



Newsletter Date: 24th September 2021

### PSQM Press Release Sept 2021

We are delighted and proud to have received the following Award and would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils and parents who were involved. We would also like to thank all our staff for their help and support in achieving the Award and specifically, Mrs Hulme, our Science Subject Leader.

#### **Cam Woodfield Junior School Awarded Primary Science Quality Mark 'GILT AWARD'.**

**283 Primary Science Quality Marks** have been awarded to infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools to celebrate their commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, over 4000 schools across the UK have achieved a prestigious Primary Science Quality Mark.

The Primary School Quality Mark programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science leadership, teaching and learning.

The Primary Science Quality Mark is led by the University of Hertfordshire, School of Education in collaboration with the Primary Science Teaching Trust.

Associate Professor Jane Turner, PSQM National Director said: *"There was never a more important time for primary children to have a high-quality science education. The Coronavirus Pandemic has made everyone aware of the impact of science on our daily lives. Primary schools have an important role to ensure that children understand how science works and keeps us healthy and safe. Schools that have achieved a Primary Science Quality Mark have demonstrated a significant commitment to science teaching and learning, even at this challenging time for schools. The profile and quality of science in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."*

### Important Dates to Remember this Autumn Term 1:

Wednesday 6th October—Individual and family school photos

Monday 18th October—Online Parents Evening—no after school clubs

Tuesday 19th October—Online Parents Evening

Thursday 21st October—flu vaccinations

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### School Milk

A number of children are not drinking their milk when reminded by the class teacher to collect it. Please could you ask your child whether they wish to continue receiving milk as we are having to throw cartons away on a daily basis. This request applies to parents who pay for school milk and children receiving free school meals. Please let the office know if your child no longer wishes to receive milk.

### Worry Workshop:

On Thursday 7th October, from 1.30-3.00pm, Mrs Carrick will be running a worry workshop session, with colleagues from NHS CAMHS. The session will include recognising and naming emotions and ways we can support as parents. There will be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session. Please contact Mrs Carrick directly if you would like to attend: [rcarrick@camwoodfield-jun.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:rcarrick@camwoodfield-jun.gloucs.sch.uk).

### Free School Meals Holiday Scheme

For the October 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 we have 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 half-term week. 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 October Half Term is open from Monday 13 September until midday Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations. 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](#). For any queries please contact: [childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk)

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