

Newsletter 25 Friday 1st April 2022

#### Dear Families

This has been an exciting week for many classes. Year 6 have enjoyed their residential to Viney Hill in the Forest of Dean. As part of this trip they also went to London for the day to see 'Lion King'. This was made possible because they raised the money through sponsorship themselves. What a great opportunity they have had and an experience and memories to treasure.

Year 3/4 also had a wonderful day when they visited Bishopswood to discover more about the Viking period and how we gather evidence from the past.



# Big Write Easter Time



On Tuesday, Y3 and Y4 enjoyed a trip to Bishops Wood near Stourport on Severn. They learnt all about the characteristics of daily life as a Viking villager through a variety of activities such as: visiting a Viking longhouse, crafting Viking amulets from copper and pots from clay as well as 'rowing' a Viking longship and working collaboratively to build a natural shelter.

### Experience Easter

Years 1 and 2 will be visiting our friends at St. George's Church next Tuesday. This is so they can 'Experience Easter' by participating in a number of activities linked to the celebration.

On the last day of term we invite you to come and join us for our Easter Service. Mrs Richards will be able to share more about what 'Experience Easter' involves. We look forward to singing with you as well as giving you the opportunity to enjoy listening to our Young Voices Choir perform.

### Exciting Football news

I know you will want to join me in wishing both our football teams every success as they play in their finals this weekend.

Friday 1st April- Girl's Small School Final 4.45pm

Saturday 2nd April- Intermediate Small Schools' Final 12.30pm

All season, both teams have displayed great team spirit and determination.

Come on Castle Hill!

A special thank you to Mr Tandy and all the parents who have helped coach and transport our teams. We couldn't do it without you.





Well done to everybody that handed their PAWS homework in on time. The quality of the work is amazing and we have loved sharing your creative and imaginative interpretations of our activities.

Governor Contacts

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Date of next Governor meeting is: May 19th
Please have any questions submitted by: May5th

### Holiday Free School Meal Voucher Scheme

This Spring break, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to our Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry'. The vouchers are funded through COVID-19 grant funding we have received and is separate to that of the term time free school meals.

Parents who have signed up to the scheme will receive a voucher for £30 for each child who is eligible for FSM which will cover both the two weeks of the Spring holiday. The scheme is eligible for children aged 4-16 years old.

Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register, they have already been included, but, to ensure we get all who are eligible, we are encouraging new parents to sign up as soon as they can.

For parents who have already signed up, if more of their children have become entitled to free school meals since they applied please contact us so we can update their amount, as this not an automatic process.

Voucher emails will be sent out between 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> April. Please check junk/spam email folders during this period as sometimes the vouchers end up there. If you have not received vouchers by then please get in contact with us by emailing childrensfund@gloucestershire.gov.uk

## Key Dates for Spring Term 2022

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Service 1pm-2pm
Friday 8th April - Term finishes at 2pm- Easter Holiday

Monday 25th April - Summer Term begins

Monday 25th April- School starts

Monday 2nd May-MAY DAY-No School

Monday May 9th-Thursday May 12th SATs week KS2

Monday 30th May- Friday 3rd June- Half Term

Monday 27th June - Staff INSET day- no school

Tuesday 28th June -Sports Day

Wednesday 29th June-Sports Day Reserve

Friday 15th July-PAWS in

Wednesday 20th July-Year 6 Leaver's Assembly and Party

Thursday 21st July- Term ends 2pm

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