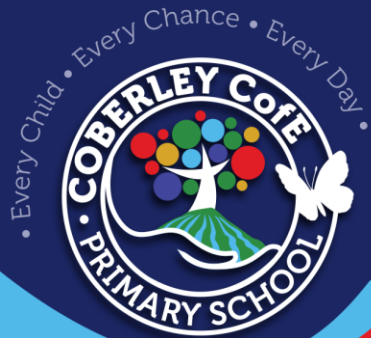


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Important Dates

Thursday 14th February

House music competition

Thursday 14th FebruaryDistrict Cross Country at Chelt.
College Prep**Monday 18th February**

Half term starts

Monday 25th February

First day of term

Monday 25th FebruaryWildlife Quiz at Andoversford
Primary School**Monday 4th March**Music for Youth Samba – Class 2
at Cheltenham Town Hall**Tuesday 5th March**

Pancake races

Friday 15th March

Red Nose Day

Monday 18th March

Parent Meetings

Thursday 21st March, 1.30pmMock Trial, Cirencester – Years 4
& 5

Weekly Winners

Patch: Evie F**Hamish:** Nathan**Zara:** Freddie P & Jack J**Percy:** Sammy**Leafy:** Class 1

Dear Parents, staff and governors

It has been a really successful week in so many ways.

It was a shame to close last Friday with the snow as I'm sure the morning run would have been a lot of fun. Although the county school closure website had huge teething problems, I do hope we informed you in good time and the children enjoyed the snow. If for any reason you weren't informed at 6.30am, please check with Mrs George to make sure we have the correct mobile number for you.

We were thrilled to hear some fantastic news from our alumni. Henry Hart, brother of Octavia and Edward, began recorder lessons in Class 2. Having passed grade 8 in the recorder last year he has now secured an exhibition to Eton College in September - *from small acorns grow huge oak trees*. An amazing success.

We published information about our Amazon Wishlist last week. We have added lots of banded books which will help children in all three classes tremendously with their reading. We were so grateful that three large boxes arrived on Monday and two thirds of our wish list has already been bought for us. A huge thank you - the wish list can be viewed at <http://amzn.eu/hJlnH4A>.

I had the opportunity to go to Rendcomb College this week to explore how we can work in partnership with our neighbouring school. Rendcomb entertained our Year 6 children early in the year on a wonderful music day but we have now made plans to use their facilities for Forest School, science and cookery lessons. We are also keen to help with their Duke of Edinburgh awards and facilitate their older children helping us. There is also a children's "Tough Mudder" which we have been invited to!

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Fundraising Total **£4201.55**

Coberley Village Fete
£50.00

Welcome BBQ
£315.00

Harvest 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
£136.18

We welcomed Mrs Askew, an ex-professional dancer and actress and an acclaimed West End director, into school on Wednesday to help Class 3 with their work on the Shang Dynasty. In an hour she choreographed a song from Mulan which they performed in front of the school: it is always remarkable what children can achieve.



More good news...we have been successful in securing a "Growing our Communities Fund" grant which is the first step in our plans to improve our outside space. This grant will allow us to repair and improve our climbing frames and provide all the children with equipment to use during play times. It will also forge links with the community and provide play space after school for local children in the future.

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This week was National Internet Safety Week. The children spent time learning how to create passwords and avatars, and learning the importance of staying safe on-line. Class 3 are also beginning to use Skooville, which is an excellent resource that allows children to learn a wealth of on-line safety rules. Children are protected on-line at school using Mobicip which is a very easy to implement app to protect tablets, mobiles and computers by providing internet filtering, screen time management and access to applications. I would thoroughly recommend it for home use too.

I was thrilled that no more milk cartons are being delivered to school thanks to the hard work of Martha and Nathan. Children in Class 1 now have milk beakers and they are poured milk each day (by Matthew and Martha!). This is saving 1200 plastic bottles every year and Mrs George has also arranged for the daily milk to be delivered in glass bottles. Our next task is to become an Eco-School.

Cross Country District Race 3 – Thursday 14th February

A reminder that the next district cross country races take place next Thursday, 14th February at Cheltenham College Prep School. The timings for each race are as follows:

- * Year 5 and below Girls – 4:00pm
- * Year 5 and below Boys – 4:10pm
- * Year 6 Girls – 4:20pm
- * Year 6 Boys – 4:30pm

If your child wishes to take part, please ensure you are able to transport them to and from the venue. Please let Mrs George know if your child will be running.

Links Movie Night - Thursday 14th February

A reminder that next Thursday, 14th February, is Links Movie Night. The film will be Despicable Me 3 and popcorn will be available.


Headteacher