



BROADCAST

Newsletter 29: June 7th 2024

Dear Parents,

The first week back after half term has been busy. Children throughout the school are undertaking assessments which will help us celebrate their successes whilst also targeting resources to areas that can be further developed. Year 6 children have been participating in 'Bikeability' to help them understand the importance of keeping safe on the road. The rest of the term is action packed. Hopefully this newsletter will outline the major events that you need to know so that you and your children can be well prepared.



Farewell to Mrs. Blake... Celebrating 24 years of dedication and excellence.

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Mrs. Blake, who has been a cherished teacher and Senior Leader at our school for the past 24 years. Throughout her career, Mrs. Blake has touched the lives of countless pupils and families with her dedication, compassion and unwavering commitment to education. Her presence in our school community will be profoundly missed.

To honour Mrs. Blake and give the opportunity for the parents to give her a heartfelt send off, we invite all parents and pupils to join us for a special picnic on Sports Day. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate her incredible contributions, share memories and take photos to remember her legacy.

Please also check Seesaw this week for a top secret activity!

We will be announcing classes and teachers for next year on Friday 5th July. Pupils will 'move up' to their new class on Thursday 11th July.

SPORTS DAY

Tuesday 25th June

Please send your child to school in sports kit. This includes wearing a plain t-shirt that is the colour of their team with or without the Castle Hill logo. We understand how difficult it is to take time off from work. For this reason, we have tried to make it an action packed day hoping you will see the value of joining us. Please see below timetable of events.

8:30 – 9am Fantastic Footballers!

Parents and carers-If your child has been on the Girls Team, Boys A or Boys B team this year, please join us in the hall for a celebratory breakfast of champs!

8:45am: Sports day! Pupils come dressed in your team colours!

9:00 – 10:30am All pupils in classrooms for a visit from the Gloucester Rugby Premiership trophy!

Parent volunteers to support in erecting gazebos and preparations for the afternoon races - if you are able to help during this time, please let Miss Baldwin know or contact the office by 21st June.

10:30-11.30am Fun Run!

Organised by the School Council. We are raising funds for new playground equipment. All pupils will be running laps around the school grounds. Thank you for your sponsorship so far! If you would like to marshal at this event to cheer the children on, please let Miss Baldwin know or contact the office by 21st June.

12:00 Pupils without parents attending will be picnicking with the lunchtime supervisors in their class gazebos. Families are invited to join their children on the field for a picnic lunch. Pupils will remain with their class until the teacher dismisses them to join you. Please be aware that the expectation is that all pupils joining their families will be sat down to socialise and converse whilst eating their lunch. For safety reasons, pupils will not have the opportunity, at this stage, to run and play on the field.

12:30pm Pupils are welcome to return to their playgrounds to run and play and be supervised by lunchtime supervisors. They **must** be on the playground by **12:45pm** and will not have the opportunity to return to their families before Sports Day begins. Remember to give them back anything they need, e.g. water bottles for the afternoon and wish them luck!

1:00 Children register in classrooms before coming to the field for Sports Day races!

1:20 Races begin.

3:00 Children return to classrooms to be dismissed by their teacher at the end of the day.

Please do not ring the office in the morning regarding wet weather. A decision as to whether Sports Day will go ahead will be made by 11am and all parents will be notified by email.

Thank you!
Amazon Wish list

We would like to thank parents for their generosity in purchasing from our Amazon wishlists. The items that we have received so far make a huge difference to pupil learning in the areas of English and Forest school. If you are able to donate any items that remain on the list, we would be hugely grateful.

Forest School wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/fkxiP5O>
English topic wishlist: <https://amzn.eu/bnNWVET>

Bikeability

All pupils in Y6 had the opportunity to be included in Bikeability this week and learn how to ride their bikes safely on the roads.



Sponsored Run - Tuesday 25th June - 10.30am - 11.30am

The school council are keen to raise more money to purchase equipment for playtime. This is why they have organised a sponsored run around the school grounds. We know many children are excited about their contribution to this. This might be by supporting the event by raising money or just by taking part. We will have marshals around the course. If you are willing to help please contact Miss Baldwin - our sports champion. Mrs Houlston who leads our school council will support the school council in presenting an assembly to promote this event.

School Council's
Sponsorship form
Please help us raise
money for play
equipment.

Please help us raise money for our playground!

Sponsored run around the school on sports day morning Tuesday 25th June

The school committee have been asking the children of Gresham Hall what they would like to improve their playground and they have decided to raise money for this purpose. We would be pleased if you could help support this cause. Completed forms to be returned by Friday 21st June. Many Thanks

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A school of 1600 pupils

Science Week

Miss Sugden, our Science Champion, has organised our annual Science Week. She did an amazing job. Mr Holman, parent of Lily, kindly talked about Electricity. Experiments on the field added to the fun of the subject.



BIGWRITE

Our title for next week is 'Science Week'. How does time affect Science? What experiments have the pupils taken part in? What would it be like to own a farm of the future?

DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Week beginning Monday 17th June- Abbey Home Farm-by invitation

Tuesday 25th June- Sports Day

Wednesday 26th June- Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 4th July- Year 5 Camping

Friday 5th July- FRIENDS Family Festival

Friday 5th July- PAWS in

Wednesday 17th July- Leavers Party

Thursday 18th July- Leavers Assembly

Friday 19th July-Term Finishes 2pm

Holidays in term time

Please understand that it is not possible for the school to authorise holidays in term time. We appreciate your understanding that it is important that your child is in the classroom on time, everyday, so that they can feel part of the sequence of learning and benefit from the quality of teaching we offer them.



Lest We Forget...

The poppies have bloomed on our school field reminding us of why we celebrate D Day.

*'We celebrate the soldiers brave and strong,
Who fought for peace and sing freedom song.
They helped the world to be happy and free,
So we remember them with joy and glee.'*

By Castle Hill anon.