

November 15th

Autumn Term 2019

NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

Monday 18th November

Rags 2 Riches Clothes Collection

Wednesday 20th November

Cyber Day

Wednesday 27th November

Class 1 & 2 Trip to We The Curious!

Wednesday 27th November

Year 6 to Dean Close for performance of Annie

Tuesday 3rd December

Class 1 Recorder Concert

Thursday 5th December

Non-Uniform Day for Bottle Tombola Donations

Friday 6th December, 10am

Cinderella at The Everyman Theatre

Wednesday 11th December, 2pm & 5.30pm

Class 1 Nativity

Friday 13th December, 5pm

Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 17th December

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th December, 3pm to 5pm

Links Christmas Party

Thursday 19th December, 1.45pm

Carol Service at St Giles Church

Weekly Winners

Patch: Rosie

Hamish: Heidi

Percy: Jack H

Leafy: Year 6

Zara: Georgie

Dear parents, staff and governors

We were rather shocked by the snow which arrived on Thursday and, although it made journeys quite hazardous, we were able to have a normal, albeit wet, day. If there is heavy snow I do try and make the decision to close as early as possible in order to help with child care plans and avoid unnecessary travel. We will send out a text as soon as we can and post closure information on the Gloucestershire web site <https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk/>. The long term forecast is for a particularly cold winter.

It was lovely to see such a mismatch of clothes today for Children in Need. Thank you all for your kind donations which will be put towards this worthwhile cause, particularly helping the children in the Gloucestershire area.

Thank you to John Croft who kindly disposed of a great deal of rubbish this week to create more space in the EYFS play area. It was incredibly helpful and thank you also to his two helpers William and Daniel.



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Fundraising Total

£758.41

Easyfundraising

£389.03

Ice Cream & Cookie Sales

£155.22

Coberley Village Fete

£50.00

Harvest Festival

£86.32

Children in Need

£77.84

We are currently waiting for a couple of quotes to repair the large play equipment in the playground. This has proved to be more troublesome than we thought. If you know anyone who would be willing to repair the rotten wooden post please let Mrs George know.

Year 6 trip to Elkstone Church

Year 6 were dispatched to the church of St John the Evangelist this week to help sow some wild flowers in the graveyard as part of the Churchyard Wildlife Grant. It was a great experience to see a church so similar to St Giles' yet so different in other ways. It was a fantastic experience and lovely to make a contribution to our wider community.



The School's PTA (FOCS)

Following our governors' meeting this week and in response to the questionnaire regarding the next step to a "PTA", the overwhelming response is not to set up an official committee but to keep the system as it currently is.

There are many pros and cons to both routes but the current model allows more people to take ownership of projects without the need to overburden themselves.

We would, however, like to have more clarity over the range of events by creating an overarching, annual plan that we can all buy into. I envisage we will revisit the PTA proposal again and if anyone would like to help with creating a plan please let me know. I can't overstate how important it is for a small school to raise money every year through school events and donations just to keep the current status quo.



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Rags 2 Riches Collection – Monday 18th November, 9am

A reminder that on Monday 18th November, Rags2Riches will be collecting our bags of clothes to raise funds for school; thank you for the donations so far. We currently have 11 bags but need over 20 to make the collection worthwhile. If you haven't yet brought your bag in, please can you do so before 9am on Monday. Thank you for your support.

Cinderella at The Everyman Theatre, Friday 6th December 2019

If you have not yet done so, please can you return your permission slips for the pantomime along with your child's choice of ice cream. We need to pre-order the ice creams before the deadline of Friday 22nd November. Many thanks.

Christmas Fayre – Friday 13th December 5pm to 7pm

The Christmas Fayre is fast approaching and we are looking for people to volunteer their time to help out with set up, manning stalls and clearing away afterwards. Please can you let Mrs George know if you are able to help out with any of the following:

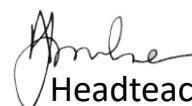
- Setting up on the day
- Baking cakes
- Loan of labelled Christmas lights
- Loan of gazebo's
- Manning a stall for 30 minutes
- Clearing away on the day
- Sourcing raffle prizes

There will also be a second hand uniform stall and children's book stall. If you have any donations, please bring them to the school office. Thank you for your support.

Christmas Party at The Green Dragon, Saturday 21st December

Tickets are available for the Christmas Party at The Green Dragon on Saturday 21st December at 7.30pm. They can be purchased by contacting Laura Delport on 0780375560, laurajdelport@icloud.com or Nat Schuster on 07447 101001, schusternat@gmail.com




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