

Week ending 20th March 2015

Dear Parents

As we approach the end of the term, I would like to draw your attention to the following matters:-

Parent Questionnaire

Thank you to all who completed the questionnaire. The Senior Team and Governing Body have reviewed your responses and are putting in place several changes to address some of the key issues identified. We will be in a position to report them to you by the end of next week.

Staff Car Park

Please could we remind all parents that the car park is for **Staff Use Only**. The only exception to this rule is for those families who require disabled parking at drop off and pick up times.

Parking

The Yellow Zig Zag lines are not a drop off point. Please find an alternative, safe place to park. We have recently been late from swimming and school trips due to parents parking in such a way that restricts the movement of traffic on Hall Road. Please ensure that you leave adequate room for large vehicles to pass through safely.

School Uniform

Please could we remind parents of the following information.

The school uniform, although optional, is worn by all children and contributes to a feeling of belonging to the school family.

The uniform for all children is as follows :-

- **Winter** white school shirt, grey skirt or pinafore or grey school trousers or shorts, bottle green school jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirts), dark green/blue tie.
- **Summer** as above, or green striped or gingham dress.

Shoes: please ensure that these are practical and can be put on and taken off without adult assistance. Boots, open-toed sandals, trainers and "fashion" shoes are not appropriate.

Variations on the above may be made on the basis of religious or cultural beliefs.

The Governors wish to stress that trousers should be dark grey school trousers, which can be purchased from the school uniform department of major stores or school uniform shops. Jeans, leggings/tracksuit bottoms or fashion trousers are not suitable.

For some performances and events (e.g. The Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts) a more specific dress code may be required.

We request that children do not wear jewellery to school. Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and if unable to be removed, should be covered with a plaster (supplied by the parent and applied by the child) during PE activities. Hair should be neat and tidy and tied back if long. Hair accessories such as headbands should be practical and in keeping with the school uniform. Nail varnish should not be worn for school.

Thank you for your support with these matters.

Best Wishes Sam Porter

The Solar Eclipse The School is planning to view the Solar Eclipse tomorrow morning through live coverage in assembly. This is the safest way possible to enjoy the eclipse and an experience which we hope all children can enjoy.

School will close for the Easter Break at **3.00 p.m. for all pupils** on Friday 27th March 2015 and re-open on Monday 13th April 2015 for the start of Term 5.

Summer Uniform at the School Shop

Summer is on its way......It's time to dust down your gingham dresses and shake out your shorts! Why not recycle the ones that are too small at the School Shop and pick up a bigger size (and a few spares) while you are there. There are lots of different styles, a huge range of sizes and lots of other school and out of school stuff too.

Not only can you save lots of money, you can also make a little too (just label any items to sell with a price*, together with your child's name and class). Best of all.... all the shop proceeds are donated to the school by FOLPS.

So why not head off to Friday pick-up 5minutes early this week and stop in at the School Shop, open 2:45 - 3:30 pm every Friday during term-time in the Parents' Room. Recycle, reuse and raise money for the school!

(*Proceeds from sold items are shared between you and FOLPS, see the school website for more information.)

Bonjour! We are very excited about our Easter French holiday clubs which as ever will be action packed with craft, cooking, gardening, singing and drama as well as lots of language games. At the end of the day, your child will see that learning a language is huge fun and they will feel more confident speaking the language. Please email Anna-Kate on <u>admin@clubs4kids.com</u> for more information or to book a place. We have a maximum of 10 per day.

Dates:

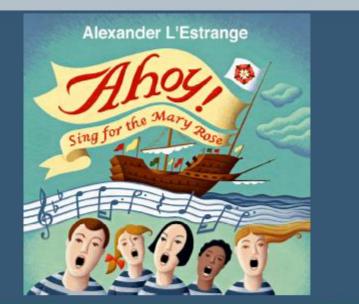
31st March - in Cirencester 7th and 8th April - in Abbeymeads, Gloucester

Timings: 10am - 3pm

Cost: £35 for one day, £65 for 2 days.

A bientôt

Mid Life Choir Sis and Cheltenham Youth Choirs present



Conductor: Rachel Bowen Piano: John Stillman Double Bass: James Agg Drums: Sam Gerard Violin: Fenner Curtis Piano Accordion: Mary Cope

6.00pm FRIDAY 27 MARCH St Paul's Church Cheltenham, GL50 4EZ TICKETS £5.00 available on the door

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Roundhouse



The last rehearsal for the term will be on Wednesday 25th March 2015. We will have a short play through of all our pieces at 3.45 p.m. Parents and friends are welcome to attend. Our next rehearsal will be on Wednesday 15th March, 2015.

Have a lovely Easter!

If you have not already done so, please sign up for Parents Evening – instructions can be found on our website under School Office/Letters.

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