

## Head Teacher News

"Set aside some quiet time to relax and reflect everyday."

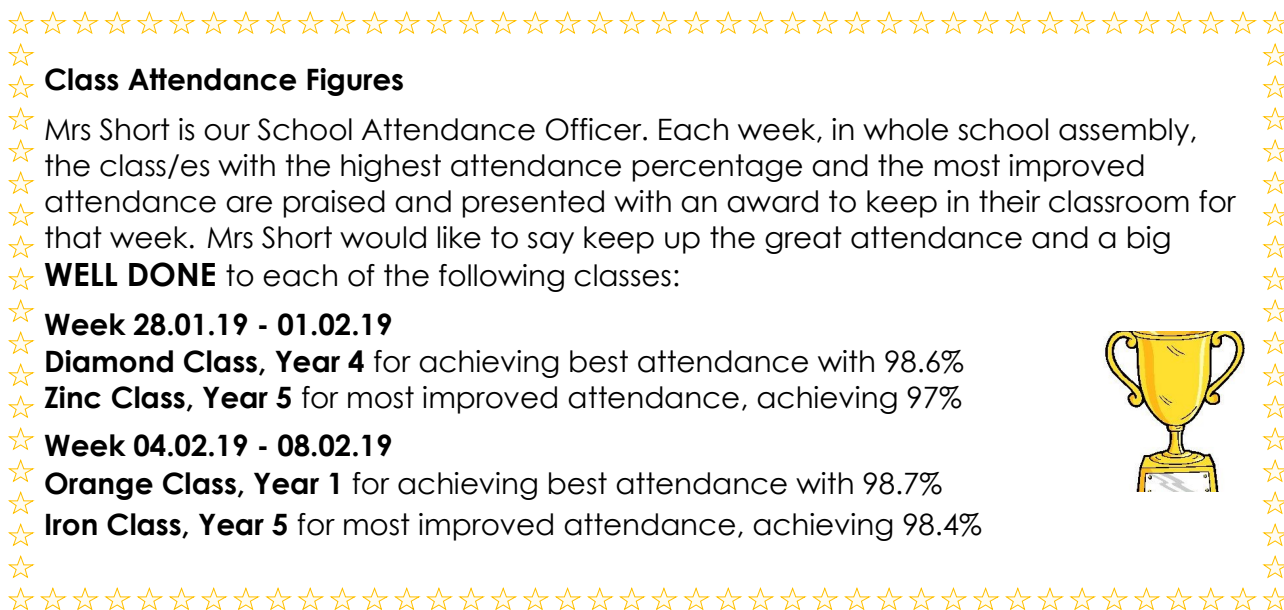
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This is one of those things which always seems to be easier said than done! Life is busy for all of us in one way or another. We are expected to achieve so much and although we have technology to help with life - for example in Victorian times no-one had a washing machine and so a whole day a week was devoted to getting laundry done or if we want to know something we can just "Google" it whilst when I was at school I had enormous encyclopaedias to look through (and often the information was out of date!).

But the one thing all the new advancements can't do for us is make us stop for a while, have time to just "be" and make sure we get enough sleep - although an app may well tell you what the quality of your sleep was like! I hope you all have a happy and restful weekend and with half term just round the corner take the opportunity to be selfish and have time for yourselves.

Sarah Bunce



### Class Attendance Figures

Mrs Short is our School Attendance Officer. Each week, in whole school assembly, the class/es with the highest attendance percentage and the most improved attendance are praised and presented with an award to keep in their classroom for that week. Mrs Short would like to say keep up the great attendance and a big **WELL DONE** to each of the following classes:

**Week 28.01.19 - 01.02.19**

**Diamond Class, Year 4** for achieving best attendance with 98.6%

**Zinc Class, Year 5** for most improved attendance, achieving 97%

**Week 04.02.19 - 08.02.19**

**Orange Class, Year 1** for achieving best attendance with 98.7%

**Iron Class, Year 5** for most improved attendance, achieving 98.4%



### Reporting Pupil Absences

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school office, before 9am, stating child's name, class and the nature of the illness.

**01452 527689**

### Medical Appointments

We understand that hospital appointments need to be attended at times offered, however, **we ask that Doctor and Dental appointments are made out of school hours.**

## Dates for your diaries



### 2019

11th & 13th February  
12th February  
13th February  
13th February  
**14th February**  
14th February  
15th February  
25th February  
26th February  
**28th February**  
15th March  
**15th March**  
**15th March**  
22nd March  
**22nd March**  
25th March - 5th April  
29th March  
**3rd April**  
5th April  
23rd April  
**25th April**  
29th April - 1st May  
3rd May  
10th May  
24th May  
4th June  
**6th June**  
14th June  
21st June  
24th June  
**27th June**  
**28th June**  
5th July  
**5th July**  
**11th July**  
12th July  
**12th July**  
**16th July**  
19th July  
**22nd July**  
23rd July

Reception Height, Weight & Vision (school nurses)  
Parents evening, 3.30 - 5.30pm  
Booking for February parents evenings closes on eSchools, 3pm  
Parents evening 3.30 - 6.30pm  
**Y5 Explorer Dome visit at Ribston**  
End of Term 3  
INSET Day  
Start of Term 4  
Y2 SATS meeting for parents, 3.30pm, Garnet Hall  
**Coffee Morning, 9-10am,**  
Indigo Class assembly, 9.10am  
**Red Nose Day - non school uniform, wear pyjamas! £1 donation**  
**R/KS1 Disco, 3.30 - 5pm**  
Magenta Class assembly, 9.10am  
**KS2 Disco, Y3/Y4 3.30 - 5pm and Y5/Y6 5.15 - 6.45pm**  
Big Pedal  
Turquoise Class assembly, 9.10am  
**Class Group Photographs**  
End of Term 4  
Start of Term 5  
**Coffee Morning, 9-10am,**  
Y4 Residential to Croft Farm  
Purple Class assembly, 9.10am  
Green Class assembly, 9.10am  
End of Term 5  
Start of Term 6  
**Coffee Morning, 9-10am,**  
Orange Class assembly, 9.10am  
Red Class assembly, 9.10am  
Wellbeing Week  
**R/KS1 Sports Day**  
**KS2 Sports Day**  
Blue Class assembly, 9.10am  
**R/KS1 Disco**  
**Coffee Morning, 9-10am**  
Yellow Class assembly, 9.10am  
**KS2 Disco**  
**Y2 Production (times to be confirmed)**  
School reports  
**Y6 Production (times to be confirmed)**  
End of Term 6

