Newsletter I: 6th January 2023

We are starting a dance club on Tuesdays. This will be run by Mrs Harriet Hending who has joined us as a teaching assistant this term. Your child is welcome to join her at the first session on Tuesday 17th January from 3-3.45pm KS1 and 4pm-5pm KS2. The club is open to all children year 1-6. If there is sufficient interest Mrs Hending will run 2 sessions throughout the term. The charge will be £3 a session.

100% Attendance

Congratulations to all children that achieved 100% attendance in the Autumn Term. We have given out certificates to these children in assembly today. Apologies for no invitations to parents on this occasion. I'm sure you will understand that we are doing our part not to spread infections by having too many visitors in school at the moment.

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed greeting your children returning to school after the Christmas holidays. We are aware of lots of bugs circulating at the moment and do understand if your child has been at home poorly. There is strong advice from Public Health to err on the side of caution rather than spread germs amongst classmates.

We are starting a dance club on Tuesdays. If your child would like to attend the taster session please ensure you submit their name to Reception by Friday 13th January. There are 20 places for each key stage and this will be on a first come first served basis.

These are the topics we are studying this term:-

Reception Fairy Tales

Year 1/2 World Kitchen

Year 3/4 Never ending Story

Year 5/6 Grand Designs

Please see our school website for the topic web for your child's class. These can be found under the cloud 'Classes'. Hopefully, they will help you talk to your child about what they are learning at school.

The Keep

The Keep now has an online booking service. Parents can book same day up to **3pm**.

You can find the link through the school website: Home > Beyond the Classroom > The Keep After School Club > Click on link

Or alternatively search

https://thekeep.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login#/club/8456/booking

Art Exhibition

As part of PAWS, we are inviting children to be a Hound and be inspired by the great artists! We ask them to recreate an artwork from a period in art history for our Art Exhibition.

There is a support sheet for you on Seesaw.
The Art Exhibition will be on March 30th. We are hoping we will be able to invite you all to the launch party!
More details will follow as we monitor the situation.

PAWS

Your child will be bringing their PAWS folder home for this term. There are lots of Purposeful Activities to do Without School. We are very impressed by the quality and the imagination of our families. Please keep up the high standards and appreciate the importance for your child of keeping to deadlines.

PAWS is due in on Friday 24th March.



Oracy Project

As part of our PAWS we are inviting children to be a Mastiff and prepare and present a two minute talk on a subject they are interested in. They can upload their video to SeeSaw as PAWS evidence.

All entries in by 27th January, will be considered to enter a class round of the Gloucester Schools' Partnership 'Look Who's Talking' Competition. Winning pupils will present to the school and, from these, Key Stage winners will take part in a conference with pupils from all other participating Gloucester schools.

Your child can still do the task for PAWS after 27th but not enter.

Egg Competition

As part of PAWS we invite all our children to participate in our annual Egg Competition. This is a really popular event and a real opportunity to show off your imagination and creativity.

The competition element is a Guard Dog skill- it helps to be aware of meeting deadlines and being competitive.



SchoolComms (App called School Gateway)

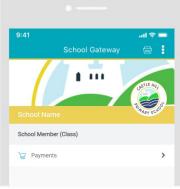
We have stopped using ParentMail and are now using our new messaging system to send messages, newsletters and any other information to parents/carers.

All parents should have received an App Invite, if you have not, please contact the school office.

We really believe PAWS makes such a difference to all our children

Ollie Tout had the initiative to make us a school banner to take to events we attend out of school. Young Voices will be first to benefit.

He even ensured our school motto was included. We encourage everyone to 'Do with Not For'.





Key Dates for Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 25th January
Young Voices

Wednesday 11th January

9am-11am Family Learning begins- Reception parents
11am-11.45am All Reception parents invited to a reading workshop

Friday 27th January
PAWS- 2 minute talks prepared for class heats

Monday 20th February- Friday 24th February- Half Term

<u>Tuesday 14th March - Friday 17th March</u> Year 6 Residential

Friday 17th March
Comic Relief
PAWS- Art Exhibition entries in

Tuesday 21st March
Parents' Evening
(3.20pm -6.00pm – online)

Wednesday 22nd March
Parents' Evening
(4.00 pm - 7.00pm – Face to face)

Friday 24th March
PAWS in / Egg entries in

Friday 31st March – Term finishes at 2pm- Easter Holiday