

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back,



Winners second year in a row!
 Congratulations to a group of our class 5 children (and Mrs Creber.) Their entry to the winter diorama competition at Taurus Crafts won! Thank you if you went and voted, the school will now receive £100 to put towards more art materials.

Gifts from the PTA:

Thank you to the PTA for the recent class gifts. Representatives from each class opened them in assembly last week. Favourite items were gel pens, bendy rulers and, for nurture, the play dough.



New Project being launched this term:

Next week Mrs T Wood will launch a whole school project linked to 'Growth Mindsets'. Several schools are working together on this, as we all believe it will help children become more confident with what they can achieve. It will help them understand effort links to success, and overall improve their learning in all areas.

Developing a Growth Mindset:

INSTEAD OF ...	TRY THINKING...
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
Giving up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make it any better	It can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	I can learn from my mistakes
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
My friend can do it better than me	I will learn from my friend

Star of the Week



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NEWSLETTER



	<u>15th December</u>	<u>5th January</u>
Class 1	Martha	Jennifer
Class 2	Henry	Poppy
Class 3	Evie	Bea
Class 4	Olivia	Enfys
Class 5	Fletcher	Lacey

Attendance:

Whole School Attendance last term = **96.44%**

Winners:	15 th December	5 th January	Overall Class Winners	
Class 1	92.24%	97.45%	1 st = Class 1	97.51%
Class 2	94.79%	96.09%	2 nd = Class 3	96.45%
Class 3	91.11%	96.67%	3 rd = Class 2	96.42%
Class 4	93.68%	88.79%	4 th = Class 4	96.12%
Class 5	97.85%	90.32%	5 th = Class 5	96.10%

Disappointing start for classes 4 and 5!**Persistent Absences:**

Although our overall attendance figure continues to improve, last term there were 15 children who came under the category as being 'Persistently Absent'. Parents of every child of compulsory school age are required to ensure that their child receives a suitable full time education. This can only be achieved if your child attends school. Failure of a parent to secure regular attendance of their school registered child of compulsory school age, can lead to a penalty notice or prosecution. Letters are in the process of being sent out to relevant families and improvements are required this term. Learning cannot take place when children are off.

House Points:

5th January - **Green 94, Yellow 88, Blue 73 and Red 57.**

New behaviour policy coming into practice next week:

Next Tuesday, Governors will be passing our revised policy. Procedures and expectations are now explained more clearly. New school rules are listed which all children will be expected to follow. There are also improvements on how school and parents can work together, including an updated home/school agreement. The policy will be available on the school website by the end of next week. No pupil has the right to disrupt the learning of others. Any child who refuses to complete work in class due to poor effort will have it sent home with the expectation it is completed fully by the child that evening.

Yorkley Rules:

- We behave in a respectful and self-controlled way
- We listen quietly when the teacher and others are talking
- We make it possible for all pupils to learn
- We wear the correct uniform at all times
- We accept responsibilities for our actions
- We refrain from behaving in a way that brings the school into disrepute, including when outside school

Kind regards

K. Burke

Mrs K Burke

Community News:

Yorkley Playgroup is trialling an afterschool club starting Wednesday 17th January 3-5 p.m. (or 4-5 p.m. if already booked into a school club).

PRIOR BOOKING is essential with payment

Initially the club will run on a Wednesday, with the possibility of a Tuesday and Thursday if there is enough interest.

The Club will be available to any child 3 years and over including primary age children

Cost is £4 per hour, per child.

Contact playgroup if you are interested

Clubs for the Spring Term 2017

Due to so many children wanting to attend Gymnastics, rather than having a very long waiting list, we have split the children into two groups. Group 1 is this term. Group 2 is 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 - 4.00
After School:	Dance Years 3-6 FREE Miss Agg (preparation for the Cheltenham dance show) (FULL)	Football Years 2-6 FREE Mr Tomley (FULL)	Newspaper Club Years 3-6 FREE Mrs Payne	Gymnastics Years 2-6 FREE Mr Tomley Group 1 - last session 8 th Feb Group 2 - last session 29 th Mar (FULL)	Panto Club Years 5 & 6 FREE Mrs Creber (up until the performance) Last session 2 nd February
		Fizz Pop Science Years 1-6 Paid in advance		Homework Club Years 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**

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

- 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
- lunchtimes Mondays - French games in class 4 with Mrs Newbery 12.30 - 12.55
Friday - Board games in class 2 with Mrs Wood. 12.30 - 12.55

IMPORTANT DATES - KEEP THIS SHEET ON FRIDGE!

Spring Term 1:

NEW: Wed 7th February Internet Safety talks class 5
Tuesday 23rd Jan National Handwriting Day
Friday 9th February Last day of term

Spring Term 2:

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th Feb - **INSET DAYS - School closed to children**
Wednesday 21st Feb School starts
NEW: Monday 26th Feb Dance festival in Cheltenham (Dance club)
NEW: Tuesday 27th Feb Bikeability starts - Year 6 only
NEW: Wed 28th Feb Years 3 and 4 to Coleford Library to see a performance 1.30 - 3.30 (late return)
NEW: Tuesday 6th March Reception vision and hearing checks
NEW: Thur 8th March Mid-year Reports to parents for children year 1-6
NEW: Tues 13th March Parents evening drop in (children's books in the hall)
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
NEW: Mon 14th-Thur 17th May SATS for Year 6 - all children must be in school
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 Wydean Yr6 induction days
Mon 25th - Fri 29th June Residential years 5 and 6
Mon 9th July - Wed 11th Year 6 at Dean Academy
Tuesday 24th July Last day of term