

Dear Parents/Carers,



Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September children enjoyed a day full of French experiences. There were French signs up everywhere, including the menu for lunch. In KS1 children were excited to learn songs and dances in French. They particularly enjoyed the dancing potato and leaning the body parts! The children also played some games such as souris, souris, chien. In KS2 children experienced four main areas of culture:

**ART** - the children studied the different styles of artists, including Renoir, Monet, Matisse and Magritte and then produced their own works of art emulating that style. The results were imaginative, colourful and unique.



**PEOPLE** - the children looked through information about famous French characters, including Asterix, Obelix, Jeanne D'Arc, Marie Curie, Coco Chanel, Napoleon, Louis Pasteur, Gustave Eiffel, Paul Pogba and Claude Monet. Then, they took on the role of one person and performed an interview which included the most interesting pieces of information.



**SPORT** - the children learnt the skills associated with the game of 'Pétanque' and then played the game outside. They used their social skills, numeracy skills and competitive natures to ensure that they enjoyed the experience to the full. They also had to beat Mr Berry!

**FOOD** - the children learnt how to say what they had for lunch in French and make a choice of vegetable from the menu. They also learnt about meals and food traditions in France and then tasted typical French snack food, noting their opinions in French for each item.

At lunch time, each KS2 class made a human Eiffel Tower which was photographed and videoed by a drone. The video will be on our website soon!

We all had 'une journée formidable' and the children are to be congratulated for their participation, effort and resilience, ensuring that they enjoyed the whole experience. Many thanks to Miss Newbery and Mrs Adams for organising the day.



**House points:**24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Sep = Yellow 163, Green 135, Blue 133 and Red 1271<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Oct = Blue 111, Red 100, Green 98 and Yellow 97**Attendance:**

Overall winners:	Week beginning 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> October
Class 5	98.57%	97.14%
Class 4	100% - Wonderful!	98.40%
Class 3	95.00%	97.00%
Class 2	97.93%	97.33%
Class 1	95.42%	93.05%

**Star of the Week: 28<sup>th</sup> September:**

Class 1: Jennifer

Class 2: Drake

Class 3: Owen

Class 4: Emily

Class 5: Tiana

**5<sup>th</sup> October**

Amelia

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Freddie

Casey

Ben

**Parents Evening:**

Feedback from Parents evening this week has already been very positive. Our youngest children have settled in very well, with all children across the school having good attitudes towards their learning as well as the learning of others. Reminder: Homework is now set on a Monday and needs to be completed for the following week. Children in the upper juniors need to get into the habit of doing this as it will set them up well for secondary school where homework is set most nights!

**School Photographer:**

The children looked extremely smart for their school photos last week. All children had the opportunity to have individual and family photos. Children in year 6 and reception also had a class photo. The proofs are in so if you would like to order any, please ensure this is done by **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October**

**School Parent/Teacher Association - PTA:**

The PTA AGM will be held at 3pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> in school whereby Mrs Phillips has offered to provide a crèche. In this meeting officers will be elected. If anyone is interested and needs more information please contact Nina Wood.

**Second hand uniform sale** - 2.45pm outside the main entrance Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October





**Last chance for us to gain £4000 towards the Playpod**

With just over 2 weeks left, your support really is needed. We have been informed we currently remain in 2<sup>nd</sup> place. However, these last 2 weeks could allow us to catch up with first place as it is actually very close!

Don't be afraid to ask for more than one token if you aren't offered them, or do self-check out - you then get to help yourself!

**Sporting News:**



**Cross Country**

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying 17 of our children to the team cross country event held at Five Acres High School. Competition was extremely strong with the winning school Highnam, running no less than 2 miles every week for preparation! Congratulations to Fiona, who came 2<sup>nd</sup> overall out of 115

girls, our combined score for our 'A' team putting them in 10<sup>th</sup> position out of 20 in total. Well done to our boys who also ran their hearts out coming 15<sup>th</sup> overall out of 20. Many thanks to the parents for the support and transport, as without it, participation would be impossible.



Kind regards

*K. Burke*

Mrs K Burke

**Clubs in Autumn Term 2018**

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	Football Years 3-6 FREE Mr Tomley	Design Technology Years 3-6 FREE Mr Berry		Mountain Biking Years 5 Payment required Mrs Wood & Dan Lewis
	<u>Lunchtime Club</u> French Games Years 3-6 Miss Newbery		(FULL) - waiting list for January	<u>Lunchtime Club</u> Choir All year groups Miss Williams	<b>Last session</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct

**Lunchtime Clubs:** Children are also getting the opportunity to attend further 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.

**'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. 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.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

### **Autumn Term 1 & 2**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Flu Immunisation programme for year Reception up to year 5 (parents must sign up in advance).
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	PTA School Halloween Disco *Sorry no reception children for this one
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	End of term 1
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Start of term 2
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Bonfire Safety assembly for children
<b>NEW:</b> Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	New reception 2019 open afternoon 1.30 - 2.30
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov - Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Anti-bullying Week
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	STOP, SPEAK, SUPPORT Cyber-bullying day (part of Anti-bullying week)
<b>NEW:</b> Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Choir singing at Speech House 1.30 - 4.00
<b>NEW:</b> Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fizz pop assembly (club to start January)
Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Choir singing at Christmas concert Lydney Town hall - 7.30pm
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Choir singing at Taurus Crafts 10.15-11.00
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play (dress rehearsal for school, playgroup & parents with toddlers)
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play for parents 1.30 start
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Infant Christmas play for parents 9.30 start
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last swimming session for class 4 & 5
<b>NEW:</b> 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas dinner
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Aladdin, Whole School Pantomime, Cheltenham 2.00 start (late return) - (Early lunch)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	End of term 2

### **Spring Term 1 & 2**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Start of term 3
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Swimming starts classes 2 & 3 and year 1's in class 1. (All Spring term, last session Thu 4 <sup>th</sup> April)
<b>NEW:</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	NSPCC Assembly and workshops
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Feb	End of term 3
<b>NEW:</b> 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Year 6 and Reception height/weight and vision checks
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	INSET - School closed
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Start of term 3
<b>NEW:</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> March	English week
<b>NEW:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book day (Children come dressed as a character from a book)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> Apr	End of term 4

### **Summer Term 1 & 2**

Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Start of term 5
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of term 5
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET - School closed
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Start of term 6
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Country Dancing Festival Speech House 6.30-8.30
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day for children