



# 'BROADCAST

Newsletter 14: January 12th 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope you all enjoyed a lovely holiday and are all refreshed ready for the term ahead. The children are excited by the new topics they will be studying as well as the activities planned. For example, Year 5 start swimming next week and it won't be long before our choir are off to join Young Voices in Birmingham. In March, Year 6 will visit Viney Hill for their residential stay and hopefully even more children will benefit from the growing number of after school activities we have on offer.

Thank you for showing your support to Tracey by sending your children into school in non-school uniform. We were able to donate £432.97 to her fund. We are so pleased for her that the operation has been successful and she can look forward to a happy future.

## Topics this term

Our topics are laid out so that children make progress as they journey through school.

Teaching through topics gives children something to hook their learning on. Within each topic different subjects are taught with integrity. Please see our school website for an overview of what your child will be learning this term. This should generate discussions and may also spark a family interest to visit somewhere related.

**Reception: Ourselves and Growing**

**Year 1/2: Megastructures**

**Year 3/4: Who's the King of the Castle?**

**Year 5/6: Leaving a Legacy**

## PAWS

All children from Years 1-6 will take home their PAWS folder for the term. Please acknowledge the term is much shorter so prepare to do one activity a week so that all eight are completed by the deadline.

We expect all children to complete PAWS at the same standard of work they are capable of in school. You can help them by selecting the activity together and ensuring they have the appropriate resources.

Classes love to share their ideas and we find it truly inspiring when they do. PAWS helps us to understand how much your child has the ability to apply learning.

## PAWS Activity- Mastiff

**Prepare and present a two-minute talk on a subject you are interested in.**

If your KS2 child would like to be entered into the Gloucester School's Oracy Competition they will need to prepare their presentation for heats in school next week. We really enjoyed participating in the competition last year. Darcey and Henry represented us so well.



## 'My Special Interest'

Write about something that really interests you. You could use this material for your talk. You may bring notes on your chosen topic to help you.

This term we will be covering our Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum across the school.

The majority of the teaching will focus on the building of positive safe relationships and will reinforce life skills to support this. We will also cover the science topic of life cycles in KS2 and changes during puberty higher up the school. All classes will also have some teaching around personal hygiene.

If you have any queries about what will be covered in these lessons, please see the Relationships and Sex Education Policy on our school website.

#### Exciting news!

**Mrs Richards has shared with us that she is expecting a baby. This means she will begin her maternity leave from the Easter holidays. We know she has given the class a great start to the academic year and built some really strong learning foundations.**

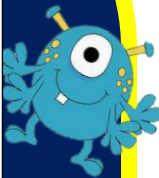
**From Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, the class will be taught by Mrs Ettrick. Mrs Ettrick, as a very experienced teacher, will be able to continue the class's journey through the rest of the school year. She knows the class extremely well having taught them last year and is excited about working with them again.**

**Ms Blunn will remain as the Year 6 teacher and Mrs King will increase her working hours to ensure our children are well prepared and nurtured through to their transition to secondary school. I'm sure you will agree that our plans work well for everyone.**

#### Tesco Tokens

**We have managed to secure one of the Blue token boxes at your local Tesco store. From next week, you will be able to support us by placing your tokens in the Castle Hill allocated box. We are hoping that we will be able to raise sufficient tokens to buy new cycles for the Reception class.**

**Thank you for every contribution.**



With winter here it is difficult to make decisions regarding your child's health and if they are well enough for school. With this in mind please use the NHS link below for guidance.

[https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?fbclid=IwAR2R33TmJ1XuxQU9froF3UWvNEfIp1bOFj2rGWJMwCxz7ilwWKGKwHK5vd0\\_aem\\_ASyGgbnu2ocukFFD160cSK3oU9\\_Nd7-bkrPNzsBuHbCWSfdfINswMWrbU0y1rim0Zk](https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?fbclid=IwAR2R33TmJ1XuxQU9froF3UWvNEfIp1bOFj2rGWJMwCxz7ilwWKGKwHK5vd0_aem_ASyGgbnu2ocukFFD160cSK3oU9_Nd7-bkrPNzsBuHbCWSfdfINswMWrbU0y1rim0Zk)

#### DATES FOR SPRING TERM

- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January-Year 5 begin swimming lessons
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January- Panathlon- by invitation
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January- Young Voices
- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February- Half Term**
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March-Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- Year 6 Residential
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March- Parents' Evening- 3.30pm-6pm (face to face)
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March- 4pm-7pm- Parents' Evening (online)
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March- PAWS in
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March- Easter Service 1pm. School finishes at 2pm