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Newsletter – March (2)

Dear Parent / Carers

A VERY BIG THANK YOU

First of all another big thank you to the parents and friends of the school who once again turned out to clear the paths around school of snow. Thank you to everyone who turned out to help! It doesn't go unnoticed!! Some other parents have volunteered to join the snow party but are not on Facebook so if that also applies to you please give your name into the office and we can send you a school text message to join the group.



Years R and 1 enjoyed a terrific trip to Chepstow Castle and the enthusiasm was reflected in Year 1's Class Service on Friday. Greatly entertaining, the children showed great confidence in front of the whole school and their parents to talk about their work.

Year 3 have been to Caerleon to visit the Roman site and were thoroughly absorbed in all the wonderful artefacts and remains that brought their learning to life.



STOP PRESS
We have heard that a child in school has been contacted by an unknown person claiming to be a model agency and asking for photos. Please check your child's phone!



Year 4 had a wonderful time at the Living Rain Forest last week and enjoyed terrific support from their parents in raising the extra money necessary to fund this trip by holding not one but three cake sales!

Thank you so much.

What a marvellous message to send to the children about earning money if you really want something and about parents supporting and valuing their children's education.

attendance MATTERS

Although we do want children to attend school as often as possible, as it is important for children to be in school if they are going to make the best possible progress, there are occasions when children should stay at home, this is particularly appropriate when sickness and diarrhea are concerned. The official advice from Public Health England is to stay away from school or the workplace for 48 hours from the last episode of the bout. Some schools have had to close and deep clean the school due to children coming back early and spreading the germs to others causing a huge surge in absenteeism. So whilst I appreciate that sometimes your child can appear to be recovered those last hours do make a difference in terms of containing an outbreak.

We do encourage child to wash their hands thoroughly with soap and would ask that you reinforce this too, as a few children seem to suffer from frequent episodes and are having to miss school too often.



Please can you make sure that if your child needs or may need medicine during the school day that it is handed in by an adult to the school office and a medical form filled in and signed. We have had three recent incidents where children have had medicines in their bags. If this accidentally fell into the hands of other or younger children the consequences could be very serious. Remember we only administer medicine where four doses a day are necessary, otherwise children could have a dose first thing in the morning, directly after school and at bedtime.

School Dinners

Reminder that as of Monday 16th April the cost of a school dinner is increasing to £2.36. The summer menu starts on the first day back and a copy is attached for you. Copies can also be found on our website or in the Reception area.

On Thursday, this week, the menu choice will be Friday's choice of Fish & Chips!

The Christian Adventure Centre Viney Hill

KEEP CALM AND ONLY SATS

Year 6 have been offered a free day of outdoor activities at the Viney Hill centre in April. (more details after Easter) This will provide some welcome alternative challenges for this group who are working hard towards their KS2 SATs. These will take place the week beginning the week beginning 14th May. The week before is a very important revision week.

Year 2 will also have SATs this year and although we try to keep theirs low key children benefit from being in school and taking their tests at the same time as all the others in their class as far as possible.



Year 5 have been learning to play the Ukelele this term and represented the school on Monday at Cheltenham Town Hall in the Music For Youth Regional Festival. Well done all!

ARTSPACE
CINDERFORD

A number of our students have been taking part in the Art Space project and last week they held their own Exhibition. A great display – you have all worked very hard. Well done!



School Uniform

From September we are beginning to incorporate the new school logo onto children's sweatshirts starting with the new Reception children. This means that Ross Labels and Gooch Sports at Newent are going to have a uniform sale with 50% off. It will be a very gradual process to introduce the new uniform over a couple of years so there are definitely bargains to be had!

SPORTS UPDATE...

The school girls' soccer team played in the Forest of Dean schools' final competition last week and finished in the silver medal position. Thank you to Mrs Emma Williams for her help in coaching the team. We done to all the girls Pippa Law, Megan Thomas, Isabella Sherwood, Keira Brain, Rosemary Green, Keira Kibble, Macy Walby, Ashleigh Williams and Caitlin Scott-Murphy. (Caitlin was also named as Manager's player of the match!) A special thanks also to the team supporters Natalie Knight and Lillia Evans.

The school gymnastic team took part in the Forest of Dean Schools' competition on Saturday. The children all competed with enthusiasm and their hours of practice paid off with some really great performances. Well done to all the competitors:

Year and Level	Competitors from our school	Awards
Year 4 Level 1 Girls	Annika Deering, Summer Dobson, Georgie Dix, Charlotte Jones, Kate Webb	Annika – Bronze medal
Year 6 Level 1 Girls	Natalie Knight, Chantelle Wozencroft	Natalie - Bronze Medal Chantelle (1 st on vault)
Year 6 Level 1 Boys	Alexander Pitcher-Leigh, Zeke Watton	Zeke (1 st on vault)
Year 1 and 2 Girls	Lexie Childs	Lexie - Gold Medal
Year 2 and 3 Level 2 Boys	Jacob Tipper	Jacob - Silver Medal
Year 4 Level 2 Girls	Paige Childs, Ashleigh Williams	Ashleigh - Silver medal
Year 5 Level 1 Girls	Lauren Kear, Olivia Howells	
Year 5 Level 2 Girls	Anabella Markham, Charlotte Farmer, Eva Manton- Jones	Anabella (3 rd on floor)
Year 6 Level 2 Girls	Julia Uszok	Julia – Gold medal
Year 4 and 5 Level 4 Girls	Iris James	Iris - Bronze medal (1 st on floor)
Year 6 Level 4 Girls	Keira Brain	Keira - Bronze medal

THANK YOU & GOODBYE

We will be saying goodbye to Mr Shakespeare as he moves on to his university post after the holiday. Although he hasn't been with us long he has been a real asset to our school; the children in his class have made great progress and enjoyed themselves in the process .He has been a great colleague and we wish him well for the future.

March:

28th Easter Service 2.30pm
29th Last day of term

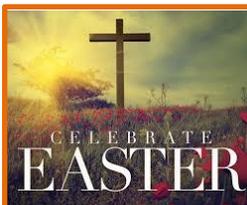
April:

16th Return to school
18th Year 2 begin swimming
19th Jumble & cake sale
20th Bags 2 school
Wilson Gallery (Art students)
23rd-25th Junior Wardens (Y5)
24th Viney Hill (Y6)

May:

1st – 4th Cycling Proficiency (Y5)
14th – 18th SATS week
22nd Reception & Year 6 photographs
24th Last day of term for pupils
25th Inset Day

DATES TO REMEMBER



Years R, 2, 4 and 6 will be visiting the church this week to learn about the Easter Story from members of the church. We will be holding the end of term service in the church on **Wednesday at 2.30pm**. Children will be brought back over to school after the service to pick up their belongings before leaving school at the normal time. Apparently, the Easter Service was accidentally left off the dates list on the last newsletter. I apologise if this caused problems for you. It was human error. We do try hard to keep you up to speed with all the dates on the newsletter, school website and schools app but sometimes mistakes do happen.