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Our School Value this term is INCLUSIVITY

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Our Values in Action

We're super excited to invite you to our Bedtime Stories event on Wednesday, 27th November, from 5:00 pm until 6:30 pm! The best part? It's completely free! Get your little ones ready to head back to school in their cosiest pyjamas and slippers, and don't forget their favourite teddy bear if they want. Please note that parents must stay with their children for the entire event. We'll kick things off with some yummy hot chocolate and a biscuit in the hall before heading to the classrooms to share excerpts from our favourite stories. It's a lovely way to nurture a love of reading and remind everyone how wonderful it is to read to each other. Also, don't forget about the Scholastic Book Fair starting on Monday! It will be open every day after school until 3:45 pm in the school hall, with payments via QR code only. We can't wait to see you there!

Sporting Success

Last Friday, 19th November, children in Years 4, 5 and 6 attended a football festival. The children were AMAZING. Such wonderful teamwork and sportsmanship and Mrs Spring, who attended with the children, was really proud of how they lived out our school values. Everyone supported and encouraged each other. Even in the face of some questionable tactics from other schools, they held their heads high and played on fairly. Two wins against Thrupp and Sheepscombe, 6-0, 2-0
Two losses against Uplands and Hardwicke 1-0, 2-0

A special thank you to our parents who transported the children that morning and had to journey to a different venue last minute – I'm sure you shared in our frustration as short notice was given by the organisers, however they have assured me they will do better in the future.



PLEASE REMEMBER:

If you have been given school sports kit to wear for an event, PLEASE remember to bring it back in once it has been washed!

Thanks

A moment with... BarBars Nursery

This term the children at BarBars have been busy exploring Autumn and the world around us! The children have enjoyed Autumn walks to collect leaves and a walk to the local library. We are excited for the month of December and to start all our Christmas crafts. The children will have a visit from Father Christmas and will join our Reception class for Christmas Dinner. The setting is open term time only and caters for children from 2yrs of age. Their preschool sessions are 8am until 6pm, 8am until 3.30pm or 9am until 4.30pm. Children from the Rosary school can come to breakfast club between 8am and 8.45am or to After school club from 3.20pm til 6pm.

House point winners

Last week: **Fatima**

This week: **Glastonbury**

PE Days

Monday & Friday: Year 3 & 6

Tuesday: Year 5 swimming

Tuesday & Friday: Year 2

Wednesday & Friday: Reception, Year 1

Friday: Year 4 & 5

Forest School next week:

Year Rec, Year 1 & Year 2

Important Dates

Bedtime Stories

Wednesday 27 November
5pm- 7pm

Advent Day of Reflection

Tuesday 3 December

Reconciliation

Thursday 5 December
10:30am in the school hall

Mass for the feast of The Immaculate Conception – KS2 only

Monday 9 December
10am in Church

Christmas Dinner
Wednesday 11 December

KS2 Carol Service
Thursday 12 December
2pm in Church

KS1 Nativity
Monday 16 December
2pm in School

Trip to Stroud Panto
Wednesday 18 December
Return to school 3.30pm

Autumn term ends
Friday 20 December

Spotlight On...Year 5

Year 5 celebrated mass in school this afternoon, led by Father Gary. We had a few parents and grandparents and also 3 children from St. Rose's joined us, which was lovely. Today was the Feast of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary so we used those readings and celebrated Mary with our choice of hymns. Father Gary told the children about Nano Nagle who founded the Sisters of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary. Some of the sisters are in Swindon in a convent so he knows them well from his time there. Beautiful readings from Abigail, Mia, Emilia, Amba, Elliot, Victor, Bella, Max and Elsie. Our next class mass will be led by Year 4 on Thursday 30th January 2025 at 2pm – please join us if you're able.

LWCET update

Click on this link to read the latest newsletter from our trust
[LWCET Autumn 2 Newsletter](#)

Events -PTFA Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair will be on Tuesday 10th December from 3:30pm. Father Christmas himself will open the fair from the hall doors and will then be reading stories to the children at 3:40pm and 4:20pm in the Reception classroom. The choir will be singing loud for all to hear at 4pm in the hall. There will be many stalls with festive fun, arts and crafts, tombola's along with hot drinks and mince pies.

We are looking for any old Christmas jumpers you may have grown out of that can be donated to our Christmas jumper stall. This is a great way of giving another child the chance to enjoy that jumper. If you donate to the stall, you can get a new one for half price! Please bring these to the office by Friday 6th December.

Good To Know...

Improving communication is a high priority of the new senior leadership team. This is something we wanted to do in partnership with you as parents, taking in your views. Reviewing the feedback from our recent online communication survey, we have streamlined our communication methods to Studybugs and Seesaw. Our calendar of events is updated each half term as new events are added and occasionally, planned events need to change. The busy nature of school means we have work dynamically. On occasions, we may need to move, cancel or introduce an event. These decisions are always made with best interests of the children at heart. Myself, Mrs Humphery and Mrs Matarazzo are regularly on gate duty in the morning and are happy to pass on messages if needed. Teachers are always available after school if you prefer to speak to them in person, however Seesaw can also be used to communicate directly with your child's teacher. Please remember that they are unable to monitor messages regularly throughout the school day as they are busy teaching so urgent messages or timely information need to be given to the school office.

We kindly remind everyone to be courteous and respectful when using social media and WhatsApp groups to communicate with other parents. These platforms are a great way to stay connected, but it's important to ensure that all messages reflect kindness and positivity. Let's continue to work together to maintain a supportive and respectful school environment.

Community Links

Years 1 - 6 kicked off this term with trips to Stroud Book Festival during the end of our first week back. Eloise Smith captivated Years 4, 5 and 6 from the start with her fencing skills and tricks. She read from her mystery book about an Olympic gymnast and inspired the children to take courage and persevere to reach their goals. Years 1, 2 and 3 were treated to the talented Sam Usher who entertained the children with his live illustrations alongside reading two of his picture books. They were also even given clipboards for a step-by-step character drawing lesson! The week finished with author B.Ware who led a whole school assembly as well as workshops for KS2 children. She commented on the quality of the children's excellent ideas and boundless enthusiasm in her workshops and we look forward to welcoming her back next year following the release of her newest book.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER RECYCLE



DONATE A JUMPER AND GET A NEW ONE HALF PRICE!

Polite Reminder

A gentle reminder to please avoid driving down the school lane or the area by the wooden gate during drop-off and pick-up times. This is to ensure the safety of all our pupils, as the increased traffic poses a significant risk. In addition, if you are attending a meeting in school, please be mindful of residents parking in the bay outside the school and blocking them in.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school community safe.

