

## Welcome!

Welcome to all new children and families and welcome back to everyone else! I always get so excited at the start of the school year as I love seeing everyone again and love a new start! There are so many opportunities ahead and events for us all to enjoy. I hope children and families are enjoying the buzz of the new start too.

We started with assembly straight away today, so that we could get a sense of being back together in our school community. We talked about our term's value, which is DETERMINATION and about how important it is to try hard to achieve our goals.

It has been a pleasure to visit classes this morning to see children settling in to their new year groups and their new routines.

Thank you for all your efforts regarding smart uniforms and sending in labelled belongings. This is a great help and all adds to the children's sense of belonging to their school community and having high standards.

### Fri 6th September Sponsored walk event

We are planning to run some of July's postponed sports day races on Friday morning, as shared with you at the end of term. This will be from approximately 9:15am until 10am and you are welcome to come in through the top field gate if you are able to come. New reception parents are welcome too; your children will be watching with Mrs Fawkes and will be encouraged to run a race if they want to. Children are welcome to change into fancy dress after this on Friday as it is our sponsored walk event later in the day. This is to fund-raise for new iPads. Thank you for your support with this.

### Mon 9th Sept Clubs start

### Fri 27th Sept School Photos

### Fri 27th Sept at 2pm Harvest Festival

Everyone is welcome! All classes will perform a poem/song or show some Harvest work to help us give thanks for our food. We donate Harvest funds to the village's Over 60s Christmas meal by asking children to bring in an item of food, which is then sold in our 'Harvest shop' throughout the day. Therefore, please could your child bring in either fresh fruit/vegetables or tinned/packet items and some money (eg £1) on Fri 27th. Any leftover produce will be sold at the end of the Harvest Festival. Thank you for helping us to raise children's awareness of the wider village community.

**14th and 16th October Parents' Evenings.** A letter with information of how to book an appointment will be sent out shortly.

**Weds 23rd October** term ends at 3pm until Monday 4th November. We are arranging a PTFA disco that evening- details to follow.

### Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Well done to families who took part in the reading challenge. Children are welcome to bring any certificates etc in on Friday to show in our Celebration Assembly.

### Reading

Teachers listen to children read regularly in school through class work and guided reading sessions. The reading books brought home are for children to read with you (or on their own when older.) Please record their reading in their record and please make sure that reading books are in school every day. On Fridays we will be doing whole school reading buddy sessions so that children can read to each too!



Mental Health  
Champions

# This term's value is DETERMINATION we need to try hard to achieve our goals

## Great results!

Please see our website for school attainment and progress information- we are so pleased with these as well as our with our overall provision. (In Parents tab click 'Results').

## Parent Pay

Please ensure that your Parent Pay account is **always in credit**. Accounts should be credited with money which you then 'spend' by choosing the services you require. Accounts should not go into deficit and office staff can not be held responsible for services not being provided if payment has not been pre-made.

## Curriculum

This term's KS1 topic is The Home Front and the KS2 topic is The Egyptians. Activities are differentiated for different age groups and abilities. Overviews can be found on our website (Curriculum tab).

## Y5/6 Residential trip Weds 18th to Fri 20th Sept

Miss Waugh, Mrs Cotterell and I are very much looking forward to accompanying the children. Thank you to both teachers, as volunteering for this means re-arranging family commitments! Children's goals for the residential include taking responsibility for their belongings; co-operating with each other during group activities; staying away from home successfully and experiencing the zip-wire, abseiling, quad bikes etc. Children will be in dormitory accommodation; there are between 8 and 12 children per dormitory - one dorm for boys and two for the girls. Staff rooms are next to the dorms and dorms are in secure halls. Expectations for behaviour are clear.

A kit list has been previously sent out, but should you require a new one, please just ask. We are holding a short open meeting for parents to come along to ask any questions on Thurs 5th Sept at 3pm. If you are unable to attend, please just call into the office for any queries you have. A packed lunch and drink is required for the day of our departure.

## Parent Handbook 2019-20

The updated handbook can be found on our website under Policies and Documents. Please take a few moments to have a look at this document.

## Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning

As you are aware, we gained the Mental Health Champions Award last term. This term we are aiming to improve two aspects: encouraging low-sugar healthy playtime snacks and encouraging participation in regular activity. Please see separate letter about snacks.

## Home-school contact

Working in partnership with families is very important to us.

If you have any queries or concerns about lunches, uniform, events etc please look on our website, check the app or contact the school office.

For any class-based queries, please contact the office to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

For special educational needs queries, please ask for an appointment with your child's teacher and/or Mrs Jeavons.

For family support queries (eg Teen in Crisis referral, food vouchers, behaviour support, parenting advice) please arrange an appointment with Gina in the first instance.

For other concerns or queries about whole school provision, please make an appointment with myself.

Apologies, but we are unable to arrange drop-in appointments before school.