



The **BROADCAST'**

Newsletter 8: Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Families

We are pleased to be back together and the opportunities that this term presents. Next week, Year 6 are visiting the Houses of Parliament to learn more about our democratic system. This is an important part of our society. So that pupils know more and remember more about it, we have held our own elections to find School Councillors to represent the pupils' voice. Every candidate writes a manifesto. Selected potential councillors then read these out in assembly before pupils have an opportunity to go to the polls to cast their vote in secret ballot boxes. We are delighted to announce that after counting the ballot papers we have a new School Council.

Olivia and Liam - Year 6
Angel and Malaysun - Year 5
Grace and Noah - Year 4
Hattie and Colby - Year 3

We look forward to our council making a real difference to our school. Their pledges included:-

Being more eco friendly by cutting down on the use of paper towels.
Improving recycling in the hall by providing bins for food waste.
Improving play activities at lunchtime.

Shoe Box Collection for Christmas in Eastern Europe

Thank you so much for sharing your generosity both in providing items for the shoe boxes and in supporting Miss Baldwin wrap them. We will be contributing 52 boxes. This act of kindness supports your child with their personal development as they learn the importance of helping others.

Young Voices

Please remember to pay for your coach places if these have been booked.

Also, a T-Shirt order will be completed on Monday 7th November. Your child is very welcome to wear a plain white t-shirt or these can be ordered by paying £15 on parent pay by Monday.

Big Write

This week the title is.....

Celebration

Football News

Girls 2-0 to Elmbridge
Boys 1-1 with Norton
Well done theo for scoring the goal.
Well played everyone!



REMINDERS

These are the ways our school supports how you know what your child will learn during the year:-
Our Website is key-You can find the termly topic web and letter from the teacher as well as looking at all the photos. Our curriculum intent is there for you to read as well as how we will implement this.

Come to 'Meet the Teacher'
Read the newsletter every week.

These are the ways our school lets you know how your child is doing:-

Parents' Evenings
Sharing books at the end of term.
End of year report
Government Assessment Data shared with relevant age groups-
-Reception ELG's, Year 1 phonics, KS1 SATs, Multiplication Test in Year 4, KS2 SATs in Year 6
PAWS Feedback
Awards, certificates and stickers
Daily playground communication

These are the clubs and activities we offer at our school:-

Breakfast Club, Gymnastics, Girls Football, Boys' Football, Cross Country, K-Maxx, First Aid, Young Voices, French, Tutoring, The Keep,
These are open to specific age groups. We welcome any additional clubs that parents are willing to support us with.

We support your child with their wider personal development by offering the following opportunities: through our Rights and Responsibility programme. Pupils can be:-

School Councillors, Curriculum Ambassadors, Digital Leads, Experienced First Aiders, Play Ambassadors.

PAWS participation for purposeful activities without school helps foster creativity, responsibility, care, determination, being organised, responsible and accurate.

Learning mentor support, Thrive work and parent support ensures we can all succeed.

• **SchoolComms - will replace ParentMail**

The school has invested into a new system that will improve communication between parents and the school. You should have received an email with an app invite to download the application. All you need is your email (must be the one you have provided to the school) and phone number.

The app will give you access to useful links, messaging the school and providing a reason for absence and many more features to help aid communication. A email will be sent with the guide to the new software. Please contact the school if any issues arise.

Parent Survey 2022

Thank you to all parents that completed the Governor Parent Survey. We had 81 responses.

It is interesting to note that 8 of these were electronic responses. The rest were paper copies. This suggests that our families respond more to information given on paper rather than electronically. We must be aware of this in all correspondence whilst also ensuring we don't waste paper unnecessarily.

100%

- Parents Strongly agreed or agreed that their child was happy at school.

100%

- Parents Strongly agreed or agreed that their child felt safe at school.

100%

- There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.

100%

Would recommend our school to another parent.

99% of parents believe the school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.

We do this by implementing a clear Behaviour Policy consistently that is shared with all pupils, staff and parents. We establish a feeling of success through the value we give to celebration assemblies every Friday as well as stickers and verbal praise. If our attitude is really good, we can also visit our Headteacher with good work.

Poppy Appeal

We shall be selling poppies in school next week. We ask for a minimum donation of 20p.

There will also be an opportunity to pay £1 and get a keyring, wristband, zip pull or various items of stationery.

Thursday 10th November

Year 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament and Lion King
• Friends AGM 1930 Participants will need to rejoin at 2015 using the same details if the meeting is still ongoing .

Meeting ID: 745 765 7905

Passcode : QL6HOR

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7457657905?pwd=Mk1sR0pCdkhmTVJYTjRRUEJNT0Z5UT09>

Wednesday 16th November

Individual photos. Siblings at the school will also be photographed together.
Photos will be back in time to make lovely Christmas presents.

Friday 18th November

Children in Need- Be Spotacular! Wear uniform but wear spots! You will be able to donate on Parent Pay or bring in coins- whatever is easiest for you.

Wednesday 23rd November

1.30pm-2.30pm Open afternoon for New Reception 2022. Please share this date with any friends who have children ready to begin school next academic year. There will be an opportunity to tour the school with our Year 6 pupils and staff will be available in the hall to answer any questions.

2.30pm-3.30pm- Work Celebration Event

We know how much you love to see the progress your children are making. If you had an online parents' evening you will want to come and share your child's books with them. Please go to their classroom door at 3pm and you will be very welcome.

Friday 9th December

PAWS in

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Reception Nativity and FRIENDS Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 13th December

Christmas Dinner and party

Friday 16th December

Sing a long 1pm-2pm

Friday 16th December - Term finishes at 2pm

- All our school policies are available on our website at:
<https://www.castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk/>