

Dear Parents/Carers,

**New faces:**

Since the start of term I would like to welcome even more children to our school: Ben and Ellie Hyde who have joined class 2 and 3 and Olivia Trapp who has joined class 4. It's wonderful also to see how settled our new reception children are as it has only been three weeks and they already are full time and joining in with all activities.

**Harvest Assembly:**



We are holding our annual harvest assembly Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October in the main hall. All classes will perform for parents/carers and teas and coffees will also be served by the PTA from 2.00 before the children come in.

Food donations would also be appreciated as we then donate them to the local food bank in Lydney. Although fresh produce looks lovely on our display, food banks no longer take them, below is a list of what would be most useful:

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS**

- SOUP
- TINNED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- SPONGE PUDDING (EITHER MICROWAVE OR TINNED)
- CHOCOLATE BARS AND SNACKS
- TEA BAGS
- BISCUITS
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED FISH

**On our doorstep:**

Last week Class 3 went on an "epic woodland walk" to help them understand the wonderful environment they live in. As part of their science topic they were looking for autumnal changes in the woodland area. They found lots of acorns and realised there were many great oak trees in our woods. They also found berries, sweet chestnut cases and lots of other seed casings. Some children spotted deer tracks in the very muddy paths and we left lots of welly boot prints too! Great fun and excellent learning had by all.



**European Languages Day:**

To celebrate European Languages Day on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, Miss Agg held a cinema club where 34 children watched a French cartoon "Asterix". The club was enjoyed so much by the children they have asked for another very soon.



*"I liked watching the film in French because it's my second favourite language" Jesse*

*"I liked cinema club because some of us like cartoons and I've never seen them in French. I liked that it was a bit different" Marissa*

*"If you can't understand the French you could read the subtitles because they were in English" Chloe*

*"It was really fun because I got to bring my brother and sister along with me" Jaidan*

*"I want to have another cinema club so that I can find out what happened next" Georgia*

**National Poetry Day:**

Yesterday the whole school celebrated National Poetry Day which followed the theme Freedom. Over the day and into the morning's assembly children enjoyed, discovered and shared poems with each other. Later on in the year as part of Literacy Week, children follow this up through our Off By Heart Poetry Competition.

**House Points:**

15<sup>th</sup> September      Green 117, Yellow 105, Red & Blue 84,  
22<sup>nd</sup> September      Yellow 109, Blue 104, Red 100, & Green 71

Overall winners:	11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> Sep	18 <sup>th</sup> - 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Class 1	99.47%	97.92%
Class 2	98.33%	90.00%
Class 3	98.97%	96.90%
Class 4	98.21%	94.76%
Class 5	98.13%	96.25%



**Jimi Hendrix play your heart out!**

Children in years 3, 4, 5, and 6 have now enjoyed two of their ten guitar lessons. The final concert to parents will be in the hall 29<sup>th</sup> November. If you still owe £15 payment, please bring into the office as soon as possible.





**Stars of the Week:**



**15<sup>th</sup> September**

Class 1	N/A
Class 2	Angelica
Class 3	Carla
Class 4	Finley
Class 5	Daniel



**22<sup>nd</sup> September**

Amelia
Maisie
Jesse
Molly
Jorja

Kind regards

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke

**Community News:**

Sport Karate 101 - Karate, Kickboxing and Self-Defence.  
FIRST LESSON FREE

Only £4 per session (Family Discounts)

Martial Arts for all the family ages 5 and over

Yorkley Community Centre Friday from 6.00

Drybrook Church Hall Thursday from 6.30

Call / Text Wayne 07563391462



**Flu Vaccinations for children in Reception to Year 4.**

If you are wanting your child(ren) to have their Flu vaccination please complete the online consent form <https://www.glos-care.nhs.uk/vaccinationsystem/fluconsent> which was sent home earlier this week. If you don't have internet access please come into the school office for a paper copy, however these have to be filled in at least a week before.

Nasal Vaccinations will take place Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December

**Yorkley playgroup are looking to recruit** a part time play assistant for 18 hours to cover maternity and join our small friendly team. The position is suitable for a level 3 qualified practitioner. The position is subject to an enhanced DBS check and references. For more information or to apply please email Sophie at [yorkleyplaygroup@btconnect.com](mailto:yorkleyplaygroup@btconnect.com)

**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 3.00 - 4.00</b>	<b>Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00</b>	<b>Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00</b>	<b>Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00</b>	<b>Fridays 3.00 - 4.30</b>
<b>After School:</b>	Running / Cross Country Years 2-6 FREE Mrs Burke & Miss Agg  Very full - but two staff so spaces available.	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:**

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October Harvest Assembly - **Parents invited 2.00**
- NEW:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Victorian Day Class 5 - letter sent, please remember costume
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October **School photographer in**
- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct **Parents evening 3.15 - 6.30 (Year 1-6) \*Reception meetings already held**  
**Coffee and Cake will be on sale for MacMillan**
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct Class 2 trip to Over Farm (letter to follow)
- Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct **Parents evening 3.15 - 6.30 (Years 1-6)**
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct PTA Halloween Disco - Years 1-6 \*Sorry no reception children until the Christmas disco. 6.30 - 8.00
- NEW:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October Class 1 joining Playgroup for reptile roadshow
- 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
<b>NEW:</b> Tue 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Reception & Year 6 height and weight checks
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
<b>NEW:</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Guitar concert to parents and whole school</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infants dress rehearsal - whole school, <b>parents with toddlers 1.15</b>
<b>NEW:</b> Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Adult Tea Party</b> - Class 5 hosting with music performances throughout
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	Wyedean 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