



Newsletter: Friday 24th November 2017

Message from the Headteacher

This week, a group of year 5 children took part in the Swindon 'dodgeball' festival. All the children thoroughly enjoyed this fun event against other schools from the town. Thank you to Mrs Smedley and Mrs Dowdell for taking the children to the event and Miss Hulse for organising.

Well done to Rowan class for their excellent class assembly on the Tudors this week. They certainly brought the topic to life with their super acting and singing and had clearly enjoyed their learning from this term.

We had an unofficial visit from the senior HMI inspector for Swindon this week to meet me and to look around the school. He said, 'I was very impressed with pupils' behaviour and their attitudes to learning. Pupils talked confidently about their learning and in particular reading.' We will be expecting our first official monitoring visit after Christmas. Please find the latest review of the School Development Plan on the website.

Dodgeball

A huge well done to all of our Year 5 dodgeball players who represented the school in a festival earlier this week.

Pudsey Bears

A huge thank you to Jack, George and Reece in Year 6 who sold Pudsey Bears on the playground last Friday. They raised £180 for Children in Need.

Bikes and Scooters

If your child rides their bike or scooter to school please ensure that they store them neatly in the bike shed and not thrown down on the floor blocking the path as this is a fire escape route.

Please note that the school accepts no responsibility for any bikes or scooters brought on to the school grounds and advise that all bikes and scooters should be locked up.

Maths open morning

On Wednesday 29th November, Bridlewood will be having their first maths open morning. From 9.05am to 10.05am, parents are welcome to come in to school and see how maths is taught across the year groups. You will have the opportunity to visit all of the year groups (apart from year 3 who are on a class trip) and see a maths lesson in process and ask the pupils about their learning. Unfortunately this event is not suitable for pre-school children to attend.



Our Core Value and Assembly theme for term 2 is

Responsibility

28th Nov	Girls football at Orchid Vale
29th Nov	Yr3 Stonehenge trip
29th Nov	Open morning-maths
30th Nov	Choir to sing at Blunsdon House
30th Nov	Yr6 & Rec Heights & Weights
1st Dec	PTA Non-uniform Day
4th Dec	Netball at Abbeymeads
6th Dec	9.30-10.30 Reception Nativity
6th Dec	6pm Carols in playground
7th Dec	5.30-6.30pm Reception Nativity
12th Dec	9-10.30pm KS1 Christmas production
13th Dec	Christmas lunch
13th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
13th Dec	5-6.30pm KS1 Christmas production
14th Dec	PTA Christmas Disco
15th Dec	School finishes at 1.30pm

Dear Parent/Carers

Firstly, let me thank you all for your responses to the recent surveys. They are incredibly valuable, especially in giving us an insight into your views, experiences and perceptions of the school.

In particular, the Parent View questionnaire had a huge response. 157 of you took the time to complete the survey. This compares to 56 respondents when you were invited to take part at the time of the OFSTED inspection in July. Most schools would be envious of either of those numbers. Such large numbers of responses means we have a high degree of confidence in the accuracy of the data and allows a more granular dissection of the results and greater fine tuning of our action plans for improvement. More importantly though, it shows how engaged you all are in what is happening at the school.

Initial analysis is very promising. The percentages for Strongly Agree & Agree have improved for the majority of the questions asked. There were few questions where we have yet to make improvements. In particular we will be reviewing homework, ready for a change in January.

The results of the survey will be published on the school website next week.

Terms 1 & 2 continue to be busy periods for the staff and governors. Governors have made several visits to the school to meet with subject leaders for Reading, Writing, Maths & SEND to discuss progress to date and ensure action plans are being followed with the right checks and balances. The respective governors have all feedback to me and I am really pleased with the findings to date. I would like to congratulate all staff for the progress made so far and thank them for their continued hard work.

Kind regards

Don Chadwick
Chair of Governors.

PTA

'A big thank you to Toomers Garden Centre Lydiard Millicent and the owner Paul for the very generous donation of a real Christmas tree. For the second year running Toomers very kindly have allowed the PTA to pick a beautiful tree for all the children to enjoy.

Please help support a local business and pay them a visit to buy your Christmas tree.' Please let Toomers know you are from the school .'

Thank you to the PTA for organising this.

**WAX ON. SHAVE OFF.
TAKE CANCER OUT.**



In the summer of 2013 our mum was diagnosed as having two forms of cancer - a Carcinoid Tumour and a Mucinous Tumour, both in her appendix. These are both rare forms of cancer and usually occur by chance.

She had surgery to remove the tumours, and is currently in remission - She will continue to be monitored by her consultant for 10 years following the surgery to check for any further problems.

After she was diagnosed, the first thing we all needed was to find out more information - with such rare tumours, this was quite difficult to do, but the information available from Cancer Research UK and Macmillan Cancer Support, whilst limited, was at least accurate and trustworthy, unlike much of the information on the internet. This allowed mum and dad to talk to us about mum's illness.

In order to show our appreciation for their help and to support further research, Dad has decided to reach for the wax strips and sacrifice all of the hair from his back, chest, arms and legs to help raise money for Stand Up to Cancer.

He will be waxed at David Lloyd Swindon on the 28th November around 11.30am.

Many thanks

Jack and Ben Tovey

Why not sponsor me by donating to Stand Up To Cancer on the page <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/steves-giving-page-23>?

Contact Details

Please can you let the office know of any changes in address or telephone numbers.

Coats in School

Please can we ask that parents make sure their child has a warm, waterproof coat in school, particularly now the weather is cooling down.

Appeal for a budding film producer

We are looking for a parent or grandparent volunteer to film our KS1 production, "Superstar". We would like someone who will be able to download the show on to a dvd that can be shared throughout the school. Please see Ms Christmas if you are able to help.

SCHOOL WEBSITE

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