

## Something new!

With the national restrictions, partial school closures (and as we cannot go out for trips yet), we appreciate that children's experiences have been limited and are keen to address this. We also recognise that lots of children need help with listening and concentration skills to help settle back into being in full classes. We also want them to have lots of fun! So, we have a new resource to use in school!

## What is now>press>play?

**now>press>play** is an immersive audio resource that engages primary school children in the curriculum through emotion, imagination and movement.

In a now>press>play experience every child is given a pair of wireless headphones. Immersed in sound, they become the main character in a story or situation, meeting people, discovering places and solving problems on an educational adventure they'll never forget.

## Benefits

- Produces outstanding engagement in children of all abilities
- Stimulates children's imaginations and inspires creative writing
- Raises attainment by making learning meaningful and memorable
- Extends children's life experiences
- Helps children develop emotional responses and discussion skills
- Makes learning fun and exciting

Due to the costs, we would not be able to provide this resource as a single school. However, as we are in partnership with Steam Mills school, we are able to share the costs and children at both schools can benefit. The resource enhances our current planned curriculum in history, science, geography, RE and more. Please ask your child if they have worn the pink headphones yet! All classes are going to have a taster session in the next few weeks.

### Term dates reminder

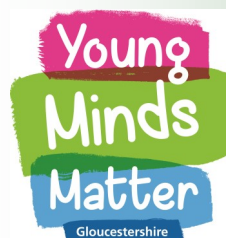
The last day of term is Thurs 1st April, so children are not in school on Fri 2nd April as that is Good Friday. Term 5 starts on Monday 19th April.

### Term Dates and inset days 2021-22

Please find the dates on our website under 'Parents Info' and 'Term Dates'

### Contacting school

Please phone the school office rather than popping in, so that there is no congestion for parents in the reception area. Face masks must be worn on site please, unless you are exempt. Thank you to everyone for continuing to keep school as safe as possible for all families, by adhering to 'Hands, Face, Space.' We all really appreciate this.



### **Easter Holiday track and test**

Schools have been asked to resume holiday track and test responsibilities for the Easter Holiday. Please see message from GCC:

*Staff and parents/carers of pupils need to inform the school of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting.*

*Staff and parents/carers of pupils who were asymptomatic but tested positive within 48 hours of last being in school also need to let the school know.*

If this applies to you or your family on Fri 2nd March or Saturday 3rd March, please email [head@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@woodside.gloucs.sch.uk) so that I can contact everyone in the bubble.

Thank you

### **RED NOSE DAY**

Thank you for joining in with the fun and supporting this very important charity. It was great to see the children participating and having fun today! We have some very talented hair stylist in the community!

### **CYCLING FOR Y6 CHILDREN**

A reminder that this will start on 29th March and bikes can be stored overnight at school if you wish-please provide a bike lock.

### **Thank you for your vigilance and support**

Incredibly, we are a day off a year since the beginning of the first partial school closures. Over the last year, we have had just the one positive case at school and no spread. Thank you to our whole school community and families, for all the hard work involved in maintaining our bubbles and hygiene expectations; for testing and waiting patiently for results, when needed.

We are very much looking forward to school restrictions lifting so that we can mix more during the school day. There is no indication of that as yet, so we all have to be patient and keep going!

I am very glad to see more and more staff being called for vaccinations. Please bear with us as we cover staff at short notice to allow this to happen and for any side effects to wear off.

Your support over the last year has been invaluable and very much appreciated. Let's look ahead to times when we can continue to work in partnership with you, but in a more face to face way! I am very much looking forward to a time when we can welcome you back in with open arms for assemblies and celebrations.

In the meantime, stay safe and well.

Mrs Davis