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#### **Head Teacher News**

Did you know that "CHICKEN SOLVES PROBLEMS?"



In assembly I have been exploring with the children how what we read can be misinterpreted. We looked at a KFC (Kentucky Fried Chicken) bucket and on first reading it looks like it says chickens can solve problems but then on closer inspection we saw that it actually said "Fried chicken solves most problems".

Initially this still did not make sense to us, chickens can't solve maths problems or similar! Through discussion we came to the conclusion that it is not fried chicken itself but that by sharing a meal and having the chance to sit and talk then we have a good opportunity to make connections and maybe solve problems. School lunchtime is a good time for this and one in which the children agreed was a happy occasion.

Throughout the next few weeks we will be looking at the importance of food in our lives in so many ways. By the way - it was my own children who had eaten the KFC, not me!

Every newsletter now, I am also going to challenge you with an "idiom", phrases which we often use without thinking. The first is quite appropriately:

"food for thought". What does it mean?

Sarah Bunce

# **Class Attendance Figures**

☆ Mrs Short, School Attendance Officer, would like to say keep up the great attendance and a big **WELL DONE** to each of the following classes for having the best attendance over the last two weeks:

Week 19.02.18 - 23.02.18

 $\frac{1}{4}$  Indigo Class, Year 2 for achieving 100% attendance and Zinc Class, Year 5 for achieving 99% attendance

Week 26.02.18 - 01.03.18

Emerald Class, Year 3 for achieving 100% and Indigo Class, Year 2 for  $\stackrel{\checkmark}{\sim}$  also achieving 100% attendance

★ Week 05.03.18 - 09.03.18

Ruby Class, Year 3 and Green Class, Year 1 for both achieving 99% attendance



## **Reporting Pupil Absences**

If your child will be absent from school due to illness, please telephone the school office, before 9am, stating child's name, class and the nature of the illness.

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#### **Medical Appointments**

We understand that hospital appointments need to be attended at times offered, however, we ask that Doctor and Dental appointments are made out of school hours.



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Whisper the Dog

We are happy to inform

you that Whisper is

coming in to school

every Thursday to work

with children in school.

# Dates for your diaries

12th March KS2 After School Movie Event until 5.30pm

Copper Class Assembly, 9.10am 16th March 19th March Reception walk to Robinswood Hill

21st March Parent Voice, 9am

23rd March Emerald Class Assembly, 9.10am

23rd March Sports Relief Fun Run, fancy dress, £1 donation

Y1 visit Warwick Castle 27th March

29th March End of Term 4 Start of Term 5 16th April Class photos 18th April

19th April Reception start swimming lessons

20th April Y5 start swimming lessons

27th April Amethyst Class Assembly, 9.10am Yellow Class Assembly, 9.10am 4th May Sapphire Class Assembly, 9.10am 11th May

Y5 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm 22nd May 25th May Zinc Class Assembly, 9.10am

End of Term 5 25th May 4th June Start of Term 6 4th - 8th June D & T week

7th June D & T Celebration Event 12th June Y6 Stay & Play 3.30-4.30pm Mercury Class Assembly, 9.10am 15th June 22nd June Blue Class Assembly, 9.10am

Reception/KS1 Sports Day, 9.30 - 11.30am 27th June

28th June KS2 Sports Day, 9.30 - 11.30am 29th June Green Class Assembly, 9.10am

19th July End of Term 6 14th November School photographs

Whilst we welcome siblings into school to watch assemblies and other performances we will also provide a crèche facility and would like to encourage parents and carers to use this. Younger children are very welcome to attend performances and assemblies however we appreciate that sometimes it is difficult to occupy them whilst watching the children. If you choose not to use the crèche facility and your younger child/ren are causing a disruption you will be kindly asked to leave the performance. Thank you.

# The results for the February WOW book are as follows:

1. Michela – Turquoise Class - X jump winner and 15 space team points awarded to her house

- 2. Skye Copper Class 12 space team points awarded to her house
- 3. Jessie Yellow Class 10 space team points awarded to her house
- 4. Hannah Amethyst Class 7 space team points awarded to her house
- 5. Saifullah Amethyst Class 5 space team points awarded to his house

WELL DONE to each of you!

#### School lunch price increase

Please note that the price of a paid school lunch will increase to £2.36 as from Monday 16th April.

Please can we remind you that children should bring fruit or vegetables for a midmorning snack. Why not bring a variety!



