

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As part of their history topic, 'The Victorians,' Class 5 stepped back in time last week and had a Victorian-style school day. The children even had to come to school dressed in typical Victorian clothing.

The day began with a hand-cleanliness check and a morning drill; this was followed by chants & Bible readings, the 3Rs (reading, writing and arithmetic), Art and Geography. Some children were even given Victorian punishments, including the cane and wearing the dunce hat if they got a question wrong!

"It was terrifying at first but the day was still fun in the end" Savannah.

I didn't think Miss Williams would be as harsh as she was! Charlie.

I am glad I didn't live in Victorian times, the gruel was disgusting" William.



As part of their topic 'Happy, Healthy Me' in class 2 the children have been learning all about fruit and vegetables. Their topic has taken them all over the world to discover where fruit and vegetables comes from. The children designed a healthy fruit kebab and had fantastic fun then making their kebabs, *"The best bit was tasting the delicious fruits!"* Kyann



Harvest Celebrations:

It was lovely to see all the parents and carers last week at our harvest assembly. The children did themselves proud by performing harvest poems and songs. Class 4 also did a mini sketch in French which linked to their knowledge and understanding of fruit and vegetables.

Thank you to the PTA for serving coffees and teas and to Claire Chapman for taking the many food donations to Lydney Food Bank.

Now winter is approaching the food bank is also asking for donations of hats, socks and gloves for people in need. If anyone does want to donate further please bring donations to the office.



Attendance:

Overall winners:	25 th - 29 th September	30 th - 3 rd October
Class 1	97.40%	95.34%
Class 2	94.52%	98.71%
Class 3	92.67%	97.00%
Class 4	96.55%	94.83%
Class 5	91.56%	94.06%

Stars of the Week:



29th September

- Class 1 Tyler
- Class 2 Kyann
- Class 3 Tillie
- Class 4 Jake
- Class 5 Savannah

6th October

- Sienna
- William
- Emily
- Melissa
- Grace

House Points:

29th September: **Yellow 142, Green 135, Blue 120 and Red 119**

3rd October: **Green 185, Red 178, Blue 94 and Yellow 90**

Parents Evening:

Thank you to the parents who attended this weeks parent's evening. If you have not yet attended there are still slots available for next Tuesday. It is important you attend so that we continue to work together to support your children.

Old £1 coins

After half term we will no longer be able to take the old £1 coin. Banks may still take them from individuals but from 16th October, the round £1 coin will no longer be legal tender. If we do have any handed in they will have to be sent back home where we will expect them to be replaced with alternative coins or the new 12 sided version.

**P.E Kits:**

It is essential that all children have the correct PE kit in school. If you are struggling to know where to buy kit from, the PTA are doing a bulk order. Letters have gone out regarding this and orders and payment need to come in by Friday 20th October.

Polite Notice:

Please can parents supervise your younger children at the end of the day to stop them from rubbing off the notices on the chalkboard.

Due to large numbers of junior parents congregating at the start of the school day. Some children are having to walk onto the road to get in through the gate in the mornings. This is not an ideal situation, it is an accident waiting to happen and it is the reason we introduced soft start. Once your child has been dropped off please allow others to come in.

Kind regards

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

Community News

The full Governing Body has had its first meeting of this academic year. We have appointed Peter Taylor and Simon Jewell as Chair and Vice-Chair respectively of the governing body for the coming year.

We have also organised our committee structure for the forthcoming year in order to effectively focus on our three main roles:

- To provide a strategic view of where the school is heading.
- To oversee the financial performance of the school and make sure its money is well spent.

- To hold the school to account for the educational standards it achieves and the quality of the education it provides.

We currently have a vacancy for a co-opted governor. Co-opted governors are appointed by the Governing Body and are people who, in the opinion of the governing body, have the skills required to contribute to the effective governance and success of the school.

If you are interested please advise the main office or chat to one of the governors in person. They are available every other Friday at the school entrance 2.45- 3.00pm.

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 **All clubs except mountain biking will continue after half term.**

	Mondays 3.00 - 4.00	Tuesdays 3.00 - 4.00	Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00	Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00	Fridays 3.00 - 4.30
After School:	Running / Cross Country Years 2-6 FREE Mrs Burke & Miss Agg	Football Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley	Panto Club Years 5 & 6 FREE Mrs Creber	Multi-Sports Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley	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	

'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 17th Oct
 Wednesday 18th Oct

NEW: Thu 19th Oct
 Friday 20th October
 Friday 20th October

Parents evening 3.15 - 6.30 (Years 1-6)

PTA Halloween Disco - Years 1-6 *Sorry no reception children until the Christmas disco. 6.30 - 8.00

Junior team cross country championship
 Class 1 joining Playgroup for reptile roadshow
 Last day of term.

Autumn Term 2:

Monday 30th Oct
 Tuesday 31st Oct
 Tue 14th Nov
 Mon 13th - Fri 17th Nov
 Thursday 16th Nov
 Wednesday 22nd Nov
 29th Nov
 Monday 4th Dec
 Wed 6th Dec
 Thursday 7th Dec
 Thursday 7th Dec
 Friday 8th Dec
 Sunday 10th Dec
 Tuesday 12th Dec
 Tuesday 12th Dec
 Wednesday 13th Dec
 Friday 15th Dec

School starts
 Bonfire safety talk whole school assembly
 Reception & Year 6 height and weight checks
 Anti-Bullying Week
 Playgroup Xmas shopping night
 Open afternoon for prospective new parents Sep 2018 1.15 - 2.30
Guitar concert to parents and whole school
 Infants dress rehearsal - whole school, **parents with toddlers 1.15**
Adult Tea Party - Class 5 hosting with music performances throughout
 Infant Christmas play 1.15 **parents invited - No toddlers**
 Last swimming session for class 4 & 5
 Infant Christmas play 9.30 **parents invited - No toddlers**
 Choir singing at Taurus Crafts 10.15 - 11.00
 School Christmas Dinner
 Flu Immunisations years 1-4 1.30 onwards
 Whole School Panto (Cheltenham) - Show starts at 2.00p.m.
 Last day of term (Merry Christmas)

Spring Term 1:

Tuesday 2nd January
 Thursday 4th January
 Friday 9th February

School starts
 Swimming starts for classes 2 and 3
 Last day of term

Spring Term 2:

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

Summer Term 1:

Monday 16th April School starts
 Friday 25th May Last day of term

Summer Term 2:

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