



USL Primary News

Term 3 School Newsletter 15: 14th January 2019

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Class Worship

Class Worship dates for the Spring Terms are:

Y4P – Tomorrow, 15th January

Y2B – 22nd January

Y3H – 29th January

Y1A – 12th February

Y6L – 5th March

Y2W – 19th March

Reception – 26th March

All are on Tuesdays at 2.30pm and parents/carers are welcome to attend.

SPORTS NEWS

Boys' Football Report

League Match 8 at Heron Primary School – Thursday 10th January



On Thursday last week, we played Heron away. We started really brightly and were soon 1 – 0 up through Lewis C. More opportunities followed and before the break Lewis V scored another 2 so that we went in at half time 3 – 0 up. In the second half we were just as dominant. A free-kick near to the edge of our box led to a goal back for Heron but we replied with 3 more goals – another 2 goals for Lewis V and one more for Lewis C. The boys all played really well and a 6 – 1 win was a great way to finish off the league season. Well done to Lewis V (c), Lewis C, Tom, Todd, Jay, Josh, Leo and Alfie.

We have subsequently found out that we are the league champions. Congratulations to the team! A terrific achievement!

Swimming success

Well done to Leah M who was presented with 3 medals celebrating her achievement on gaining her 50m bronze, 50m backstroke and 50m front crawl swimming awards.

Happy New Year

Welcome back to school for the new term. We hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas break.



Choir



The Choir sang beautifully on the 20th December at the Christmas Carol Celebration at Gloucester Cathedral. This is the sixth year we have been invited to sing at this wonderful event, and it is a huge privilege to have had this opportunity again. Thank you to everyone who came along to listen, and to the members of staff who supervised the children.

Please could members of the Choir return their ties and wash and return their shirts so that the uniforms are ready for the next event. Many thanks.

Values for Life

This term's Value is 'Thankfulness'. Ideas for discussing at home accompany this Newsletter and will also be on our school website shortly.

Eco Coffee Morning



You are invited to our Eco Coffee morning on Monday the 28th January from 9am in our school hall, to join our Eco Group and School Council who are currently assisting in the production of Ecobricks. Any plastic that cannot be recycled again usually ends up being sent to landfill. However, there is a use

for all of this plastic! Once cleaned, dried and chopped up, it can be stuffed into a plastic bottle to be used for building all sorts of items! Benches, tables, walls, plant beds! When these items need to be removed, moved, replaced, the Ecobrick is REUSABLE! So can be used again and again to build and re-build! So please do come along to our coffee morning for Miss McCrudden and the Eco group and School Council to surprise you all! Find out how you can help our environment and how the school are working hard to do this as well!



Family Lunch Invitation

We are delighted to invite our Year 2 families in for lunch with their children on Monday 18th March and our Year 1 families in on Wednesday 20th March. Letters will be sent out nearer the time, but we just wanted to give you all the heads-up to get the dates in your diaries.

Sports Captains 2018/19

Our Sports Captains for this school year were all presented with their badges:- Maisie, Gabriella, Felicity, Brooke, Sophie, Melody, Alfie, Ella W, Josh P, Emily, Isabelle, Roxy, Ellie, Caden, Logan, Chloe, Olivia and Scarlett.

HOUSE POINT BADGES

Well done to the following children, who have been awarded their 500 house point badges: **Ash** – Lily D, Jude, Jolie, Gemma, Lily W, Harrison, Lila, Lily L, Max, Jahmira, Emily. **Beech** – Joe, Luke, Aimee, Ryan, Frankie, Jack, Charlotte J, Connie, Hayden, Kyla, Will D, Alfie, Jackson, Daisy, Reem. **Elm** – Francesca, Oliver C, Isabelle T, Phoebe C, Zach, Andrew, Beau, Evie, Maddy D, Rebecca, Evan, Belle. **Oak** – Jacob C, Evie P, Theo B, Dylan, Evie B, Leo, Macie, Paige, Teddy, Heidi, Finley.

OPEN THE BOOK

Thank you to our Open the Book Team, who told the story 'A Shepherd's Story' before the holidays.

NOTICES & REMINDERS

Menu this week

Week 2 of the menu

New Reception 2019

If you have a child due to start school in Reception in September 2019 the deadline for returning applications is tomorrow, Tuesday 15th January.

Message from Families First Gloucester

The Big Local in Podsmead give away free bread for families in need every Wednesday; at times they give away other things like fruit and veg.



Parking

Please would parents and carers be considerate of childrens safety and our school neighbours whilst parking. We have had many parents and local residents complain about the parking around the school, worried about the safety of the children. We would also ask that parents do not park across the driveways of local residents as we understand that residents have sometimes been blocked into their own driveways. Thank you.



Attendance

In last term's attendance tombola, the termly draw was won by Y3T. Each child received a pencil case, ruler and pencil. Well done for the excellent attendance!

Couch to 5k Course

There's a New Couch to 5K (C25K) course starting Friday 18th January at 9.15am from Abbeydale Community Centre. The 8 week course follows the NHS C25K programme and is designed for beginners (or those returning to running after a break) to gradually build up their running ability so they can eventually run 5km without stopping. Taking up running can seem like a scary prospect but C25K works because it starts with a mix of running and walking to gradually build up your fitness and stamina. For more details or to book a place please contact Jo Gwilliam @Project Active on 0793 151 4358.

Keep us up to date

If you have moved house, changed telephone number or set up a new email account please let the office know so that we can accurately maintain our records to ensure that we are able to contact you in case of an emergency and communicate with you effectively! The onus is on you as parents and carers to provide us with relevant contact information.



Debts

Thank you for understanding our need for a zero debt policy here at school, it really is important that payments are made in advance for school meals and Upton Earlies and Lates. As a school we have committed outgoings and need to ensure that we are not using our school budget to cover debts incurred by parents/carers and that the money provided for educating your children is spent appropriately on teaching and learning.

Dogs

Can we please remind parents/carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises. Thank you.