



Newsletter Date: 21st January 2022

### Thank You

We would like to convey our thanks to Mrs Thumwood for the kind donation of reading books to the school. The donation includes a wonderful selection of reading material that we know the children will enjoy. A huge thank you.

### Woodfield Nest Pre-School & Out of School Club

The Woodfield Nest are advertising a job vacancy for a Play Practitioner to work term-time only from 7.15am to 9.00am and 2.30pm to 6.00pm, Monday to Fridays. Please contact Woodfield Nest on 01453 548248 for further information.

### New Office Staff Member

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Drewett who has joined us as a School Administrator. Mrs Drewett will be working in the office all day on Mondays and Tuesdays, and working alongside Mrs Ash on Wednesday mornings. We hope she enjoys being part of the CWJS team.

### Young Voices

The Young Voices concert has now been rearranged to Tuesday 3rd May. The same arrangements for Y5 and Y6 children attending will remain as previously stated. All money paid for coach transfer and concert tickets for parents will be carried over. Please contact the office if you have any concerns regarding the new date.

### Steering Group Members Needed

We are looking for parents and local community members to join a steering group to work with Gloucester County Council in creating a plan to reduce traffic in Elstub lane during busy school operating times. If you would like to be part of this steering group or you know of community members who would like to be involved, then please contact the school office on 01453 547026.

### COVID Updates

The latest guidance on COVID can be found on the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

From the 27th of January we will revert to holding whole school assemblies and organise after school clubs—further updates on this to follow. There will be no requirements for visitors and staff to wear face coverings in communal areas in the school.

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### TV Requires a New Home

We have a large LG TV with a remote control (60pg 3000, 60" plasma) which was previously donated to the school, and which we are now unable to utilise and are therefore looking for a new home. The TV is in good working order, but will be donated with no liability or comeback on the school. If any family is interested in collecting the TV for their family's use, please let the school office know. It will be on a first come, first served basis, but we must stress that the TV is extremely heavy and will require two people to carry it, and a suitable vehicle will be required for collection.

### Message from Gloucestershire County Council

#### Parents

#### Volunteers Needed To Become a School Admission Appeal Panel Member

Are you interested in education and want to get involved?

Do you have excellent listening skills, have the ability to put people at ease and make balanced decisions?

Would you like to become involved in an important, impartial service provided to parents and schools?

If you have answered yes to any of the above why not apply to become a Volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Member?

#### What's it all about?

Being a Volunteer School Admission Appeal Panel Member can be a rewarding experience for those who wish to contribute to their community and have time to commit during the day.

If a parent is refused a place at their preferred school they can appeal to an independent School Admission Appeal Panel. This Panel will consider the parent's case, the reasons why the admission authority refused their child a place and will then decide whether to allow or refuse the parent's appeal.

**Contact Democratic Services at Gloucestershire County Council for more information/ to request an application form.**

[democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

Tel: 01452 324205

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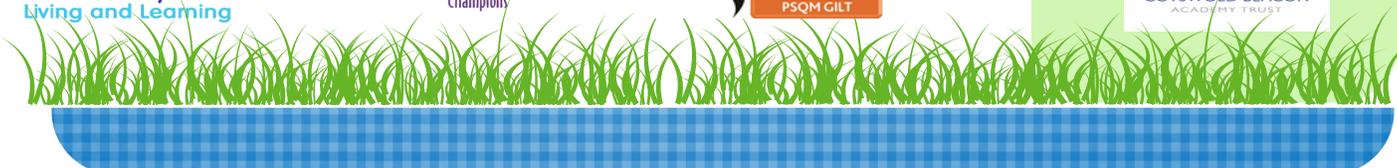
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### What will I be doing?

You will be sitting on independent School Admission Appeal Panels.

You will be ensuring that parents feel they have had a fair and independent hearing, have been given every opportunity to put their case forward, and have been taken seriously.

### How much time do I need to give?

This can vary depending on the level of commitment you wish to give. While appeals are held throughout the year, the peak months are between May and July. The appeals are arranged so that they are heard for half a day or a full day depending on the amount of appeals received.

### Where will the hearings be held?

Hearings are usually held at Shire Hall, Gloucestershire County Council. However, currently, temporary regulations allow for school admission appeals to be heard virtually until the end of September 2022.

### Can anyone be a panel member?

Yes, unless you are a Gloucestershire County Councillor or an employee of the Gloucestershire County Council.

### Message Do panel members receive training?

Yes, all panel members are trained before sitting on a panel and this is refreshed at least every two years. The next training session will be taking place on 31 March 2022.

### Do panel members get paid?

Panel members provide a very important volunteer service which is unpaid. However panel members are entitled to expenses, such as travel when attending panel hearings and training.

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### Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

Please see the following from Children and Families Commissioning Hub:

This February half term, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £15 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover the February half term week. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old.

**Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register**, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

Applications for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers for the February half term period is now open until the 14<sup>th</sup> February. Voucher emails will be sent out between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of **February**. Please check your junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If parents have not received their vouchers by then please contact [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk).

For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit our website: the [Holiday School Meal vouchers page on](#) our website.

### YogaBugs online offer

We have an offer for families who can claim a FREE eCode to access YogaBugs Virtual - Healthy Screen time for the whole family throughout January & February 2022.

What is it?

YogaBugs virtual gives online access to hundreds of yoga & well-being videos for the whole family to take part in from the comfort of your own home! Perfect if people are worried about going out due to rising cases of COVID but still want to get some exercise in.

<https://yogabugs.com/parent-form/> to watch a short video to find out why it's a great option for families!

Why sign up?

It is FREE!

It takes less than 60 seconds to sign up.

Help families feel calm, increase your child's confidence & help get your family active over the cold winter months.

Suitable for children with SEN.

How to gain access?

Visit: <https://yogabugsvirtual.com/my-account/>

Click on parents, enter the unique eCode **gloucestershire-1361** and follow the simple registration (it takes less than 60 seconds!) Enjoy YogaBugs at home!

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