

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Welcome back**

It was lovely to see all the smiling faces returning to school last week (children, parents and staff!). I'm never quite sure where the time goes. I'd like to warmly welcome 19 new reception children to our school community as well as two new members of staff, Ms Solana and Mrs Baker.



**Great Expectations**

To help them prepare for their topic 'Great Expectations', Class 5 children were set a summer holiday challenge. Their challenge was to research/find out as much as they could about the Victorians, including: Queen Victoria's life, inventions, life of the poor, jobs, leisure and/or other interesting and unusual facts. They did not disappoint! An excellent start to Class 5 - well done!



Over the summer holidays the school had a second boiler fitted and had repairs to part of the roof. Special thanks must be made to Mr and Mrs Perry who organised a team of volunteers to start clearing the pond area down on our field. For the next six months this area will remain out of bounds, however long term we aim to develop it into an extra area where children can go to extend our Forest School Work.

NEWSLETTER

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**Attendance and Punctuality**

This year the governors and myself will still be focusing on improving the overall school attendance. We expect all parents to set the highest of standards for attendance as the evidence is clear; children with good attendance succeed more in school and achieve future aspirations. We do understand children get ill from time to time but medical visits are only recorded as code 'M' code if proof of appointment is provided. If you are given an appointment for the morning or afternoon your child can still keep their attendance mark if they are present for registration (8.50 juniors /9.00 infants or 1.00 for the afternoon mark).

Illness and medical visits still goes against schools if recorded under these codes. A reminder that holidays are not authorised in term time in line with the Local Authority guidance and all children should arrive at school on time!

Overall winners:	Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Class 1	100% - Fantastic start
Class 2	100% - Fantastic start
Class 4	99.11%
Class 3	98.33%
Class 5	76.17%

**Summer reading Challenge:**



Well done to all the children who completed the summer reading scheme this year. In total we had 41 children complete the challenge which is our highest ever. Effort marks have been awarded to all children. Reading overall remains a key strength for our school, however, children in all year groups are finding the comprehension element the most challenging part. If we have any parents / grandparents who are willing to come and spend time listening and talking to children about their books please let us know. A letter for this will follow shortly.



**Pen Licences:**

Congratulations to Jay, Frank, Tannis and Mya from class 5 for gaining their pen licences already.

**Stars of the Week: 8<sup>th</sup> September**

- Class 2 Marley
- Class 3 Coby
- Class 4 Ben
- Class 5 Frank

Wonderful start for the boys!





### Roles and Responsibilities:

Within the moving up days last term, Miss Williams asked her class to persuade her to allow them to take on roles within the school. One such role is House Captain.

The successful 8 children are:

**Blue:** Charlie and Daniel

**Yellow:** Millie and Ethan

**Green:** Lacey and Aston

**Red:** Jorja and James

This week Red House are leading with:

**Red 198** points, **Blue 187**, **Yellow 182** and **Green 177**



This week, Class 5 have been reflecting on life as Year 5/6 pupils.

*"We are the biggest kids in the school now and have a big responsibility."* Adam

*"We have lots of challenges but I'm ready to overcome them."* Frank

*"My teachers are already helping me make progress and I'll hopefully pass my SATs!"* Aston

*"I have learnt a lot already and have settled in comfortably."* Millie

*"I'm ready to prove I'm mature, as I'm now a Year 6!"* Grace A

*"My teachers are pushing me to get even better and prepare me for my SATs!"* William

*"I'm new here - I was scared at first and now I'm not because I've had a really good time so far."* Natasha

*"I enjoy it because we have our pencil cases and lockers."* Jay

*"We have to be role-models."* Sian

*"I am now in Class 5 and have to prove I'm worthy!"* Devon

*"This year is going to be GREAT!"* Fiona

### In school guitar lessons for juniors:

As part of the primary curriculum children have to perform, listen to and evaluate music across a range of genres, styles and traditions. Our juniors also have to learn a musical instrument. We are lucky to obtain a music grant each year which subsidises music lessons in school time. This year, due to the financial constraints schools are now facing, we can't fund the full cost. I'm sure however you would agree £15 for 10 guitar lessons is such value for money (£1.50 per lesson). Lessons will start next week so if payments are still outstanding please can the payment come in next week.

