

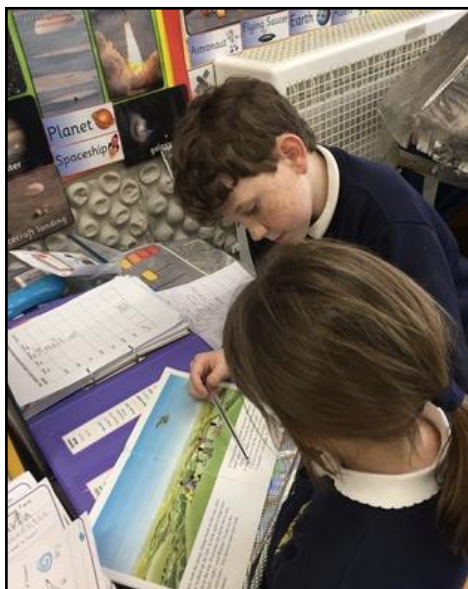


Dear Parents

Welcome back to term 4. There is so much to look forward to this term with so much going on such as Class 2's play, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Year 5 and 6's courtroom drama and an assortment of days out, cross country matches, themed days and iSingPop.

We welcome Miss Lauren Clarke to help out in the office, in the classroom and with after school provision. She has already made a positive impact and I'm sure we will make her welcome. We are looking for a longer term replacement for Miss Hirst; more news on this when we have it.

In the classroom it's great to see a range of activities taking place including seeing the 500 word stories sent off to the BBC. It was also lovely to see the Year 6 children helping the reception children read; magical moments.



Christian Value

Justice

Important Dates

Tues 28th Feb

Y4 In the Net – Birdlip

Wed 1st Mar

Pancake races

Thurs 2nd Mar

World Book Day; X-Country at CCJS

Tues 7th Mar

Cluster X-Country at Birdlip

Thurs 9th Mar

X-Country at St Edward's

Fri 10th Mar

Y6 geography day at Birdlip

Tues 14th Mar

Cluster X-Country at Birdlip

Weds 15th Mar

Class 2 - Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Fri 17th Mar

Year 5 and 6 Mock Trial Courtroom Drama

Weekly Winners

Leafy: Ted Rowan

Zara: Hollie Delpoit

Percy: Adam Gamble

Hamish: Finn Shakespeare

Patch: Octavia Hart



Class one began their swimming sessions on Monday. It is such a good experience for them to learn to swim at such an early age and I'm really pleased we can offer swimming from reception. They arrived back in great spirits!



Cross Country

Before half term we took part in a cross country match at Cranham. It was a bitterly cold day but the children ran very well to keep warm. Medals were won by Rex and Daisy Rocco-Devoy and Leggy Watchorn. The next two cluster cross country races are on Tuesday 7th March and Tuesday 14th March at Birdlip at 3.30pm.



There is also the next round of the Cheltenham Primary School league with races at Cheltenham College (Thursday 2nd March at 4.15pm) and St Edward's (Thursday 9th March at 4.15pm). Please let Mrs George know if your child will be competing at any of these events.



In the Net – Year 4 - Tuesday 28th February

On Tuesday afternoon our Year 4 pupils will travel to Birdlip Primary School to watch a performance by the Alter Ego Theatre Company called "In the Net". The drama production lasts about 45 minutes and is written specifically for children to raise awareness of safe use of the internet and social media, keeping personal information safe and cyber-bullying. This has been organised by the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board.

Pancake Races – Wednesday 1st March

As Year 4 are out on Tuesday afternoon, we are going to hold the pancake races on Wednesday at 2.30pm. Children will take part in a pancake obstacle race in their houses in similar fashion to last year and there will be an opportunity to purchase pancakes at the end of the races. Parents are very welcome to watch from 2.30pm.

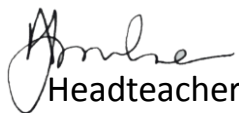
World Book Day – Thursday 2nd March

Once again we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite character from a book in return for a donation towards the School Library Fund. There will be prizes for the best costume!

This year we would also like the children to design a book cover for their favourite book. Each child will be given a piece of A4 white card and finished designs should be handed into the class teacher by 2nd March. Prizes will be given for the most creative designs!

Junior Sports Club – Tuesday After School

As we begin the second half of the year, Football club will change to Rounders Club for years 1 to 3 every Tuesday after school. Please let Mrs George know if you would like to book a place for your child.


Headteacher