



Newsletter term 2 March 2018

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DIARY DATES

MARCH	APRIL AND MAY	JUNE AND JULY
Thursday March 8 th NCSA school disco 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Village hall	Monday April 16 th INSET DAY	Monday June 4 th School resumes Hot lunches resume
Wednesday March 14 th Author John Dougherty to visit the school please see below to pre order books	Tuesday April 17 th School resumes no hot lunches	Friday June 8 th All day cooking event with The Kitchen Club
Wednesday March 21 st No After School Club	Wednesday April 18 th Hot lunches resume	Thursday June 21 st NCSA school disco 6.00pm-7.30pm in the Village hall
Thursday March 22 nd Sports relief day	Monday May 7 th Bank Holiday	Monday June 25 th - Wednesday June 27 th Blue class residential to The Wilderness Centre
Monday March 26 th Green Class lambing trip to Scrubditch Farm	Tuesday May 8 th book sale at the school	Wednesday July 4 th Hot lunches finish
Tuesday March 27 th at 3pm Maths information session with guest speaker Dave Bowman	Saturday May 12 th NCSA Scavenger hunt in Cirencester	Wednesday July 4 th to Friday July 6 th Yellow class residential to Braeside
Wednesday March 28 th Hot Lunches finish Tag rugby tournament selected children	Friday May 18 th Class photos	Friday July 6 th NCSA BBQ
Thursday March 29 th Wear a hat day for £1 Break up for Easter	Friday May 25 th Break up for Half term	Thursday July 12 th Summer school disco 6.00pm - 7.30pm
		Tuesday July 24 th Children break up for the summer

There will be no Afterschool Club on Wednesday March 21st due to staff training.

Menu change this Wednesday - Children will have a choice of Scampi or Rump steak this Wednesday as Rendcomb College are having a surf and turf day.

School Disco - The NCSA are looking for volunteers to help with the school disco.

If you are able to help please contact Sally Vernon or Deborah Bevan.

HOT LUNCHES EASTER



A reminder that hot lunches will not be available from Wednesday March 28th to Wednesday April 18th after the Easter break. Please provide your child with a packed lunch during this period.

KS1 and free school meals children will be provided with a packed lunch **if requested**. Please contact the school office by Friday March 23rd.

ATTENDANCE BEAR WINNERS AND HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME



The classes who have won our attendance bear so far are:

19th - 23rd February Green Class

26th February - March 2nd - Yellow Class

March 5th - March 9th - Blue Class

Yellow class have named the attendance bear Ernie from North Cerney.

Holidays in term time

A reminder to all parents that if you would like to request a term time holiday or absence that this must be done by requesting an absence form from the school office and not by e-mail.

Please note that under DFE guidelines I can only authorise absences in term time under exceptional circumstances.

MATHS INFORMATION SESSION

On Tuesday March 27th from 3pm to 4pm parents and children are invited to presentation by Dave Bowman from GLOW maths teaching hub who will be talking about Growth Mindset especially in relation to maths. This will also be an opportunity for the children to share their maths work with you.

SPORTS RELIEF

Sports relief bands are available from the school office for £1 per band from Monday March 12th.

Further information regarding how we will be celebrating Sports Relief day to follow shortly.

WEAR A HAT CHARITY DAY REMINDER

Wear a Hat charity day

On Thursday March 29th we will be supporting brain tumour research by holding a wear a hat day to school for £1 per child. As Wear a Hat day is on a Thursday P.E kit will be required for all children.



For full details about this organisation please visit www.wearahatday.org

WORLD BOOK DAY POSTER COMPETITION WINNERS

Well done to Willow Paterson, Felix Chippendale and Dylan Noonan for winning the World Book Day competition. They have all received a £7.50 book voucher.

£1 World Book Day vouchers have been issued to all the children today.

THE CHICKS ARE AT NORTH CERNEY



The hatchlings arrived at North Cerney School and settled into their new home in Green class. The children are learning about the life cycle of the eggs and what care they need in order to become healthy happy chicks. The children quickly saw the hatching process and we are pleased to report we have 4 chicks.

Many thanks to Mr Townsend for supporting us with the rearing of the chicks

CROSS COUNTRY

We are very proud of Teddie Phillips, Amber Forde, Emy Forde, Flynn Vernon and Gabriel England who competed in the Cross Country events in the last few weeks. The children ran at Kingshill and Deer Park in 1000 and 1500 metre races. Well done to Teddie who came 6th and Amber who came 11th at Farmors.

The children ran in the freezing cold temperatures we have had but they were determined to succeed. A great example of Perseverance.

