



The **BROADCAST'**

Newsletter 5: Friday 7th October 2022

Dear Families

Thank you for being so generous and donating to our shoe box collections. The sign up lists for all classrooms should be under the Year 2 shelter. Ms Baldwin is kindly organising this. The parcels will be sent to Eastern European countries in our efforts to make Christmas a little more special.

Year 6 are busy organising their table top sale to raise funds for their trip to see the Lion King. You are very welcome to come at 9.15am and buy your Christmas presents from the recycled donations on Tuesday 18th October. Children will have a chance to visit the sale during the day to spend no more than £2.

Next week, we will be giving you the opportunity to make an appointment to meet your child's teacher. This will be an online service. You will be notified by email when this service is available.

Big Write

On Monday the children will be writing about:-

Through the Portal

This could be based on going back in time, another world or maybe another country.

Please find time to talk through some ideas with your child. This helps them understand the benefits of preparation. It is lovely to see how many children are so excited about this opportunity to write.

Flu Immunisation

On Wednesday 12th October the nurses will be visiting our school to distribute the flu immunisation to children whose parents have agreed they would like their child to receive it. This will take place throughout the school day and is available to all year groups from Reception to Year 6.

Football News

The football team played Birdlip and won 6-0. Well done for playing together so well. Congratulations to our goal scorers. Zach, Riley, Theo, Ollie, RJ, Noah. How lovely to see six different goal scorers. Our next game for the boys is next Tuesday at home against Hempsted. The girls have a tournament to go to next Thursday.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 19th October it is our Harvest Festival. Mrs Richards will be leading the service and all classes will be contributing in some way. In light of the current economic climate we have decided to support the Food Larder which is run out of Brockworth Community Centre. Please only donate what you can afford. We are grateful for just one item of in date dried food- tins, dried spaghetti, rice, biscuits, toilet rolls etc.

We are aware of Covid cases rising again. Therefore, we have had to make the sensible decision to make this a limited audience event. Therefore, we are inviting Year 6 parents only. We are very keen to share our school with friends and family but knowing how crowded the hall can be, it does not seem very wise. I am sorry if this disappoints anyone. However, we must prioritise the health and safety of our community so that we continue to make great strides with our learning.

Thank you for your understanding.

PAWS

Thank you for encouraging your children to do such quality work at home. We are particularly impressed by how well the children have explained their choice of career and the reasons they have given as well as the interests that they are following in order to pursue their goals. Some comments are really perceptive. For example, I want to be a scientist but not a famous one. This helps us ensure we remember that being successful doesn't have to glorify being in the limelight.



Year 5 & 6 enjoyed a very informative trip to Cadbury World where they explored the connections between the ancient Maya civilisation and the modern production of chocolate in a global market. They built on their prior learning by recognising that power comes from countries working and trading with each other.

Department for Education Active Lives Survey: Years 1, 3 and 5

Our school and Sport England would like to find out about the sports and physical activities our pupils take part in, both in and out of school. The information collected will be used to provide a report to our school to help us understand what our pupils are doing and what we can do to support them. Help Sport England invest in opportunities for children and young people to take part in and benefit from sport and physical activity.

Our school has agreed to take part in this research. **Year 1, 3 and 5 have been selected to take part in the survey.** This involves completing an online questionnaire which will take about 20 minutes and will be completed during the school day at a suitable time arranged by your child's teacher.

Year 1 Parents only: We need your help too!

Testing has shown that children in Year 1 struggle to provide detailed information about the sports and activities they have participated in. Therefore we would like parents of children in selected Year 1 classes to complete an online survey to provide this information about their child. Parents can complete the survey on a smartphone, tablet, laptop or computer – it's easy and should only take 10 minutes to complete. It's important that a range of parents take part no matter how much activity their child does. Please use the link <https://ipsos.uk/KZDZKNE> to access the survey. You may find it helpful to complete the survey with your child.

Sport England will give our school credits worth £10 to spend on equipment for every parent who takes part.

Wednesday 12th October

9.15am-10.15am - Reception Parents' Coffee Morning (Change of date)

Tuesday 11th October

Bedtime Story Event for Years 2 and 3 - 5pm-6pm

Wednesday 12th October

Flu immunisation in school

Tuesday 18th October

Year 6 Table top sale
4-7pm - Face to face Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th October

3.20pm-6pm - Online Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th October

Harvest Festival - 9.15am-Year 6 parents only

Friday 21st October

Staff INSET day

Monday 24th October - Friday 29th October - Half Term

- **Monday 31st October**
Staff INSET day

Tuesday 1st November - School starts

Thursday 3rd November
Friends EGM 19:30 over zoom, details will follow

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

Wednesday 23th November
2.30pm-3.30pm- Work Celebration Event

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/>