

Newsletter

11th October 2021

Winston's Wish Wear Wellies Day 22nd October

Winston's Wish is a charity that supports bereaved children, their families, and the professionals who work with them. We have found their help invaluable, and are showing our appreciation by joining in their fund raising event this year. We are asking all children to wear their wellies for the day in exchange for a cash donation. Maybe you would like to do the same? It would be lovely to see some photos of wellie boots being worn to work!

We will include some additional wellie themed activities during the day.

Diary Dates

October

15th Year 5 /6 pottery workshop

16th Work Party

22nd Wear Wellies to school/
work day

22nd Free Up Space Friday

22nd End of Term

PTFA

Many thanks to everyone who attended the recent PTFA AGM. Every penny raised by the PTFA helps to give all our children even better experiences in school. Recently the PTFA has funded resources for our calm room making it an attractive space for individuals and small groups to use. As well as the usual Christmas treats, this year the PTFA have also funded coaches to enable every child from Reception to Year 6 to attend a pantomime at The Savoy Theatre in Monmouth on Tuesday 14th December. There will not be charge for this Pantomime as we are covering the ticket price.

School Work Party Saturday 16th October

On the 16th of October there will be a school working party day, focusing on the outside areas, from 10am to 4pm. All welcome, no skills needed- just enthusiasm (and gardening tools, if you have them). There will be plenty of cake and hot drinks to keep us going and children are more than welcome to join in under your supervision.

'FREE UP SPACE FRIDAY!' – All items to be taken to The Hut on Friday 22nd October

Need to have a clear out at home or free up some much needed space? Why not bring any of the following items that you no longer need or want to **The Hut** (Elliot building at the top of the drive behind School) before and after school on Friday 22nd October only.

CDs and DVDs - We will be making a collection to help raise funds for the school PTFA.

Children's books - To increase the resources available in the school library, we are collecting books (both fiction and information) that are in a very good or nearly new condition.

School Uniform - Have any school uniform that you no longer need, bring it along to go into our 'Pre-Loved Uniform Shop'. The shop is currently short of wellington boots for forest school and jumpers and cardigans (logo and non-logo) aged 9+.

If you would like to buy any school uniform (priced between 50p - £2), come along to The Hut. The shop will be open at the start and end of school on Friday 22nd October

Link to Hope Christmas Shoe Boxes

We are joining with the wider community of Newnham to support the Link to Hope Christmas shoe box campaign. This charity packs shoe boxes with small gifts for children, families and the elderly in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Bulgaria. A full list of items that can be donated can be found on their website:

<https://linktohope.co.uk/shoebox-appeal-2021/shoebox-registration-2021/shoebox-options/packing-a-link-to-hope-shoebox/>

Donated items (or complete shoe boxes) can be taken to **St Peter's Church at any time in October.**

PE Kits

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct PE kit on PE days. This includes their house colour tee-shirt. We are asking that normal school uniform jumpers/ cardigans are worn over PE tee-shirts. Please can we also remind you that hoodies are not part of the school uniform even if they are navy blue.

Parents Evenings: Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of November

Provided there are no changes to our COVID risk assessment we will be holding face to face parents' evenings on Wednesday 3rd and Thursday 4th of November. Appointment slots will be made available through Teachers 2 parents and you will receive a text when they go live

Gloucestershire Half term free school meals programme and additional support

We are pleased to announce that, Gloucestershire County Council has extended the deadline to sign up for October Half Term Free School Meal Vouchers up until the 22nd of October at midday.

For more information, and to sign up, please visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/holiday-school-meal-vouchers/>

Furthermore, Gloucestershire County Council has also extended the deadline to apply for the COVID-19 Local Support Grant to the 22nd of October at midday. For more information as well as what support the grant can offer to families. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/covid-19-local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply/>

This month's value ~ Perseverance