BIRTHDAYS



Happy birthday to Gabriel England, Rory Daye and Holly Bevan who are all celebrating their birthdays in March.

EASY FUNDRAISING AT EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK

Thanks to those who support us through Easyfundraising. Last month you raised £42.00.

Support our school through [Easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

We want our children to Discover, Learn and Succeed in our small rural school. Join Easy fundraising and you can collect donations for us every time you buy something online. It won't cost a penny extra so please help us raise funds. Every time you shop at Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, Next, Tesco (to name but a few participating retailers) you could be earning money which can be turned into a donation for us. Anyone can do this, so do please ask friends and family to sign up too. Find out more by going to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northcerneyprimaryacademy>.

FOREST SCHOOL EASTER ACTIVITY CAMP

There is a Forest School Activity camp run by qualified Forest School Leaders with lots of Easter themed activities for children aged 4-7 years old.

The camp runs on Wednesday 4th and 11th of April £20 per half day or £35 for both sessions at Rendcomb woods.

Children will need to bring a packed lunch.

To book your place e-mail Lou at Louissonandgreen@gmail.com.

KEEPING YOUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE LETTER

Keeping your children safe on line and preventing cyber bullying

Dear parents,

At a recent head teacher meeting we had a talk from Darren Peters who works for Gloucestershire police safer cyber team. He had some very worrying facts and statistics about how children can be targeted so easily these days online. He wanted all head teachers to make parents aware of all the advice and support available.

On the Gloucestershire Constabulary website, <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk> there is a link button 'Staying Safe' - then click on the 'whilst online' tab. This section has all the links you will need - the following is taken from their website:

From a very young age, right up to young adulthood, it is important to have conversations with your child about what they are doing online; how they're using the internet, which sites they're enjoying and as they get older, what connections they're making online.

Parental controls on your home internet and safety tools, such as privacy settings, can play their part in reducing risks, but must be seen as only part of the solution.

This page aims to signpost you to partner sites that provide up to date information to find help when needed, useful resources and up to date films to watch with your child, advice on current trends and help with technology generally.

Where to go for information

Gloucestershire Constabulary works closely with the Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre (CEOP), which is a part of the National Crime Agency.

Specially-trained teachers, police staff and other professionals have used their resources in schools throughout the county for a number of years. Their website [Thinkuknow](#) offers advice and resources for young people, their parents and carers, teachers and trainers as well as a reporting tool.

Internet safety advice for children and young people:

[Thinkuknow - Need advice?](#)

[UK Safer Internet Centre - Resources for 11 to 19-year-olds](#)

Sexting advice for parents:

[NSPCC](#)

[Childnet](#)

If you suspect child exploitation:

[CEOP](#)

For tips on protecting yourself online:

[Cyber Aware](#)

[Get Safe Online](#)

Advice for parents for keeping children safe:

[ThinkUknow - Parents](#)

[NSPCC - Talking to your child](#)

One of the things discussed at the talk was an APP called ooVoo which is a downloadable video APP (popular with children). It lets you make video calls, voice calls and send texts to family and friends free of charge. Once the free APP is downloaded and an account set up, unknown adults can contact children even though the account set up says it is for over 13 year olds. This site has been used by paedophiles to contact children. The Think U Know website has instructions about how to set privacy settings on APPs such as these. I would urge every parent to read the information and guidelines by Think U Know as cases of paedophiles using live streaming to contact children is becoming more common. Please do not think 'it could not happen to my child', it is so important to make sure you know who your child is talking to online and to be aware of how cameras on laptops and -pads / phones can be used to watch children - especially if they are using devices in their bedrooms.

At school we will continue to teach children about being safe on line and we use all the recommended schemes of work to ensure children have a good knowledge of how to keep themselves safe and what to do if they are bullied online.

Here are a few things you can do at home:

- *Talk to children about the APPs, and online services they use regularly. Find out who their online friends are and who they are chatting to on games and through messenger services. Read any parent help guides - they are often freely available if you carry out a quick search online.*
- *Chat with children about what to do if they see/read something that they feel uncomfortable with. Make sure you know how to gather information /copies of messages to support you in reporting any information.*
- *Keep online enabled machines in family rooms and common areas. Turn on filters and age content restrictions where possible. Set up 2 step authentication where available to restrict purchasing new APPs and software*

- *Be aware if children are signing up and joining sites that are age-restricted as these are not deemed suitable for younger children.*

The police would like parents to follow them on Twitter and / or Facebook to keep up to date with any new APPs targeting and to find out how you can prevent anything happening to your child.



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Yours sincerely,

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