### 2019 / 2020

#### 13th November

#### Individual Pupil Photographs

Whilst we welcome siblings into school to watch assemblies and other performances we will also provide a crèche facility and would like to encourage parents and carers to use this. Younger children are very welcome to attend performances and assemblies however we appreciate that sometimes it is difficult to occupy them whilst watching the children. If you choose not to use the crèche facility and your younger child/ren are causing a disruption you will be kindly asked to leave the performance. Thank you.

#### Traffic - Calton Road

Please can we remind parents to drive carefully along Calton Road, being aware of the 20 MPH speed limit as well as being mindful of safe places to park - not on zig-zags. Our priority, as always, is the safety of the children.

### **Governor Vacancies**

#### **We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor.**

Letters will be sent to all parents/carers after February half term along with a Parent Governor nomination form. Please complete and return the form by noon on Friday 18th March.

#### **We also have one vacancy for a Co-opted Governor.**

Governors generally serve a term of 1 - 4 years and play a full and active part in the Governing Board.

Information for prospective governors can be found at  
**[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schoolsnet/governors)**



#### **Dogs in the Playground**

Whilst we appreciate that many people love dogs, we have a number of children in school who are either frightened and/or allergic to them. We therefore ask that dogs are not brought onto the school playground.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

#### **Spare Uniform Plea**

If you have any spare uniform to donate for school use we would be very grateful. Particularly boys trousers and KS1 size if possible.  
Thank you

#### **Calton Coffee Mornings**

Parents are invited to come along to any or all of the following coffee mornings in the Onyx building at school, 9-10am :

**Thursday 28th February**  
**Thursday 25th April**  
**Thursday 6th June**  
**Thursday 11th July**



#### **Red Nose Day Non school uniform**

Friday 15th March  
Wear pyjamas!  
£1 donation  
Reception/KS1 can wear their pyjamas at their school disco!

#### **Cool Milk**

If you would like your child to have milk at mid morning break please register online at [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Prices are around £14 per term. Children in receipt of free school meals also qualify for free milk however, you must still register on the Cool Milk website.



#### **CFA School Disco dates in March**

March 15th Reception, Y1, Y2 3.30 - 5pm  
March 22nd Y3, Y4 3.30 - 5pm  
Y5, Y6 5.15 - 6.45pm

### **Emergency School Closures**

With the cold snap setting in, please be aware of the School's Emergency Closures website run by Gloucestershire County Council.

If the school is closed, we will notify you via the county website  
**<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/closures/>**

We will also alert parents by text message and on social media.  
Please make sure your contact details are up to date with the school office.

**Parents Evenings information** *(next week)*

**Tuesday 12th February 3.30-5.30pm**

**Wednesday 13th February 3.30-6.30pm**

Book your Parents Evening slot on eSchools

Log in to eSchools from the home page of the school website

**[www.caltonprimary.co.uk](http://www.caltonprimary.co.uk)**

Please ask at the school office if you need help with your log in details.

**Funding campaign letters**

At both parents evenings, we will be handing out letters for parents to consider signing regarding funding for schools.

Please take a moment to read the information provided on the evening and, if you wish, sign the parent letter. These letters will be sent to Richard Graham, MP.

**Tombola**

CFA will have a tombola at parents evening. Tickets will be 50p each or 3 for £1.

**School Parliament news**

School Parliament has decided to raise money for the school playground because we would like to raise money for lots of new equipment to use during break and lunch times. For Easter there is going to be a competition where you can design your own picture of an Easter egg. We will also be having a cake sale towards the end of term.

This year our charity is Gloucester Feed the Hungry. We have chosen this charity because it helps people less fortunate than us in the local area. We are going to be taking part in the 3000 chocolate egg campaign which includes donating eggs to give to different people in the community. It would be brilliant if you can donate any Easter Eggs by bringing them into school. Please see the GFTH 3000 poster below.

We are also raising money for Comic Relief by having a pyjama day. This will be on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Letters for all of these events will come out at the start of next term.

Kismat, Skye and the Parliament team.

**Healthy Snacks at School**

Please can we remind you that children should bring fruit or vegetables for a mid-morning snack.

If children bring grapes, we advise these are cut in half lengthways to avoid choking.

Cherry tomatoes should also be cut in half.



**G.F.T.H 3000**

Help Gloucester Feed The Hungry collect 3000 chocolate eggs to distribute amongst various services within the community

*To distribute amongst*

*The Homeless - Newton House Shelter*

*Claremont House Shelter - Veterans & Shelter*

*City Mission - Nelson Trust Womens Centre*

*Gloucestershire Fire & Ambulance Services*

*All patients at Gloucester Royal Hospital*

*Cheltenham General Hospital*

*Stroud General Hospital*

*Dill Community Hospital - Milestone School*

*& To All volunteers at*

*Gloucester Royal and Cheltenham General Hospitals*



**CONTACT HASH ON 07905 417266 IF YOU CAN HELP.**