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PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Newsletter 3 Term 4

Dear Parents,

I am pleased to report that the children have settled back into routines relatively well and the teachers are currently helping them readjust to the expectations of the classroom.

There will be no curriculum information sent home this term as we continue to focus mainly on key, core subjects with other activities such as PE and Art. We are making sure that the children have plenty of outdoor breaks to play and socialise within their bubbles.

All Covid safety protocols are still in place and rigorously maintained to keep everyone as safe as possible. A few members of staff, including myself, have had their first vaccination but others are still waiting. I ask that you continue to be vigilant about not sending your child into school if they appear unwell for the sake of everyone else within the school community.

Thank you for your kind words and support for our remote learning efforts. The feedback received has been very positive.

The teachers have asked for any work done, including any exercise books, learning journals etc still at home, to be handed in. Can I remind about reading books that might still be at home too as we need these back. Books are quarantined before placing back on the shelves for others to use.

Thank you for sending your child in dressed in PE clothes every Friday and with a change for Forest Schools for KS1. Thank you also for keeping to the allotted times for staggered arrivals and collections daily.

Hot dinners have resumed and are being well-received by the children. I must report that GCC have informed us that the cost of these meals will increase from 19th April from £2.32 to £2.34.

Now all the children are back together we have become aware of a few cases of head lice so please make sure long hair is well tied back and check hair regularly.

I would also like to remind parents that only plain stud earrings are allowed for pierced ears and to limit decorative head-wear. Headbands, slides, clips etc should be in keeping with school uniform.

Next week there is a road closure scheduled 22nd March – 9th April - for Kilcote Road from the junction with the High Street, down as far as Curtis Mill, Lower Kilcote. I was only alerted to this when the road sign went up Thursday 18th March and then did all I could to find out how this will impact the school. The work is being carried out by Gigaclear and the road will be closed to all but pedestrians and emergency vehicles. Vehicular access to the school will be affected, so if you have to bring your children to school by car you will not be able to drive down Kilcote Road from the High Street, or up from Lower Kilcote direction. Parents will need to park at the car park near the tennis courts/Hopkins Hall or elsewhere in the village and walk the few minutes around to the school. I am sorry for this inconvenience and if I find out more I will of course, let you know. Please be mindful of residents and their parking/access needs to their properties.

For those who travel to school by minibus/taxi, I will contact you separately if there are any issues arising next week but I ask that you speak with the driver and make sure he is aware and if necessary he will need to park a little distance away and walk with the children to the school gate. As this work is to do with internet cabling I am

anticipating there may be some disruption to our internet service at school. Hopefully this will not be the case but past experiences have caused some interruption to connection. The cycling proficiency training will take place as planned and the instructors will use roads that are not part of the Gigaclear work.

Under normal circumstances we would be inviting you all to an Easter Service but this is not possible. The children have done some work in RE and worship time about Easter and some of their art work will be on display at St Giles church. We joined Reverend Russell, Mrs Hardwick and Rangeworthy School for a remote worship during which the art work of Caitlin and Poppy were displayed on screen.

Key Stage 2 recently enjoyed the Knex Challenge and all did very well. The overall winners were Freddie and Jacob (y5/6).

Y5/6 will soon be taking part in their cycling proficiency and KS1 are back to Forest School adventures.

Reception children were visited by the School Nursing team this week, and had their height/weight measurements taken and vision checked. Letters about the vision screening will be sent home in Reception children's bags today.

School will break up for Easter on Thursday 1st April (usual collection times) and re-open for term 5 on Monday April 19th.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend,

Jayne Pedley

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