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Spring Term Newsletter 3– 15th March, 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have analysed the exit questionnaires from parents' evening in February. The results are as follows:

	1	2	3	4
1 being the lowest and 4 highest				
My child enjoys school	0	2	25	75
My child makes good progress	0	1	30	69
I think that the Christian ethos of the school and the values taught, help my child's personal development.	2	6	39	50
My child has benefited from the Daily Mile	1	8	31	59
My child has come home and talked about Do Its, Twist Its and Solve Its in maths?	24	17	22	36
My child came home and told me about the RE day discussing God.	15	28	28	25
My child's handwriting has improved over the last year.	2	4	14	79
The school is helping my child to understand how to stay safe on line.	3	2	13	79
I have found the On-line booking system for parents' meetings easy to use.	0	2	12	85
I use the school APP to check school dates.	21	4	13	60
I use the school web site to see photographs of school activities.	9	12	30	50
I value the termly overview so that I know how to help my child at home.	1	2	27	70
Junior Parents: I find the use of the class dojo helpful in giving me information about my child's behaviour and work ethic.	2	5	11	58
My child/ I make use of the services of the Family Support Worker	29	15	13	23
Parents' meeting gave me useful information about my child's progress in work and behaviour and how they get along with other children.	0	0	12	83

Overall we are pleased with the results. We realise that some children don't talk about what they get up to at school and similarly that not all families or children will have wanted to access the Family Support Worker. We are always concerned if we hear about any child that is not happy at school; if that is your child please do come into school and speak to their class teacher.

The main issue seems to be over using the school App which should make life easier but it appears that's not the case for everyone. **When a message appears on your phone it seems to disappear once it has flashed up. You need to go on to the school app and click on 'News' to see the messages.**

We were also surprised that a number of people don't use the school website to see what their children have been doing in school. I think you may be pleasantly surprised if you check the site from time to time to see lots of pictures of a wide variety of activities. Certainly I would have loved to have the opportunity to see what my children had been doing in class.

Fundraising



If anyone has any sponsored pancake flip money to return please could you bring it into school ASAP- thank you all for your great support for this fun event.

Thank you too for your support with selling raffle tickets for the Governors Raffle organised by Mrs Pam Martin. Please return all sold tickets and money to the office and any unsold books as some parents are able to sell additional tickets.

We have heard that we are very likely to receive the funding from the diocese for the final part of the project some £270 000 which will seriously improve security for the school site as well as provide the much needed corridor around the school hall. Due to the lie of the land there is a serious amount of ground work to be done and the entrance has to meet disabled access regulations. If anyone knows of any companies or organisations that might be prepared to help the school with the money we need to contribute to the project, please let us know.

Easter Egg Hunt- Friday 7th April organised by FOMS.

More details to follow.

SIAMS Inspection

Next Monday we will have an inspector in school from the diocese looking at the effectiveness of the school as a church school. This is known as a SIAMS inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).

Class News

On Thursday 16th March Year 3 are travelling to Caerleon to visit the Roman remains. This is a great trip and the children learn lots from looking at first hand evidence.

On Monday afternoon, we have the Daylight Theatre group in school delivering a play on drugs education for Year 5 and pupils from other local schools.

It is Red Nose day on March 24th. If children would like to support this event they may come to school in something comfy and a Red Nose Accessory for £1 donation.

Accessories can be found on the website link below.

RED NOSE DAY <http://www.rednoseday.com/kids/dress-up>

There will also be a special lunch of Beef Burger in a Bun, Bean & Lentil Burger, Jacket Potato with Beans & Marble Cake.

We have entered 21 children in the Gymnastics Competition on Saturday 25th March. Tickets are limited to 2 per family in the first instance. Please call 01594 833393 to reserve your tickets in advance. Adults £3.50 & Children £2.50.

On March 29th the School Choir will be singing at Mitcheldean Festival in the Library at 6.30pm.

Children from Reception, Y2, Y4 & Y6 will be visiting the church during 4th or 5th April for the Easter Experience.

Year 4 class Sharing service will take place on Friday 7th April as well as an Easter Service in church which you are welcome to join us for at 2.30pm.

Spare Clothes

Please could we remind all parents of Infant children to supply a spare set of clothes for their child in case of accidents. We now have no spare clothes left in school so if you have been lent some from school we would really appreciate it if you could send them back in with your child.

School Sport News

A big thank you to FOMS who have bought sets of matching sports kit for children to wear to sporting events.

Netball

Our netball team won through to the district finals by winning their group round at Newent School last week. The runners up in the round were our 2nd team- how brilliant is that? The final is to be held on Monday 20th March.

Paige Appleby, Anya Boulton, Ben Didcote, Liam Histed, Ione James, Verity Townsend, Fletcher Walby, Violet Williams.



Lexi Bamford, Jenson Broadbent, Rosie Graham, Daisy-Mai Hemms, Eloise Keane, Tyler Kibble, Callum Read, Lacie Turner.

Gymnastics Competition

Two of our intermediate gymnasts represented the Forest of Dean in the County Gymnastics Championship last week and we were delighted when Iris James finished in Bronze medal position with her floor routine and Ione James finished with the Gold medal in the same event. Well done girls - a fabulous result!