



Newsletter 8th January 2019

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the new term, I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas holiday. The term ahead is shorter than last term but just as busy so please keep an eye on the newsletter for information and dates. Thank you to everyone who bought raffle tickets for the Christmas hamper, the hamper made £287! Thank you to FOLS for organising this and to everyone who donated goods to make it up. Thank you also for your donations to the Foodbank hampers, I know they were very pleased to receive them.

Please can I just send a reminder about the car park and driving safely. There were some near misses last term and I would ask everyone to drive slowly through the car park and the lanes and also to supervise your children closely when walking through the car park. Please park with consideration to our neighbours in the village. The lane next to the school should not be used for parking as it is a private access road. Also, some drivers have been spotted locally by an off duty policeman using their mobile whilst driving. As you are aware, this is illegal as it is very dangerous and you may be given a fine if caught.

Absence from School

Gloucestershire Local Authority have issued new documentation associated with the Penalty Notice protocol for absence from school. For your information, the letters are attached with this newsletter along with the Attendance Advice leaflet for parents. We aim for 100% attendance of every pupil excepting illness, non-routine appointments and exceptional circumstances in line with national guidelines. Please remember that if your child is persistently late for school, this counts as an unauthorised absence for the whole morning session. These sessions could then count toward the total unauthorised absence and, therefore, a penalty notice.

Reading

Reading is one of the most important skills and underpins everything we do at school. A growing number of studies have evidenced that Reading for Pleasure has an impact on:

- Reading attainment and writing ability;
- Text comprehension and grammar;
- Breadth of vocabulary;
- Positive reading attitudes;
- Greater self-confidence as a reader;
- Pleasure in reading in later life;
- General knowledge;
- A better understanding of other cultures;
- Community participation;
- A greater insight into human nature and decision-making and
- Higher attainment across the curriculum.

It is very important, therefore, that children are heard to read regularly at home, ideally every night, and also that there is an opportunity for sharing books or being read to. The latter give children access to books at a higher vocabulary level than they may be able to access independently, thus building their word and sentence knowledge. Also, children find it difficult to be proficient writers if they do not read widely enough, therefore, we will be focusing on reading for pleasure with pupils this term. We value the support you give with reading at home and the following websites may provide support for reading home.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/advice-for-parents/reading-at-home/#>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/blog/seven-things-i-learned-reading-bedtime-story-every-night-2018/>

Home School Values Sheet

This term we are thinking about the Values of Perseverance and Justice. Please find attached the Home School Values sheet for Perseverance. Your child will be given a piece of Values homework this week. This sheet will help support this work.

100 Club

The winners of the Christmas Draw were:

1 st	34	Ian Freeman
2 nd	9	Cath Brint
3 rd	72	D & E Baldwin
4 th	7	Mrs G Taylor

Forest School Dates - Thursdays

10 th January:	Skylark	14 th February:	Swallow	28 th March:	Goldfinch
17 th January:	Goldfinch	28 th February:	Goldfinch	4 th April:	Swift
24 th January:	Swallow	7 th March:	Swift		
31 st January:	Swift	14 th March:	Swallow		
7 th February:	Skylark	21 st March:	Skylark		

Dates Term 3 2019

Thursday 10 th January	Skylark Class to Forest School
Thursday 17 th January	Goldfinch Class to Forest School Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight
Friday 18 th January	1 st swim for Skylark Class
Wednesday 23 rd January	Swift Class to Young Voices
Thursday 24 th January	Swallow Class to Forest School
Friday 25 th January	FOLS Meeting 8.45am in the school hall
Tuesday 29 th January	Goldfinch Class to Christingle Service – Letter to follow
Wednesday 30 th January	Rags to Riches – clothing bank collection
Thursday 31 st January	Swift Class to Forest School
Monday 4 th February	Parents Internet Safety Information Evening – 6pm
Thursday 7 th February	Skylark Class to Forest School
Saturday 9 th February	FOLS Quiz night – 7.30pm
Wednesday 13 th February	Space Dome in school all day – more details to follow
Thursday 14 th February	Swallow Class to Forest School
Friday 15 th February	Last day of term 3

Please don't forget to visit our website www.longney.gloucs.sch.uk for more information and photographs. We also have a Facebook and Twitter pages for you to follow too!

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