



# The **BROADCAST'**

Newsletter 2: Friday 16th September 2022

Dear Families

The pupils have established themselves in their new classes and are enjoying learning about their new topic. It has been valuable to be able to use the timeline in the hall to be able to retrieve knowledge from previous topics and fit new knowledge into a framework of time. Thank you to all those of you that were able to come to your child's meet the teacher event. I know how worthwhile you have found that contact with the teacher and to know where your child is based.

Please be aware that the school will be closed on Monday to enable everyone to respect the death of our Queen and to be able to watch the funeral.

## **Big Write**

On Monday 26th September the children will be writing about 'A Royal Tale'. This will be an opportunity to recount the funeral, to write about the royal residences we learnt about as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebration or to write a magical fairytale. This will give them a chance for historical writing so please use the Bank Holiday to talk about their ideas.

## **Years 2/3 Reading Event**

**Tuesday 20th  
September 9am**

Please come to your child's classroom with them on Tuesday morning to find out more about how you can support them with their fluency and comprehension in reading.

## **Permission Slips and Data Collection**

We still have a few slips outstanding. Please can you ensure these reach the school office asap. This really helps us ensure our information is current and we know who gives permission for photographs etc.

I am pleased to tell you that this term we will be participating in the NSPCC's Speak out. Stay safe. online programme. This consists of an online assembly and supporting classroom based activities. Speak out. Stay safe. is a safeguarding programme which aims to help children recognise the signs of abuse in a child friendly way. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline. Messages are delivered in a fun and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

We have studied the content of the materials and are extremely confident that they are appropriate for primary-school-aged children. By the end of the programme, we're convinced children will feel empowered – knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. If you would like to know more about the Speak out. Stay safe. programme you can find information on the NSPCC website [www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout) or Miss Baldwin would be happy to discuss any questions that you may have.



### **Music Lessons**

Year 6 have begun whole class Samba lessons. They certainly were enjoying this experience. They will be learning Samba weekly and hopefully will be able to put on a performance for you at the end of term.

### **Friends**

We had a meeting with Chair of the FRIENDS - Sam Denyer and Treasurer - Nicola Phelps to plan the year ahead. Friends are invaluable for fundraising as well as providing social opportunities for families to get together. We are delighted that the FRIENDS will be able to subsidise one school trip for each child by £3.

## **Key Dates for Spring Term 2022**

### **Key Dates - Autumn Term-2022**

Good luck to all pupils sitting the grammar school test this weekend.

Saturday 17th September-Grammar School Entrance Exam

Wednesday 14th September-6pm-Year 5/6 Parents- Secondary Transfer Information

Tuesday 20th September-9.15am- Year 2 and Year 3 parents invited to join the class to find out more about reading.

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September -9.15am- Year 1 parents invited to join the class to find out more about reading. Please come!

Tuesday 11th October-9.15am-10.15am-Reception Parents Coffee Morning

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October- Bedtime Story Event for Years 2 and 3 -5pm-6pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October- Flu immunisation in school

Tuesday 18th 4-7pm / Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 3.20-6pm-Online Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Festival- 9.15am

Friday 21st October- Staff INSET day

Monday 25th October-Friday 29th October-Half Term

Monday 31st October - Staff INSET day

Tuesday 1st November- School starts

Thursday 10th November- Year 6 Trip to Houses of Parliament and Lion King

Wednesday 16th November- Individual photos

Wednesday 23rd November- 1.30pm-2.30pm Open afternoon for New Reception 2022

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November- 2.30pm-3.30pm- Work Celebration Event for all existing parents to come and see their child's work.

Friday 9th December - PAWS in

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December-Reception Nativity

Tuesday 13th December-Christmas Dinner and party

Friday 16th December-Sing a long 1pm-2pm

Friday 16th December- Term finishes at 2pm

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<https://www.castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk/>

