

Week ending 9th February 2024

Dear Parents

As the half-term draws to a close, we have decided to write to families with an additional bulletin to share some news and information. We hope you all have a restful half-term and look forward to seeing the children again on Monday 19th February.

Kind regards The Leckhampton Team

Year 3 Production

This week, our Year 3 pupils delivered three spectacular performances of their show, Peter Pan. Every child shone on stage and we are extremely proud of the children for learning all of their lines and delivering them with such enthusiasm. We would also like to thank parents for their support with costumes and attending the evening show.





Fund-Raising Event

As a school, we continue to organise a wide range of events to raise money for charities, locally and nationally. On **Friday 22nd March**, we will be holding a very special fund-raising day to raise money for **Blue Skye Thinking**. This is a children's brain tumour charity that is very close to our hearts as it was set up by parents of pupils at our school.

On 22nd March, all pupils are invited to wear blue and to donate money, via ParentPay, to Blue Skye Thinking. We would suggest a donation of £1 per child but would welcome any donations. At 3.15pm on this day, there will be a Cake Sale on the playground. Families are welcome to pay for cakes using cash or card.

If you would like to find out more about Blue Skye Thinking and the amazing work that they continue to do, please follow the link below to find out more: <u>Blue Skye Thinking</u>

Class Worships

We have enjoyed seeing many classes lead their Class Worships so far this year. Unfortunately, we have had to change the date of Lime Class's Worship. We have been informed that our school hall is being used as a Polling Station on Thursday 2nd May. Therefore, the new date for Lime's Worship will be Thursday 18th April. We apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by this change.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that when we, as a school family, come together for Worship, this is a very special time when children sit quietly reflecting on the piece of music they hear or the seeing the candle glowing. Our children understand the importance of showing respect to each other in Worship and listening carefully when a child or adults speaks.

With this in mind, please could we politely ask that when parents join us for a Class Worship, they quieten as soon as classes begin to assemble. This will allow staff to be heard as they direct the children into their positions and ensure that the Worship is a pleasant experience for all who attend.

Open Classrooms



Since we re-introduced parental events after the pandemic, we have been delighted to see so many families engage with the events that we have organised. We are, however, aware that with so many parents now attending Open Classrooms, our corridors can become quite busy. We would like to suggest that for the next Open Classrooms on Thursday 18th April, we trial a slightly different system for parents entering and exiting the building. Therefore, please could the parents with children in the following classes access their child's classroom through the external classroom door:

Oak, Ash & Elm: Please enter the Reception Outdoor Learning Area Sycamore, Birch, Larch & Hazel: Please enter the back doors under the veranda Lime & Holly: Please enter the doors in the Ows, Wows and Nows Garden Maple & Juniper: Please use the external doors near the Hall Road entrance & Calm Zone

By using these designated doors, we hope to reduce the amount of people passing through the corridors.

We would also like to remind parents that Open Classrooms is a short session designed to allow children to share some of their work with their parents and for parents to see the learning environment in which their child learns.

During this time, it is not appropriate for teachers to engage in conversations about individual pupils with parents. With many parents and children in the room, teachers are not able to discuss anything personal regarding a child's learning, behaviour or friendships. If you would like to know more about the ways in which parents and staff should communicate, please follow the link below:

Communication-Policy-2023.pdf (leckhampton.gloucs.sch.uk)

As set out in our policy, if you contact your child's teacher via e-mail, they will get back to you within 48 hours to discuss any issues or arrange a convenient time to meet face-to-face.

Checking your child's hair

Over the past few weeks, a few families have mentioned that their child has been treated for head lice. This is nothing to feel ashamed about and is common with children during the primary school years.

Therefore, over the half-term break, we would suggest that families check their children's hair for lice and treat their hair should they need to. We would like to try to prevent children from passing any head lice on when they are working and playing in such close proximity to each other. The NHS guidance on Head lice can be found below:

Head lice and nits - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Parents' Relationships Matter: Free sessions for parents

Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership have asked us to pass on some information

regarding parenting sessions that are taking place after the half-term break:

Monday 26th February 2024 / 12.30pm (2.5-hours) / In-person at Kingsholm Stadium Why our

children want us to be happy, why it matters and what we can do to get there Presented by Honor

Rhodes from Tavistock Relationships Speakers are on from 1.00pm to 1.30pm with 30-mins either side to explore our provider market stalls

Tuesday 27th February 2024 / 1.00pm (1-hour) / Online via Zoom Me, You and Baby Too - how to

strengthen your relationship as you enter parenthood Presented by Charmari Downing from OnePlusOne

Wednesday 28th February 2024 / 1.00pm (90-mins) / Online via Zoom <u>We all count - The</u> <u>importance of dads in building resilient families</u> Presented by Nick Darrock-Fuller from Dad Matters Gloucestershire

Thursday 29th February 2024 / 1.00pm (90-mins) / Online via Zoom <u>What are they saying? How to</u> <u>have conversations about relationships with your children</u> Presented by Lisa Davenport from Gloucestershire County Council, Faye Viletstra from STREET with input from our Ambassadors for Vulnerable Children / Young People

Parents Evenings will be held on 12th March 2024 4.30p.m. — 7.00p.m. and 14th March 3.30 p.m. — 6.00 p.m.

Online booking will be open from 6 a.m. on 26th February 2024. Instructions can be found on our website:

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If you need help booking an appointment, please do not hesitate to contact the school office once the system is live

Get Into Golf at Cotswold Hills GC For boys and girls aged 5-14





A free Taster session for beginners of fun golf skills with qualified coaches

> Friday March 8th 5-6 pm or Saturday March 9th 2-3 pm

20 spaces per session Equipment provided and trainers recommended Refreshments provided

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MOVE MORE CLUB

JOIN OUR BRAND NEW CLUB where you will get to take part in a variety of activities, develop new skills and experience personal and social benefits such as friendship, teamwork, increased confidence and positive mental wellbeing.





WHERE

Bournside School Gymnasium Hall Warden Hill Road Cheltenham, GL51 3EF

WHEN

Every Wednesday! (Term Time Only) Age 8-11 (School Yrs 4-6) 5:15pm – 6:15pm Age 11-13 (School Yrs 7-8) 6:15pm – 7:15pm

COST £5.50 per session

HOW TO BOOK move-more.org/mm-club/



Open Morning Wednesday 20th March

Welcome to Gloucester's only co-educational grammar school, with a proud and distinguished history stretching back to 1539.

Our Open Morning (9.30am and 11.30am timeslots) offers visitors the opportunity to experience what The Crypt School has to offer – a supportive and inclusive environment with modern teaching facilities, a strong pastoral system and a wide ranging enrichment and extra-curricular programme which enables our diverse student body to flourish.

To book your place and find out more, visit cryptschool.org/openday

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