Kind regards

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke

**Community News:**

Fundraiser: Raise for Ruby: October 8<sup>th</sup> at Yorkley Community Centre. Cake stall, lucky dip, animals, raffle, tombola and more.

Ruby is just 3 years old and has a severe curvature of the spine that is impacting every aspect of her life. She is in daily pain and walks with a frame. Her breathing is now being affected as her lung on one side doesn't function as well as the other. Her family (part of our school community) are raising money to take her to London to receive a specialist body brace that could change her life. Every penny collected goes towards the cost of the brace consultation and fitting. Her family are determined to keep Ruby's dreams of being a ballerina alive!

**Clubs in Autumn Term 2017**

Children in years 5 and 6 can walk home after clubs however we require this in writing from a parent/carer before we allow this to happen due to the late nights drawing in already. All other children need to be met at the junior entrance at 4.00pm

	<b>Mondays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Tuesdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Wednesdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Thursdays</b> 3.00 - 4.00	<b>Fridays</b> 3.00 - 4.30
<b>After School:</b>	Running / Cross Country Years 2-6 FREE Mrs Burke & Miss Agg	Football Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley  CLUB FULL Waiting list	Panto Club Years 5 & 6 (Starting on 27 <sup>th</sup> September) FREE Mrs Creber	Multi-Sports Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley  CLUB FULL Waiting list	Mountain Biking Years 6 Payment required Mrs Wood & Dan Lewis
			Music Club Orchestra Payment required 3.00 - 4.15	Homework Club . Year 2 - 6 FREE Mrs Phillips	CLUB FULL

**'WAKE AND SHAKE'** - We will be continuing with our 'Wake and Shake' morning programme to promote an active way to start the day in readiness to learn. **'Wake and shake' will take place on Fridays only. Time 8.30-8.40**

Please can all children attending line up at the side hall entrance (disco entrance). Do not go onto the school yard. **Please note if your child is not in Wake and Shake they are not allowed into class before 8.40 a.m.**

**Lunchtime Clubs:** Children are also getting the opportunity to attend clubs at lunchtimes.

- Monday: **French Club** Years 3-6 Miss Newbury
- Tuesday and Thursday: - Sports with Mr Tomley (no need to sign up for this, anyone welcome)
- Play leaders are always out every lunchtime overseeing equipment and teaching new games.

**IMPORTANT DATES - KEEP THIS SHEET ON FRIDGE!****Autumn Term 1:**

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sep	School starts
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	National Poetry Day
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Harvest Assembly - <b>Parents invited 2.15</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>School photographer in</b>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Parents evening 3.15 - 6.30 (Year 1-6) *Reception meetings already held</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Class 2 trip to Over Farm (letter to follow)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>Parents evening 3.15 - 6.30 (Years 1-6)</b>
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA Halloween Disco - Years 1-6 *Sorry no reception children until the Christmas disco. 6.30 - 8.00
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of term.

**Autumn Term 2:**

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	School starts
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Bonfire safety talk whole school assembly
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Playgroup Xmas shopping night
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Open afternoon for prospective new parents Sep 2018 1.15 - 2.30
Nov date TBC	Swimming Gala (Upper juniors)
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infants Dress rehearsal - whole school, <b><u>parents with toddlers 1.15</u></b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play 1.15 <b>parents invited - <u>No toddlers</u></b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last swimming session for class 4 & 5
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play 9.30 <b>parents invited - <u>No toddlers</u></b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Choir singing at Taurus Crafts 10.15 - 11.00
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Flu Immunisations years 1-4 1.30 onwards
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Whole School Panto (Cheltenham) - Show starts at 2.00p.m.
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of term (Merry Christmas)

**Spring Term 1:**

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	School starts
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts for classes 2 and 3
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Last day of term

**Spring Term 2:**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>INSET DAYS - School closed to children</b>
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb	School starts
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	last swimming session for classes 2 & 3
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Last day of term (Happy Easter)

**Summer Term 1:**

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	School starts
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Last day of term

**Summer Term 2:**

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET - School closed to children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School starts
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Taster day at Dean Academy
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> , Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> and Thu 21 <sup>st</sup> Jun	Wydean Yr6 induction days
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Residential year 5 and 6
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> July - Wed 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 at Dean Academy
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term