



Newsletter 16th September 2022

Diary Dates:

Attached to this newsletter are this year's diary dates. These dates can also be viewed on the school's website. Please note that on occasions we may need to reschedule or cancel certain events due to unforeseen circumstances.

Bank Holiday Monday 19th September - School Closed

Parents' Evening Meetings

Currently, we have provisionally planned for parent meetings to take place online due to the positive comments we received. Parents felt that doing it this way, was more manageable for childcare, work commitments and enabled privacy. We will of course review these meetings throughout the year and update you accordingly.

Two weeks before the meetings take place there will be a register on eSchools that will allow you to book your meeting slot. For our new parents we will send out instructions of how to book a meeting slot on eSchools nearer the time.

Purple Mash information meeting for parents- Friday 30th September 2:30pm

Mr Bedford will be holding a parent information meeting in the school hall at 2:30pm on Friday 30th September, to demonstrate the school's new IT programme. Purple Mash is a programme that can be accessed at home by the children to support their learning in school. Please come along and see it's potential and how you can use it with your child. If you are unable to make this meeting, then resources on how to use the programme will be uploaded onto the school's website soon.

Y6 Bristol Museum Trip

Y6 teaching team have organised an exciting museum trip to Bristol to learn more about the Greeks. Parent letters have been circulated this week regarding the trip. If you have not received a letter, then please contact the school office.

Changes to PE Days for Willow and Juniper

Willow's new PE days are Monday and Tuesday
Juniper's new PE days are Wednesday and Friday

Music Teachers

Chris Finch who weekly teaches guitar lessons at the school, has opened his registers for this academic year for new pupils looking to learn guitar. This is also the same for Steve who teaches drums at the school. If you would like your child to learn one of these musical instruments, then please contact the school office for more details.



Important Dates to Remember

Diary dates attached

Dates to remember can be found on the school's website calendar as well as here!

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Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for 'Free School Meals' and you register them for this, we'll receive extra funding called 'Pupil Premium'. We use this extra money to improve the educational provision and resources at the school.

What is Pupil Premium funding? Pupil premium funding from the Government is given to schools to help pupils reach their full potential, regardless of their background or financial situation. It's provided for pupils who:

- Are registered for Free School Meals
- Have been registered for Free School Meals at any point in the past 6 years

• Are, or have been, in care

Have parents in the armed forces.

Is my child eligible for Free School Meals? Your child might be eligible if you access:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance or Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on

Universal Credit, provided you have an annual net earned income not exceeding £7,400 (£616.67 per month)

Does my child have to eat the Free School Meals?

No. Pupils who are registered for Free School Meals don't have to eat them. If you're eligible but you want your child to have packed lunches you should still register because the school will receive the funding which can support your child in other ways.

How do I register?

You only need to register once on the Gloucestershire County Council website.

To register, please use this link: <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/> and Apply for Free School Meals'.



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