

NEWSLETTER - NOVEMBER



Dear Parent / Carers

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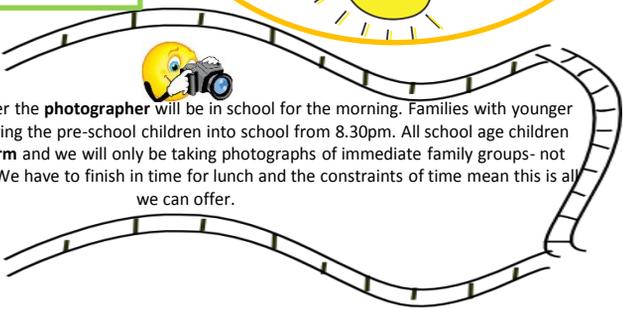
We welcome **Miss Bryant** to our staff team in **Year 4** to cover Ms Jones' illness and maternity leave. We hope she has a very happy and successful time with us.

We are very proud to announce that **Lilia Evans** from Year 6 has been named as **Junior Bard** in the Forest of Dean Poetry Competition. Lilia's poem about the Forest of Dean was beautifully written and we will be displaying it in school for all to share.




We now have the model pig that Annika Deering, Year 4, decorated after winning one of the prizes in the Gloucester Tourist Board Competition. It will now take pride of place in our new foyer.

Thank you to everyone for sending in bulbs for bulb-planting and for parents/carers and governors who came to help. The school grounds will look lovely in the spring.

Next **Tuesday 7th** November the **photographer** will be in school for the morning. Families with younger siblings are welcome to bring the pre-school children into school from 8.30pm. All school age children should be in **school uniform** and we will only be taking photographs of immediate family groups- not cousins or other relations. We have to finish in time for lunch and the constraints of time mean this is all we can offer.

Important Reminders

- Please can children wear sensible **shoes** to school –low heeled and not trainers.
- Our **jewellery** policy is just a wristwatch and a simple stud earring- definitely no drop ear-rings, big icons, cuffs, hoops, or spacers.
- We ask for sensible **hairstyles** that keep hair out the eyes for work without causing a distraction to others.
- **Polo shirts** should be **red** (not white).Trousers and skirts should be **grey** (not black).
- Please **name uniform** particularly sweatshirts and cardigans; we have already found new ones without names.
- Please make it clear to your child each morning who is **collecting** them from school and notify the office if this changes unexpectedly.
- Please pay for **school dinners** in advance and be aware that the kitchen no longer send a spare lunch. If you need help paying perhaps you may be entitled to free school meals. See Mrs Guy for information
- Please keep **nail varnish** (and make-up!) for the weekends and parties.

Thank you for your co-operation on these matters which help to keep children safe, and help in the smooth and efficient running of the school and give pupils a sense of pride and belonging to Mitcheldean School.

You will realise that part of our job is to prepare children ready for secondary school and that our policy is very similar to Dene Magna so it is worth children developing good habits now. Also if you allow children to break these rules, how do they learn which rules to keep later in life, when there are many more temptations coming their way like smoking, drinking and drugs- to name but a few?



Our Time Lord / Time Stepper initiative has now been launched. Please help your child to learn to tell the time using an analogue clock face. A watch with a clear face would be make a great present for Christmas!



Clubs will run up to and **including** the week beginning **December 4th**. The following week is the infant production. Please collect your child promptly from **clubs** which all finish at **4.20pm**.

**WALK &
TALK**

In the morning it is **walk and talk on the playground** to avoid any accidents before school which can upset a child for the rest of the day. **No ball games** are allowed as there are small children (and older Grandparents) who could easily get knocked over or receive a ball in the side of the head. Children have lots of opportunity to play and socialise throughout the day. **Scooters and bikes** should be **pushed** once children reach the school premises and when they leave to again prevent younger children and older adults from being knocked over. Please ask your child to **respect** this rule. We welcome children using scooters and the School Council have used their budget from the end of the summer term to buy a scooter rack for further storage. It will be installed shortly.

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Please remind your child that **Wake and Shake** takes place in the hall every **Tuesday and Thursday** led by Year 6 and by Mr Shakespeare respectively- it's great exercise and a great way to start the day. Children should enter school by their **usual door** and **hang up** their bags and coats before it begins at **8.40am**.

YEAR 6 will lead worship with their class assembly on **Friday 10th November!**



The new extension is almost complete!

We are waiting for a stained glass window to go in the apex at the front which will depict a dove in a similar way to the one above the altar in St Michael's Church.

Many thanks to all parents/ carers, governors and staff for supporting events to help pay our share towards this part of the building. Please **use the front entrance only** to visit the school office or for dropping off or collecting your child within school times so that we benefit from this new security.



On November 12th- **Armistice Sunday** we will be taking a group of children to **church** for the **remembrance service** any children are more than welcome to join us and children who are attending as part of another organisation such as Brownies or Scouts can join in with the school's contribution.

Poppies will be on sale in the hall at break times so please support The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal and wear your poppy with pride ! Suggested donations are 50p a poppy, 50p for a wristband and £1 for friendship bracelets, snap bands and poppy pin badges.

YEAR 5 are enjoying their ukulele lessons each

Thursday and will have a fabulous day on December 8th when it is their turn to enjoy the visit from STEM works linking model making in KNEX with IT skills

YEAR 3 will be visiting Townsend House on Thursday 7th December to entertain the residents as part of their termly Enterprise Activity

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 2nd December

The Christmas fayre will be on **Saturday 2nd December** which means there will be two **non-uniform** Fridays on **Friday 24th November and Friday 1st December** in exchange for a donation to the fayre. On **Friday 24th** it would be great if every child could bring in something for the ever popular **chocolate** hampers and on the **1st** items for the **tombola** such as bottles, tins and packets, or items for bric-a-brac in nearly new condition, **raffle** prizes, items for the smellies stall. Some stalls will be privately run and if you want to hire one please speak to **Monica Gittings or Claire Beach**.

**DATES TO
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November:

7th
14th
24th

December:

1st
2nd
5th

Photographer
Bags 2 School collection
Non uniform – items for the fair

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Christmas Fayre
Flu vaccinations Y4

11th

12th

13th

19th

20th

January

4th

Infant production - pm

Infant production - eve

Christmas Dinner

Carol service and Christmas Parties

Last day of term – Carols around the tree

Return to school