



Friends Learning Together

Explore, Create and Share.

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Looking to the future—Celebrating the past.



We aim to develop in our children a passion for learning; strong morals, social and cultural values; a hard working 'Can-do' attitude; the ability to communicate with others clearly and a desire to explore and understand the world around them.

Explorers Club

Out of Hours clubs are now all charged at £5.00 for one child, £8.00 per family. This is one of the biggest changes to our school. We as a school are working from a deficit budget (now standing at over £47k). We like to offer extra curricular opportunities, but these come with a cost; they need to be staffed daily and outside organisers need to be paid. I am sorry for any frustration caused by this change. If you would like your child to take part in a club but are in financial difficulty, please talk to Cath Pollard. Alongside organised clubs, Explorers club offers creative activities , games and Lego.

Clubs we Offer

Monday	Young Voices	Explorers Club
Tuesday	Passion Dance	Explorers Club
Wednesday	Football Club	Explorers Club
Thursday	Mini-Marines	Explorers Club
Friday	Kick-Boxing	Explorers Club

Exciting News



Young Voices will start next Monday (21st October) - be prepared for amazing songs this year!!!

We are delighted to say our Football coaches are back on Wednesdays - Football Club will start Wed 16th October 2019.



Communication



It is with excitement we begin The Owl, a quick way of looking to what ahead and celebrating what is happening in school. The Owl will be emailed out to parents - a paper copy will be available on request.



With communication in mind Yr2 and Yr5/6 are trialling DoJo. This is an online way of bringing communities, families and the classroom together. If you are a parent/carer of these classes, we would appreciate your feedback as the term continues.

Ofsted Parent View



Thank you to everyone who completed this on the day . We had 51 responses for the school. We were delighted that 92% of those who filled in the portal would recommend us to another parent. Teaching your children is a privilege and a joy. We are building the future one smile at a time and want our children to develop a passion for learning.

The Lay –by

The lay-by is only to be used by the bus and invited families. Please do not park at the far end of the lay-by. Pull up to the cones, and park close to the car in front. This way, parents can ensure a safe handover for their children.

Fridays

To allow our children to focus on their learning, we are asking parent not send toys into school.

The Parent meeting

What a fantastic turn out. Thank you to all who emailed your ideas, came to the meeting or met with me to discuss our school and the future.

Harvest Time

What better time to share with others what we have! The Tewkesbury Foodbank relies on goodwill and our support. Thank you to everyone who donated food to celebrate the harvest.



CALENDAR

- 22nd Oct 2019 - Flu Immunisations Reception –Y6
- 24th Oct 2019 - Photograph Day - Individual & Siblings
- 25th Oct 2019 - Break up for Half Term
- 4th Nov 2019 - New Term Starts
- 5th Nov 2019 - Open morning for reception parents/carers 2020
- 5th Nov 2019 - Y5/6 Parents Evening (siblings)
- 6th Nov 2019 - Y5/6 Parents Evening (non siblings)
- 7th Nov 2019 - Y4 Dahl Class Assembly 08.45am
- 8th Nov 2019 - AGM Meeting 3.15pm all welcome
- 8th Nov 2019 - Y4 Maths challenge St Edwards School
- 14th Nov 2019 - Y2 Ahlberg Class Assembly 08.45am
- 18th Nov 2019 - Y3 Browne Class Assembly 08.45am
- 22nd Nov 2019 - Y5 Maths challenge St Edwards School
- 28th Nov 2019 - YR5/6 Walliams Class Assembly 08.45am
- 29th Nov 2019 - School Disco 5-7pm
- 29th Nov 2019 - Parents Social & Xmas shop event 5-7pm
- 5th Dec 2019 - Pantomime Cinderella Everyman Theatre
- 6th Dec 2019 - Y1 Donaldson Class Assembly 08.45am
- 10th Dec 2019 - Sing Christmas Y1-6—Cleeve School families welcome.
- 16th Dec 2019 - Reception Nativity Tredington Church 08.45am
- 19th Dec 2019 - End of Term
- 20th Dec 2019 - Staff INSET Day
- 6th Jan 2020 - New Term Starts

Class Assemblies

In light of the morning drop off, and listening to the views expressed, we have decided that we will have a class assembly each half term. This can showcase what the children are learning and give you the opportunity to celebrate their successes.

Christmas

This year Reception class will tell us a short nativity in the church (parents welcome)
Y1-Y6 will 'Sing Christmas' on 10th Dec at Cleeve School.



Thank you

Thank you to the Parish Council who organised and paid for our new driveway, it is now up to all of us to look after the surface .



Driveway

Please drive carefully down the driveway. Many parents are frustrated with those who drive above 5mph. This is unsafe for all who are using it; walking pace is recommended.



Access to the School

Safeguarding our children is essential. It is a sign of the times that parents are no longer allowed on the playground at the beginning of the school day. Ofsted were adamant that no adult should have access to the playground during the school day and have had to insist that parents of playgroup children use only the playground entrance.

If you are waiting at the school entrance please do not let any other person in, even if you know them. The school security system is in place to keep children safe and the main door should only be opened by a member of staff,. All adults on site will need to sign in and wear a badge.

Cross Country

We have our largest team ever for the inter-school cross country races.

We have already completed 2 races and have a team of 15! Well done to all the children and Thank you to Mr Harwood and Mr Crouch for organising our team.



Maths Challenge

Well done to the following children Zach Z, Zach J, Josh W and Seb for taking part in the maths challenge at Dean School. The children did really well and had a great time!

