

Dear Parent and Carers,

### Parking

Please use the main car park at the back of the school too; there are usually plenty of spaces due to the staggered times. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Has your household income been affected by the lock down and the pandemic?

If your finances have changed and you receive any of the following, your child will benefit from more support at school if you apply for free school meals (even if you don't then book the meals)

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related 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 - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Search online for 'Gloucestershire apply for free school meals'. This will entitle your child to holiday food hampers if you want them, as well as more support in school. If you would like support to apply for this, please contact us.

### Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch will be taking place on the last day of term (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December). You should all have received a letter home, if not please contact Miss Agg for another copy. Please could you return the slip, even if children will be bringing their own packed lunch. Thank you.

### Bringing belongings to school

A little reminder that children should not bring toys or special items to school (jewelry is appearing at the moment in Class 1.)

Due to Covid-19, schools are having to limit items being brought to school and shared around. So this year, please don't send in Christmas cards for other children thank you. Also, the best present you could give your class staff this is year is a lovely email as they would really appreciate that.

### Diary Dates

#### November

2<sup>nd</sup> Start of Term 2

#### December

18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Lunch  
End of Term 2

#### January

4<sup>th</sup> Inset Training Day  
5<sup>th</sup> Start of Term 3  
28<sup>th</sup> Rec & Y6 Screening

### **Christmas Week**

Staff are currently planning exciting Christmas events in their bubbles for the final week of term. Children will be able to bring home individual Christmas crafts/cards for you. Although there are some things we can't do, we aim to focus on the things we can do and intend to have lots of Christmas fun!

### **COVID Isolation**

Just to remind you that if your child has to isolate at home with you as a family due to COVID, the teachers will supply remote learning. This is accessed via our eSchools platform; please contact Miss Agg if you are experiencing any issues accessing eSchools.

### **Keeping warm**

Please ensure your child is equipped for the cold weather at playtimes. Also, please provide jogging bottoms/leggings for the PE lessons (Class 1, this is on Mondays).

### **Wellbeing Newsletters**

Thank you to Miss Barber for producing monthly well-being newsletters. They are on our website too.

Best wishes all