



The **BROADCAST'**

Newsletter 6: Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Families

Thank you for showing your support so much by your attendance at the events we have held in school this week. I know that you would have found the Reception Coffee Morning very informative and now have many strategies to support your child at home. Our vision is always 'Do with not for' and any way we can maximise the opportunities to work with you is valuable. We will do the instructing for you to be able to purposefully enjoy reading with your child.

This week, Mrs Houlston started the election process to find our School Councillors for the year. Children wanting to represent their class from Year 3 to Year 6 are invited to write a manifesto clearly outlining their proposals for further improving our school. On Monday, classes will shortlist 2 boys and 2 girls to read out their manifestos in assembly. Last year, the School Council had a huge impact by addressing our responsibility to the environment. This led to us awarding a weekly 'Dolphin Award' to the class that had had the greatest impact.

Big Write

On Monday the children will be writing about:-
Harvest Time

This could be based on our forthcoming Harvest celebrations in school, or you could talk to your child about the origins of Harvest and how Harvest is celebrated around the world.

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.

Young Voices

All choir members of Year 5 and 6 have taken home a letter with the details of the biggest choir in the world that will come together on Wednesday 25th January 2023.

Please ensure all tickets are ordered and places on the parent coach secured by Monday.

Football News

The football team played Hempstead on Tuesday and won 4-2. What an amazing team we have! Congratulations to our goal scorers.

Zach (2), Theo and RJ. The girls attended a tournament on Thursday. They came second in the group after winning five out of six games! The girls got to the second round where they drew two games! What a fantastic achievement! Thank you to all the parents that helped with transport that afternoon, we are very grateful.

Year 6 Table Top Sale

Year 6 have been busy preparing for their table top sale. A successful sale is really important to them because they are hoping to raise enough money to pay for their trip to London to see Lion King.

Please come to support us on Tuesday morning after your children are in school. You can also give your child up to £2 for them to spend when their class visits the sale during the school day.

We look forward to hearing from Year 6. They can tell us about their experience as well as how much money they raised.

Bedtime Stories

How lovely to see so many families come to school in their pyjamas and snuggle up to listen to a story. The importance of reading to your child daily has significant benefits to the material they can access for pleasure as well as their enjoyment of the curriculum.



Please continue to treasure the Community Hub and use it as the fabulous resource it is for accessing a whole new world through reading. There are many genres to choose from as well as stories to enjoy together. Try reading alternate pages with your child.

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



COVID vaccines: how to access first or second doses for children aged 5-17

It isn't too late for children to access a COVID vaccination if they haven't already completed their course. Children are eligible for:

- § First or second dose - Children aged 5 to 11 (paediatric dose Pfizer)
- § First or second doses - Children aged 12-17 (Pfizer)
- § Third primary dose - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer - 8 weeks after second dose), anyone aged 12+ who is severely immunocompromised (Pfizer - 8 weeks after second dose)
- § Autumn booster - Children aged 5-11 who are severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (paediatric dose Pfizer - at least 3 months after previous dose), anyone aged 12-17 who is severely immunocompromised or household contact of someone immunocompromised (Pfizer - at least 3 months after previous dose)

*children aged 5-15 inclusive must wait 12 weeks after a COVID-19 infection to get a vaccination

To access a vaccination, contact your GP Practice for advice on how to book an appointment at a local vaccination centre, use the national booking system to get an appointment at a community pharmacy or the JabVan at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital (www.nhs.uk/covidvaccination or call 119), or look out for drop-in clinics on the [local COVID information portal](#). Please make sure to carefully check eligibility before taking your child to a drop-in clinic; depending on their age they may only have specific vaccines which will not always be available at every clinic.

Key Dates - Autumn Term-2022

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

Please bring an item for donation to the Brockworth Larder which is run out of Community Centre

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