development

We have been given the go ahead from our governors' Resources Committee to start work on revamping the playground. We hope to begin work very soon - which is very exciting. Please can I remind children in Classes 2 and 3 (Class 1 have their wellingtons) to have a pair of trainers in school so they can use the grass area for as much of the year as possible.

Cirencester Cricket Club

Cirencester Cricket Club is looking for more children to join their All Stars programme. It is open for boys and girls (aged 5-8). It is an activity and game-based programme suitable for all skill levels, providing your child with the foundations to begin a lifelong love of physical activity and cricket, while making friends in a safe and enjoyable environment.

The 8-week programme starts on Friday 10th May. Book early to avoid disappointment (<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/At/cirencester>).

Prayers at Bishopscourt

On Sunday 10th March, Bishop Rachel will be praying for our school. If there are any particular people, events or needs you would like prayed for, please let Bishop Rachel know by email at bgloucester@glosdioc.org.uk

Wildlife Quiz

Last Monday, Mr Wyeth accompanied our team of Oliver B, Amy, Tom, Leggy, Emily (sub) and Freddie P (sub) to take part in the Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust's wildlife quiz against Andoversford.

After three closely contested rounds the scores were all square but, unfortunately, we narrowly lost in round four. The good news is that we may well qualify as the highest scoring runners up! Well done to all the team.

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Friday Cookie Sales – Help Please!

Leigh and Tara have, very kindly, been organising the Friday Cookie Sales for us each week. As they both have some dates coming up where they have other commitments, we wondered if any other parents would be willing to help on a rota basis. It would be good to have others to pass the baton onto as it's a good fund raiser with very little effort.

The sales involve:

Buying 80 cookies from the supermarket (reimbursable by school)

Arriving 5 minutes before the bell at the end of the day with trays and a small float

Selling the cookies, leaving the cash with the school

In the summer we will swap over to sell ice cream and ice pops. These sales have raised nearly £300.00 for the school since October. If you would be willing to help, please contact Leigh or Tara directly or speak to Mrs George in the office. Many thanks for your continued support.

Message From Annelize Cruz

Annelize is organizing a family charity event on Sunday. Details are as follows:

- ✓ Looking for a FUN FAMILY event?
- ✓ Want to support 2 great Charities?

Come join us on Sunday 3rd of March at All Saints Academy 9.30-12.30pm

What fun things will there be?

- 🎨 Face painting
- 🎉 Great raffle prizes
- 🍷 The Vintage Van Events Company for drinks
- 🍲 Box Fresh Street Food for some tasty food
- 🎮 Fun games for the kids

For those who like to be active and are into their fitness, there is also a Boot camp followed by some fitness fun games for the whole family! For more information, please see attached.



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Just book your tickets for the event, donate some money and come and join us! Booking your ticket is essential, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2064736663856959/?ti=cl>

*NO DRESSING UP REQUIRED TO TAKE PART! 😊

Regards
Annelize Cruz
Fitness Instructor and
Personal Trainer


Headteacher