# **Healthy Snacks at School**



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# Year 3 Name the Penguin

The winning names were. Pip, Icey, Waddles, Rico Well done to the 4 children who named and won the penguins.



#### **Doodle Maths and Doodle Maths Times Tables**

Log in details for these online Maths tools can be found in your child's book bag.

If you need a new log in, please request this from your child's Class teacher.

Log in and have some Maths fun!

#### **Behaviour Policy**

We would like to update you on the changes to our Behaviour Policy which are now in place. As always we will continue to celebrate good and positive behaviour, however, if there is a need to sanction negative behaviour the following procedures are in place:

- \* If a child receives a yellow card, this will be sent home and lunchtime play will be missed for the following day.
- \* If a child receives 2 yellow cards in any half term then parents will be invited to attend a meeting with a member of school staff to discuss the behaviour and next steps.
- \* If a child receives a further yellow card in any term, this will convert to a red card and an Internal exclusion will be given.

# Teachers2Parents Texting Service

Our text provider has added an extra security verification measure. From 5th March, the texts you receive from Calton will now show a link to click on that will verify the sender is genuine.





#### Pates Grammar School Open Days

Tuesday 27th March 2018 Monday 25th June 2018 9.15 - 10.45am or 9.45 - 11.15am

Book on their website patesgs.org

Telephone 01242 523169

#### Skaters Club, GL1 Leisure Centre

Every Friday, 6.15 - 7.45pm www.skatersclub.org.uk

Skate hire available or bring your own



# The Crypt School's Y5 Parent and Daughter Afternoon Tea 19th April 2018 at 3.45 - 5pm

The Crypt School would like to invite you & your daughter to Strawberries and Cream and to learn about Crypt's exciting co-educational education.

To take part, please reserve a place by emailing:

sbailey@crypt.gloucs.sch.uk before 28th March.

# **High School for Girls**

Denmark Road, Gloucester GL1 3JN Telephone 01452 543335 www.hsfg.org

**Open Morning** for parents/carers and current Year 5 students

Tuesday 24th April 8.50 - 10.45am

#### King's School Open Morning

Saturday 10th March 2018

10am - 12pm

To pre-register email: registar@thekingsschool.co.uk

Telephone 01452 337337



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The price of the disco is £2 per child which covers entry, a drink and a packet of crisps. Members of the Calton Friends Association will be by the main entrance at the following times where you will be able to pay for your child to attend the disco.

Thursday 15th March 2:45 - 3:45pm

Friday 16th March 8:30 – 9:30am

Monday 19th March 2:45 – 3:45pm

Tuesday 20th March 8:30 - 9:30am – last opportunity to get your tickets

Please complete the form on the letter that was sent home and bring it with you when you pay. If you are unable to make these times please fill in the form and return it in a named envelope with the money via your child's Class Teacher.

Slips will not be accepted after 9:30am on Tuesday 20th March 2018

**The Reception/Key Stage 1 disco starts at 3:30pm and finishes at 5:00pm.** As the children will be in fancy dress due to the fun run, it is optional to send a change of clothes for the disco on the day if you wish. After the disco children will be released from their usual classroom.

**The Key Stage 2 disco starts at 5:15pm and finishes at 6:45pm.** Children to come in and exit through their usual classrooms.

The Key Stage 2 disco will have a raffle, glow sticks and biscuits for sale costing 20p each and small sweet packets costing 10p each. KS2 children should bring any spending money in a named purse or wallet - no more than £2 to spend please.

### **Stranger Danger**

We recently received information from the police about a possible incident in the local area. Please be vigilant.

Stay safe when out & about. Remind children not to talk to strangers.

#### **Scarlet Fever**

Please see the message below from the Director of Public Health & Commissioning of Children's Services, Gloucestershire County Council

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# Re: Increase in scarlet fever

We are writing to inform you of a recent national increase in notifications of scarlet fever to Public Health England, above seasonal expected levels. We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the signs, symptoms.

#### Signs and symptoms of scarlet fever

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by Streptococcus pyogenes, or group A streptococcus (GAS). The early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever, nausea and vomiting. After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach, then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body, and giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on the skin of some Black and Asian people, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Patients typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth. This may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'. As the child improves peeling of the skin can occur.

More information can be found online here: Scarlet fever FAQ:

I https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/scarlet-fever-symptoms-diagnosis-treatment

Children can come to school 24 hours after commencing appropriate antibiotic treatment.