



The 'BROADCAST'

Newsletter 21: Friday 28th February 2020

Dear Parents

We have had a good start to term with the children. We are looking forward to sharing their progress with you at parents' evening in March. I know that there have been other concerns besides teaching and learning. I'd like to reassure you of the procedures we have in place for both issues:

- 1- Snow - In the event of snowfall, the school will endeavour to remain open. We appreciate how disruptive it is for working parents to make alternative arrangements. However, in the event that the snow makes it unsafe for staff to travel or children to be in school you will be notified via the school website. There will also be a list of school closures on the local authority website:
<https://closures.gloucestershire.gov.uk>
- 2- Coronavirus - We will continue to follow updates we are given from Public Health England. We share the concerns and fears people have about this situation and will endeavour to do what is right to protect our children whilst not causing unnecessary panic. We have held an assembly to promote the importance of washing hands thoroughly and will continue to encourage the children to value the importance this plays in helping us control this new virus. For more information please visit:
<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Entrance to the school

We are very pleased with our new much improved entrance to our school. We were rightly dissatisfied with the initial 'ramp' and the Governors worked tirelessly to insist improvements were made. Before the ramp can be used railings need to be fit either side. We are awaiting their arrival but expect this to be in the next week or so. Until then, the office is accessible via the steps. Soon we will be planting the flowerbeds by it and ordering a canopy to keep you dry before you access the building.

It is with much sadness that I share with you that Mrs Scrivens has chosen to retire from the school. She has been much loved here for a long time and will be very much missed.

We will shortly be advertising for:

- a new site manager
- a cleaner (10 hours a week)
- mid-day supervisor (7 ½ hours a week)

If you know anyone that might be interested in combining all of these roles or any one of them we would very much like to meet them. The role is an important one and there is some flexibility to the hours involved. The role would be especially attractive to someone living near to the school. Please help us in our search!

Spring Term

Key Dates for Spring Term 2020

Thursday 5th March-World Book Day

Encourage your child to bring their favourite book to school. We will share them in assembly. The teachers will be reading their favourite books to classes.

Please be aware that we purposely do not encourage dressing up on this day for two reasons:

-Although a few families like it, many find it an unnecessary burden especially with many children in the family.

-Many wear football kit or some outfit unrelated to a book. We believe is distracting to the aim of promoting pleasure in reading.

Friday 6th March am-Cheltenham Music Festival-Years 5/6

Tuesday 10th March 5-6pm Year 2/3 Bedtime Stories- Invitation has been sent home- Please be aware that this event is not for pre-school children to attend.

Tuesday 17th March-Parents' Evening- 3.20pm-6pm

Thursday 19th March- Parents' Evening- 4pm-7pm

Friday 27th March-PAWS in

Friday 3rd April - Term finishes at 2pm

Monday 6th April- Friday 17th April - Easter Holiday

Congratulations.....

To our new Business Manager, Mrs Durkin, for settling in so well.

To our new Dance Club for raising £38.75 for the school by selling refreshments at the Dance Show.

To the FRIENDS for organising the Pancake Day sale and raising money for the school.

To anyone that has unwanted early reading books at home that they are willing to donate to the school. These are the repetitive books with the early sounds in for the beginning of Reception. Please see Mrs Blake if you can help.

Coming soon.....

The Reading Shed- to a playground near you!

Contact us: admin@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk