



# The BROADCAST'

Newsletter 8 Friday 15th October 2021

Dear Families,

It has been lovely to have so many opportunities to work with you all this term. Invitations have included: Class Meet and Greet, Secondary School Transfer Information, Reception Coffee Morning, Reading Information for Year 1, Reading Information for Years 2 & 3, Bedtime Stories and the Year 5 walk.

We still are very much looking forward to Harvest Festival on Wednesday. We warmly welcome all Year 6 parents to attend. Please remember to book your Parents' Evening slot too. It is a valuable time to talk to your child's teacher and find out how well they are doing.

## Friends Cake Sale!

Thurs 21st October 3pm in the Community Hub

Please support this event. This is the first organised by our new FRIENDS team!



## Online Parents' Evening

### Using SchoolCloud

Tuesday 19th October  
4pm - 7pm

Wednesday 20th October  
3.30pm-6pm

## School Council

### Election Day is 19th October

The candidates read their manifestoes in assembly this week. I have to share with you how brilliant they all were. The children had really considered how to make our school even better. There were lots of recommendations that involved ensuring we gave more awareness to environmental issues and preserving energy. I was really impressed by their thoughts and effort.

Pupils will go to the Polling Station to cast their vote in the Ballot Boxes. 2 pupils from each KS2 class will be elected.

Brooke said *"They all have really good ideas so it makes it really difficult to choose who to vote for"*.

## Football News!

Our Boys Team played 2 games this week against 2 tough sides.

They drew 1-1 with Coopers Edge with Riley scoring our goal.

They drew 2-2 with Barnwood Primary. Well done, RJ, for scoring both goals.

Thank you to all the parents for their help with transport and support. We are really enjoying the season and cherish being able to play together again.

## **Year 3 and Year 4 Andy Tucker Football**

3:10- 4:10 pm Mondays

To book a place go to

<https://atsoccercamps.class4kids.co.uk/info/302>

## Secondary School Transfer

Closing date 31st October 2021-  
last date to get preference  
application form in



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

Hattie has used her Hound skills to create lovely homemade jams from the blackberries she picked. Isla has been a real Sheepdog and organised all the items she can donate to our Christmas Shoebox Appeal.



This term, we have had a real focus on promoting the importance of reading. We value the opportunities to share with you how important it is for you to read everyday with your child.

Next term, we aim to open the Community Hub every morning to enable your child to bring a book and swap a book. The aim is to provide as much free choice to your child as we can so that they can read a variety of books for pleasure. These will be books they freely choose. The facility will be an addition to the books they bring home from the classroom.

To start our new project we are asking you to please donate a book to our Reading For Pleasure Hub. It will be open next week for all contributions.





### Internet Safety- Some tips to support you:-

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/> (CEOP and police site with lots of advice and links to other services)

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit> (app that flags up content that children may be tempted to send before they do so, police recommended)

It is not always enough to check the browsing history on your child's phone or device, these can be wiped by the child. However, you can log into your internet router device (check online for the steps for different routers) and this history will give you a fuller picture if you are worried.

Many games with online public chat options will also have a button to turn this off and it is highly recommended to do so when playing in public groups – adult language and abusive comments are not filtered by the games and can be extremely upsetting for children.

If you are worried about the time children spend on sites they visit on their devices, ensure parental controls are activated. All of the large brand consoles/devices have time and content restrictions or you can download apps that you can enable to support your child for example Google Family Link for android devices and Apple Family for iPad/iPhone devices.

Please also read the attached leaflets. They are really useful guides.

Please send in shoebox items by the 21st October!



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)  
By Thursday 21st October.

### Forthcoming dates for your diary

#### Key Dates- Autumn Term 2021

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

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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 18th October

The title for this week Big Write is:

## Harvest Time

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.