



Dear Parents/carers

As of 1st November, we and our sister schools across Gloucester, merged with the Greenshaw Learning Trust. The transition has been smooth, and we look forward to sharing and growing our best practice that ensures every child flourishes in our care.



This week has seen another busy week with activities and assemblies about Anti – bullying week, Children in Need events and lots of hard work and learning. As we draw towards the middle of November, we will continue to update you about trips and events over the next few weeks.



Please ensure your children have their jumpers and coats named as there have been a few misplaced items recently and it makes it extremely difficult to reunite the lost clothes with their owners if they are unnamed.

Pantomime

For any children in Reception, Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, please ensure that their space for the Pantomime trip on the 24th November is paid by the 17th November. The school has tried hard to find funding for the coach and subsidise the cost of the tickets to keep the price of the trip as low as we possibly can so please pay the full amount if you can. Thank you!



On the day, we will be departing around 1pm and returning by approximately 4:30pm. Last year, we were later due to traffic. We will give updates on Class Dojo on our estimated time of arrival so please keep checking the school page. We will dismiss Y2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 from their normal places and Reception & Y1 from the KS1 playground. Parents, please collect your youngest child first if you have more than one attending the trip. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE

It's great to see the children back in school following half term. Congratulations to **Beech** and **Maple** for have the best class attendance in Term 1. They all enjoyed choosing some sweets from the sweet jar.



Some of the classes are getting very close to shouting 'BINGO!' on their Class Attendance Bingo. These classes will be able to choose a whole class treat. Last year we celebrated with afternoon teas and ice cream factories... I wonder what treats they will choose this year?

As the cold weather sets in and winter bugs start to circulate, please find below a handy guide to help you decide whether your child needs to be kept off school.

Do I need to keep my child off school?



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| Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over | Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode | Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics |
| Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash | Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling | Scabies Until after first treatment | Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics | Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics |
| Flu Until recovered | Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed | | |

Once your child is registered at a school, you are responsible for making sure they attend regularly.

Pre-School

The children made vegetable soup with their friends. The children explored the vegetables, talking about their names, shape, size and colour. Then they sat in small groups with a supporting adult who modelled safe cutting techniques. The children all had a go at cutting the vegetables and put them into the pan. An adult put the soup on the hob to cook and poured the soup into a blender. The children watched as the soup turned into a liquid. Most of the children really liked it! Yummy! Please see Class Dojo for the recipe.



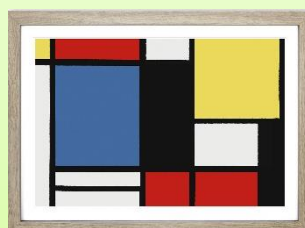
Reception

Reception had a great time dressing up as a Superhero for our new story of 'Supertato'. We talked about our special powers that we possess, which will help defend against the Evil Pea!



Year 1

In Year 1 we are really enjoying our latest class book 'Traction Man'. We can't wait to read all about his adventures. In maths, we are using number lines and 100 squares to help us understand place value of numbers to 100. We have started to learn about the seasons in science and we are learning the names of the four countries in the UK and their capital cities in geography. In computing we have been using drawing tools to create art work in the style of Piet Mondrian as well as basic skills such as logging on, saving our work and logging off safely.



Year 2

We have had a wonderful start to the new term in Year 2. In Maths, we have been focusing on subtraction and the different methods we can use to find the answer. In English we have started a new story book called 'The Egg Box Dragon.' The children are enjoying the book so far and have used their fantastic imaginations to discuss what is going to happen next! We have started new topics of D & T and Geography. Over the next few weeks we will be designing and creating our own gift boxes and have already designed maps of the school! Lastly, we have even started learning our new songs for the nativity and we are very excited to perform to our adults in a few weeks' time.



Year 3

Year 3 had an awesome afternoon at the Guildhall watching a dance performance hosted by Strike a Light. The show had music, lights and dance - a fully immersive experience. Mrs James even convinced the Mayor of Gloucester to come to say hello whilst we waited, who even answered some of our questions.



Year 4

The children are fully engaged with the new writing text, 'How the Stars Came to Be'. The book is so colourful and really draws the children in. We cannot wait to see their explanations on constellations and how the solar system is formed. Over the next few weeks we will be rapidly learning multiplication facts and their related division facts. Please encourage your child to practise at home.

