



# The **BROADCAST'**

Newsletter 7 Friday 8th October 2021

Dear Families,

What a busy term this week. When walking around the school, I was so impressed by the quality of the teaching and the rich vocabulary the pupils were using when answering questions. The expectations are high and the pupils were certainly rising to them. It is a great opportunity for you to talk to your child about their experiences. This is a good way of finding out what they are most interested in and what knowledge they are gaining. It is always lovely to hear from pupils who have visited a place connected to their topic or completed some further research at home.

## **Bedtime Stories- Tuesday 12th October**

**5pm-6pm**

We have had such a successful event like this, before the pandemic. We are again organising a Year 2 and Year 3 bedtime story event. This is an occasion that will help promote the importance of reading for pleasure with your child. We aim for this to be a time when you are able to give your child quality time that might not be so easy at home. For this reason we would prefer siblings not to attend.

Please arrive at the school office entrance. You may bring a cosy sleeping bag, cushions, teddy bear etc.

Remember, to wear your pyjamas!

## **Online Parents' Evening**

### **Using SchoolCloud**

**Tuesday 19th October  
4pm -7pm**

**Wednesday 20th October  
3.20pm-6pm**

Please find attached a guide on how to make a booking to see your child's teacher. If you are unsure, please contact the office to help you or to make a booking on your behalf.

**Bookings open on  
Monday**

## Wear Something Yellow to Support Mental Health

Thank you for supporting this day. It was lovely to see all the children today wearing a yellow accessory to show their support. You are all so generous. We raised £145.40. The School Council will decide how the money should be best spent.

Please send in shoebox items by the 21st October!



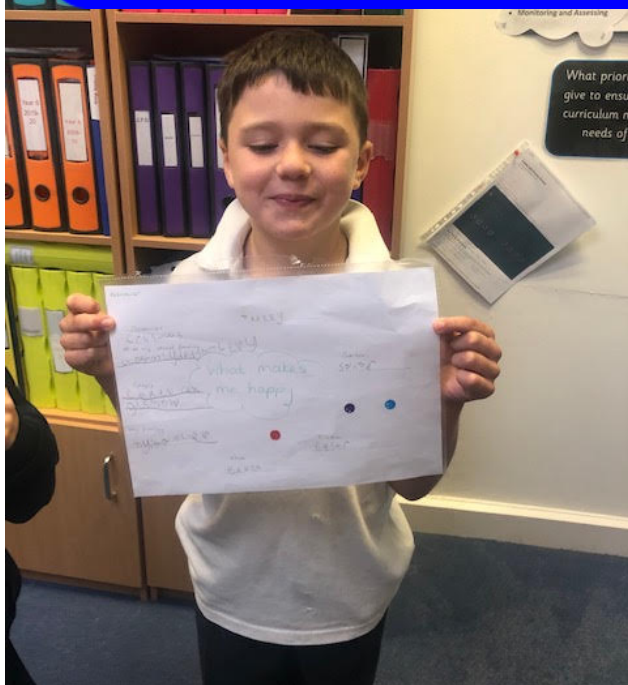
## School Council

Election Day is 19th October

Pupils will go to the Polling Station to cast their vote in the Ballot Boxes. 2 pupils from each KS2 class will be elected. Each class has already chosen the candidates they have put forward. These pupils read out their manifesto in assembly to the rest of the school. Good luck!

## Look what we have been doing in our PAWS this week!

Shay has used his Retriever skills to be genuine and share his thoughts about what makes him happy. Gracie has been a real Sheepdog and listed all the precious metals.



# FRIENDS NEWS!

At the Annual General Meeting, Heidi Mullins stood down as Chair of the FRIENDS. She has been in post for two years and has done a fantastic job in that time. She has been highly organised and promoted great team work even during the time the school was closed. Our thanks go to her. She is happy to liaise with the new team and share her wisdom.

We are grateful to Sam Denyer who has been elected as our new Chair. Sam has a son, Timmy, who is in Year 5. Nicola Phelps has kindly agreed to be the treasurer and will take on this role from the great job done by Rebecca Harris. Nicola has a daughter Ella, in Year 5. We also thank Dawn Aldridge for all her hard work as secretary. Victoria Dennis, mother of Jonathan, will replace her.

The FRIENDS are keen to involve more parents. Please offer your help to the team. They will be very grateful for any time you can give. Typical activities might include making teas and coffees at events, supporting disco and helping out at the Christmas Fayre.

Please find a letter from Heidi Mullins, who has stepped down from being Chair of the FRIENDS.

We have a Parent Governor Vacancy! If you are interested in the position please contact the Clerk of Governors, Jane Durkin.  
[clerk@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@castlehill.gloucs.sch.uk)

Christmas Card templates are being handed out today! Please read the attached letter and return your child's design by  
Wednesday 13th October!



### Forthcoming dates for your diary

#### Key Dates- Autumn Term 2021

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October- Bedtime Story Event for Years 2 and 3 5pm-6pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October-9.15am-10.15am-Reception Parents Coffee Morning**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 4-7pm / Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.20-6pm-Online Parents' Evening

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October- Harvest Festival- 9.15am Year 6 parents only,

After the assembly there will be a short meeting to discuss the Year 6 Residential proposals.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October- Whole School Flu Immunisation

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October- Staff INSET day

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October-Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October-Half Term**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Staff INSET day

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November- School starts

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November- 1.30pm-2.30pm Open afternoon for New Reception 2022

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November- 2.30pm-3.30pm- Work Celebration Event for all existing parents to come and see their child's work.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December - PAWS in

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December-Reception Nativity

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December-Christmas Dinner and party

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December-Sing a long 1pm-2pm

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December- Term finishes at 2pm**

### Big Write- Week Beginning Monday 4th October

The title for this week Big Write is:

## Build Your Own World

Please use the weekend to talk to your child about the title and help them to think creatively about what they may choose to write about. You might like to challenge your child to include a few good vocabulary words into their writing. Maybe you could decide these together.