

Newsletter 28 Friday 6th May 2022

#### Dear Families

I hope you enjoyed the lovely sunny bank holiday weekend. It is lovely to share time together and be outside. Recently, some parents have been asking about taking holidays in term time. Please may I remind you that your children are entitled to be in school everyday during term time. This is why school days are protected by law and you have a duty to ensure your children are here -in school, everyday, ready to learn. I cannot authorise holidays in term time. A holiday is not an exceptional circumstance so it is out of my authority to do so. Any family taking a holiday in term time is at risk of being fined by the local authority. Please note, that each parent of the child will be fined individually. We would much rather your children are in school.

Next week, is especially important to the Year 6 because it is SATs week. Please ensure your child has plenty of sleep. They have been amazing this year. We are so proud of them and want to ensure they do their best.

Year 6 are all invited to breakfast next week! We have found that having an early start to school provides a very welcome calming beginning. The class can enjoy breakfast in class together with their friends. Please come!

## Young Voices

We are excited to be taking our Young Voices Choir to Birmingham on Monday 16th May for the rescheduled concert. We have also organised a coach for parents so they can enjoy this amazing occasion too! We look forward to reporting back to you and sharing photos of the experience.

### **PAWS**

Children have made a very positive start to the homework for this term. We have seen some amazing videos and pictures of Mrs Hickey. Please be aware of the closing date for submissions towards this theme - all dates are in PAWS folders.

# **Topics for the Summer Term**

Please look on our website for all the details about the topic your child will be studying. Here are the titles to look out for:-

- Reception Water, Water, Everywhere
- Year 1/2 Seaside Rescue
- Year 3/4 Eurovision
- Year 5/6 Wet and Wild
- It is exciting for the children that we are able to plan trips this summer term. Look out for more details from your child's teacher.

Governors Meeting- Thursday 19th May Please get in touch with either of your two parent Governor representatives if you have any questions or clarifications you would like any of the committees to address. Questions must be forwarded for consideration to either Sarah or Steve- by Friday 13th May

### Our Healthy School

Please ensure that KS2 children bring healthy snacks to school. We have agreed that a healthy snack is fruit or cheese and crackers.

Please help us help your children establish a healthy lifestyle. Any sweets in lunchboxes will be removed and your child will be asked to take them

Lila, in Year 2, has made an enthusiastic start to her topic about the seaside. She enjoyed sharing it with me and receiving a well-deserved Headteacher's award for the content, punctuation and grammar.

### Jubilee Day - May 25th, 3-4pm

These are the FRIENDS events planned. Please support where you can and join in the fun.

- Teddy Tombola we ask for donations
- Raffle donations of food, drink or toiletries in red, white & blue:
  - Reception Red
  - Y1 White
  - Y2 blue
  - Y3 red
  - Y4 white
  - Y5 blue
     Y6 rec. white or blue
- There will also be free events including around the field hunt and photo booth

## Key Dates for Spring Term 2022

Week beginning 9th May - SATs Week Year 6 (Monday - Thursday)

Monday 16th May - Young Voices

Wednesday 18th May- KS1 Gym Competition

Wednesday 18th May - Class Photos and Year 6

Wednesday 25th May Jubilee day- We are planning events for pupils only during the day. Children can come dressed in red, white & blue in exchange for a donation to the FRIENDS. FRIENDS events 3-4 after school.

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

Week beginning June 6th- Cycle training- Year 6

Monday 27th June - Staff INSET day- no school

Tuesday 28th June -Sports Day

Wednesday 29th June-Sports Day Reserve

Thursday 9th June- New Reception Evening - start September 2022

Friday 15th July-PAWS in

Tuesday 19th July- 12-1pm-Community Picnic

Wednesday 20th July-Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Party

Thursday 21st July- Term ends 2pm

Please ensure your child has suitable footwear in school for outdoor PE.

All our School Policies are available on our school websitecastlehill.gloucs.sch.uk