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Parents Evenings—Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April

Bookings for online Zoom parents evenings are now open via the school VLE. Appointments are for 10 minute slots for parents to discuss how their child has settled back into school. If you are unable to access Zoom and wish to make a telephone appointment to speak to the class teacher, please inform the school office. The Zoom codes for meetings will be sent to parents by email towards the end of next week.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for your donations of £1 and to our superheroes who helped us to celebrate Red Nose Day. We have raised the grand total of £129.40 towards this good cause.

Healthy Me Challenges

As explained last week, today is the start of Mr Hitchman's sports challenges. Your child will be bringing home a challenge sheet alongside their homework. Please encourage your child to have a go at the challenge, recording their name and score. The scores will be collected each week and a class leader board has been set up in the hall so the children can see where they are in comparison to other classes. The more children that complete the challenges the higher their class score will be.

Fruit

Next Tuesday, we will be restarting the Fruit Tuck Shop that was so successful last year. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we have not been able to run this up until this point, but we now want to restart this initiative. Children can bring in 20p per day and they will receive a fruit token that they can use to choose a piece of fruit for break time. Alternatively, the children can bring in a £1 and they will be given one token on each of the next five days (5 x 20p). This will be set up exactly the same as last year so the children should be very familiar with how this works. If you have any questions, please speak to Mr Hitchman or your class teacher.

PC Weedon Visit

On Wednesday 31st March, Y6 will be visited by PC Weedon. He is visiting the children to talk about staying safe online and recognising and minimising risk. Alongside this, he will also be talking to children about what it is like to be a policeman and answer any questions that the children have. We are really looking forward to hearing what PC Weedon has to say.

Sad Goodbye's

We are sorry to say goodbye to two of our staff members at Easter. Mrs Malkin will be leaving to spend more time with her family and Mrs Morris is pursuing a new career as a medical secretary. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both members of staff for all their hard work and wish them the very best for the future.



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Careers Week

Healthy

During the last week we have virtually met many people from different professions and have had the opportunity to hear about their job roles as well as ask them questions. The pupils have been really excited to hear about the many jobs that they could go on to do in the

future and have raised their aspirations to persevere and work towards their goals. As always, our school was represented well by intriguing questions and impeccable behaviour of our pupils during the Zoom talks.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the people who have given up their time this week to speak to us, they have really inspired so many children. We have spoken to a doctor, a police officer, a hairdresser, a dancer, a photographer, a midwife, a nurse, a rugby player, a builder, a florist, a chef, a reporter and a paramedic.

All pupils have taken on board the recurring advice to always try their best, listen to others, have good communication skills and to never give up on their dreams. We hope to hold another similar event in the near future!

Free School Meals - Holiday Activities and Food Programme

Stroud District Council is working with Gloucestershire County Council in the Easter Holidays to deliver activities funded by the DFE through the Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) 2021

As part of this rollout, Gloucestershire County Council can provide activities and nutritious food to children eligible for Free School Meal's during some of the school half-term periods. This will include provision for the upcoming Easter school holidays.

With funding from the DfE, and in partnership with local agencies, providers and communities an offer of activities that last at least 4 hours a day for 4 days a week, for 6 weeks of the year that include food and cook along videos in order to make a nutritious meal will be available to families where children are eligible for free school meals. Due to the current restrictions imposed by the government, the HAF programme will be delivered mainly virtually for the Easter half-term period.

During the **first week of half-term**, they will provide on line activities to all children/families eligible for Free School Meals. These will include a daily cook-along video and tasks for them to engage with.

All activities will be suitable for children aged 5 to 16 and will be available on the HAF web page which can be accessed through the Gloucestershire County Council website. Families will also be able to book and collect a Home Cooking Kit which contains recipe cards and enough food/ingredients for 4 meals and an Activities Pack with things to do for that week.

These will be available for pick up from a collection point in their local area. **Parents need** to complete an application form in order for them to allocate the Home Cooking Kits/ Activity Packs.

For the sign up form (This closes on the 24th March 2021 at 5pm) please see the following link: <u>https://gloucestershire-onsult.objective.co.uk/public/a2lcustomerfeedback/</u> <u>freeschoolmeals/freeschoolmeals_1</u>



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Families Gloucestershire Magazine

For the latest digital edition of the Families Gloucestershire Magazine, please visit the following link: <u>Families Gloucestershire Magazine Mar/Apr 2021</u>

Guidance for Parents

Please see the following link—"What parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19 - GOV.UK" <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19</u>

CWJS Term Dates—2021/2022

The school calendar for 2021-2022 is attached.

Finishing Times for End of Term

Children will finish school an hour earlier on Thursday 1st April, when school breaks up for the Easter holidays:

- Year 3 at 2.05pm
- Year 4 at 2.10pm
- Year 5 at 2.15pm
- Year 6 at 2.20pm



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