



Chat & Chuckle Session

We had our first 'Chat & Chuckle' session today and it went so well for most classes that we are planning to carry on with this every Friday at 12:10pm. It may well be that we try to have more of these sessions throughout the week, especially if it helps our pupils stay connected ... ***Watch this space!***

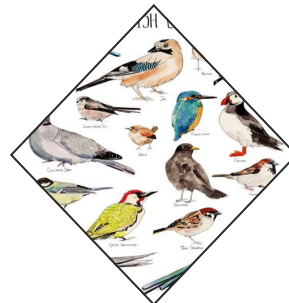


Children's Mental Health Week (1st—7th February)

It's important to us, that every child knows that we care and understand how extremely difficult this time has been for them and their families. So, we have put something together, to not only raise the awareness of Children's Mental Health Week but to provide pupils with activities that give them time to reflect on how '**AWESOME**' they really are! *Parents and Carers there's a little something in there for you too!* Please refer to the additional letter that was circulated today, giving you more information on how to use the pack.

RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch

This weekend the RSPB are hosting the world's largest bird survey and are encouraging as many families as possible to take part, to help RSPB understand the wildlife in our local area. You can easily join in from standing outside in your garden or looking through a window and counting the birds that you see over an hour.



You might even like to encourage the birds into your garden this weekend by providing them with a suitable snack.

We would love to see any pictures of you taking part in this event, or a photograph of a bird that you have spotted in your local area, so please share them on VLE with your class teacher or via our school Facebook page.

For more information and resources to support this activity, please use the link below:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/>

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Science Week:
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Further dates to follow



Free School Meals Holiday Vouchers

Please see the attached information regarding Free School Meal Holiday Vouchers. If your financial circumstances have changed and you think you may be entitled to apply for free school meals, please apply online via the Gloucestershire County Council portal: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Change4Life Lunch Ideas

Please see the following link, which gives ideas for feeding children on a budget during lockdown, which you may find useful:
<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

Cool Milk

Delivery of school milk for children in school is resuming. If you would like your child to receive milk daily, please visit www.coolmilk.com to place your order. Milk costs £15 per term (free for children on free school meals).

Extra Laptops

With the generous donations from the community we are now in position to loan families further laptops to support Junior school pupils with access to remote learning. **If you need a laptop to support your child's learning, then please contact the school office. Tel: 01453 542706**

Staff LFD Testing

As part of the Government's programme to stem the flow of the COVID-19 virus spreading, all staff have the option to take LFD (Lateral Flow Device) tests twice per week. As a school, and for those staff that have opted into taking the tests, this will take place on Sunday and Thursday of each week. Please note: that if we have any positive cases reported to the school, parents will be notified as soon as possible of any changes or actions they need to take, as a result of this happening.

Healthy Me packs to all pupils soon!

In the next couple of weeks or so, we will be making packs for parents to collect from school (further details to follow) that will be promoting a healthier lifestyle. We are calling them a 'Healthy Me' pack. The 'Healthy Me' pack will encourage pupils to be more active and it will include several pieces of equipment inside the bag, for them to achieve exercises and challenges provided by their teacher.

Take care and stay safe! **#we'reinthistogether!**

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