In October, PE had the focus on the development of ball skills. By applying these skills to the game of rugby, they have not only improved their coordination but also learned the importance of teamwork and strategy. This will continue this term however we will apply the skills to the game of basketball instead. To ensure the continuation of their physical development, we kindly request that your child's PE kit is in school for the whole term.

We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming year group assembly.

Year 5

On the 15th November, year 5 enjoyed a walk around Matson to develop their map skills in geography. We took our maps out, plotted our route and identified key features that we could add to our map. We also came across the flock of local sheep!! We are all experts at reading maps and we were even able to draw our own maps of our walk when we returned to school.



Year 6

This term year 6 met Candice, our local PCSO and Schoolbeat officer. They completed their first session with her all about keeping safe online. The children identified the ratings on apps and games and learnt what the symbols attached to them mean. The top tips for keeping safe online are: know who's your friend, share with care, keep things private, know how to report unwanted things and remember where to get help!



Arts & Crafts

The children had a wonderful time at their arts and crafts group with Miss Thomas. Look at their beautiful creations!



Positive Postbox

Following on from this week's Positive Noticing Day, we now have a Positive Postbox by the office. This is for any children, staff or visitors to send someone a positive message, a thank you or a kind word about someone, helping to build confidence, resilience and self-belief. On Friday afternoons, the postbox will be emptied by some of our Wellbeing Ambassadors and delivered to the recipient. We can't wait to open the box next week to see the first lot of messages!



Cross Country Championships

On Thursday 16th November, 60 children from year 2-6 represented Robinswood in a Cross Country Championship at Holmleigh Park. All the children were magnificent showing fantastic resilience, determination and perseverance throughout. It was also brilliant to see them supporting their fellow teammates.

Girls' football

The girls are progressing every week and have had great success in football this term. They played Coney Hill at home and won 2-0 - well done to Lola Ballinger and Imogen Ball for scoring tremendous goals. Following this, they played a very strong Abbeymead side and lost 3-0. What is most impressive about the girls' team is the phenomenal effort, fantastic focus and the positive attitude they adopt in every training session and match.



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Key dates and events

| Date | School Event |
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| Monday 13th - Friday 17th November | Anti-Bullying week |
| Friday 17th November | Children in Need-wear something bright/spotty for £1 donation |
| Wednesday 22 nd November | Y6 height & weight checks 2:30 pm Y4 assembly |
| Friday 24 th November | Pantomime trip (2pm showing) return to school by 4:30/5pm Pick up from KS1 playground for Rec, Y1 & 2 and normal places for Y3, 4, 5 & 6 |
| Monday 27th November | Y4 trip to Robinswood Hill |
| Tuesday 28 th November | KS1 Multiskills Event at Barnwood Park High School 9-12pm |
| Wednesday 29 th November | Y2 trip to Redwell 'Breaking the Ice' show |
| Thursday 30 th November | YR & Y1 trip to Redwell 'Breaking the Ice' show |
| Monday 4 th December | SEND parents meeting 2pm in the pod |
| Thursday 7 th December | Christmas Jumper Day Y3 trip to One Church (p.m) |
| Monday 11 th & Tuesday 12 th December | Christingle Services |
| Wednesday 13 th December | Reception & KS1 Christmas show -9:15am |
| Thursday 14 th December | Reception Singing at Gloucester Services (a.m) Reception & KS1 Christmas show -2pm |
| Monday 18 th December | SEND parents meeting 2pm in the pod |
| Monday 18 th & Tuesday 19 th December | KS2 Christmas concert - 2pm & 9.15am |
| Tuesday 19 th December | Y5 Dance festival |
| Wednesday 20 th December | Christmas dinner & Pre School Christmas party BEST Shop |
| Thursday 21 st December | BEST Shop |
| Friday 22 nd December | BEST Assemblies Last day before Christmas holidays |
| Saturday 23 rd December –Sunday 7 th January | Christmas Holidays |
| Monday 8 th January 2024 | Teachers INSET day – No children in school. |
| Tuesday 9 th January 2024 | Back to School |
| 24 th January 2024 | Young Voices –Resorts World Arena, Birmingham |
| Friday 2 nd February | Open Afternoon for parents |

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| Tuesday 6 th & Wednesday 7 th February | Parents Evenings |
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