



Dear Parents

As the Spring Term draws to a close, we would like to share some recent news and upcoming events with you.

It has been a busy and exciting term for the children and staff with much to celebrate.

Between 11 – 15th March we saw our very first “Science Week”. Our Science lead, Mrs Connolley, worked incredibly hard to devise a week of activities which were designed to motivate pupils and promote the place of science not only in school but in the wider world. We had a number of parents visiting the school and talking to children about the role that science has in their work. The presentations were engaging and inspiring and it is clear that a huge amount of work went into preparing for the sessions. We are truly fortunate to have such a skilled parent body and we look forward to seeking ways in which we can build on this highly successful event.

The annual house music competition took place this week and each of our six houses performed to the school and votes were cast. This is a much loved event and an opportunity for our Year 6 Captains to demonstrate their leadership skills as well as an understanding of our school values. Sport continues to play a huge part in the life of Leckhampton and several tournaments and festivals have taken place. Most notably, four of our cross country runners were selected to represent Gloucestershire in the National Championships recently, an accolade which has never been achieved previously. We were treated to our Year 3 Performance of Peter Pan in February. We are fortunate to have such talented staff and pupils and incredible resources, enabling us to put on such special events for our families. The children adore performing and many memories are made on such evenings. World Book Day also took place this term. The children dressed as their favourite characters and many members of staff were almost unrecognisable in their costumes. Our Old School Hall was transformed into a very special candlelit reading room where Miss Bird, Mrs Taylor and I read to each year group. It was a magical experience – especially for us!

Class Worship

I should also like to remind parents of the school’s expectations in relation to parent attendance at Class Worship on Thursdays. It is very important to us that parents are able to join us during this special time however we would ask the following so that all members of our school family are able to enjoy Worship.

- Once the children leading Worship are in situ, please could we ask for silence. We ask all members of the school to respect this request and to listen to the piece of music chosen by the class.
- Please refrain from bringing hot drinks into worship.
- There will be an opportunity at the end of Worship to take a photograph of the children. Parents are politely reminded that photograph and filming must not take place during Worship – thank you.

Spirited Arts Competition

Please find attached some information about the Spirited Arts Competition that Mr Knight has introduced to the children this week.

Wishing you all a very happy Easter!

Best wishes
Sam Porter

Comic Relief

Last Friday, our school family together wearing non-uniform (with crazy hair!) to raise money for Comic Relief. The total amount raised was £627. We would like to thank everybody for their kind donations.

School Jumpers and Cardigans

Michael Hope Sports have informed us that they have had to source a new supplier for the logo school jumpers and cardigans. They remain a 50/50 cotton mix and are of an equivalent quality. The overall cost will be lower (by about £1.50 per item) but there may be a slight difference in dye colour due to the change in manufacturer. We have been given a sample and the difference is minimal. Michael Hope has asked that you are made aware of this just in case you are purchasing more than one item – you may be given one from each manufacturer while the remaining stocks are used up. We are assured that they hold very little existing stock.

School Lunches

Caterlink have increased the price of a paid pupil lunch to £2.71 with effect from 1st April 2024. A copy of the new term menu is attached to this bulletin and also uploaded to the school's website as usual.

Upcoming dates:

Week beginning 8th April – Seed and Bulb Collection Week

In the week leading up to our Spring Spruce, families are invited to send in any packets of seeds or bulbs for flowering plants that they can spare. This lovely idea came from some of our Agents of Change who made a suggestion that we grow more plants to attract more wildlife around the school site. If you would like to send any seeds or bulbs in, our ECO Ministry will be collecting them from classrooms each day.

Saturday 13th April – Our Spring Spruce

Between 9.30am and 12pm, parents, staff and children are invited to come along to help us spruce up the school grounds. This will involve pruning, planting and sowing seeds... amongst other jobs. If you would like to join us, please come through the car park to the gates at the back of the hall where Miss Porter and the team will greet you. Please bring gardening tools with you.

8th April to 3rd May – Elite Swimming Pool on site

For the first four weeks of next term, our Elite Swimming Pool will be here. Children in Year 3 will be using the pool first then some catch up sessions for KS2 children will take place. Please be aware that this will be positioned on the upper playground.

Thursday 11th April – FOLPS Discos

Following on from the e-mail from FOLPS, children are invited to attend their discos at the times stated below:

Reception – 3.30pm to 4.00pm

Years 1 & 2 – 4.15pm to 5.00pm

Years 3 & 4 – 5.15pm to 6.00pm

Years 5 & 6 – 6.15pm to 7.00pm

Week beginning 15th April - Cheltenham Open Door Clothing Collection

We have been overwhelmed with the support that our families have given to our fundraising events and collections for charities in recent years. With this in mind, we would like to announce that one of our pupils, Eleanor in Year 2, is currently working with her family, and a local charity, to plan a clothing collection for the second week of term. Eleanor hopes to collect warm clothes, and other items from the list below, which will be donated to people who need them. There will be collection boxes along the KS1 corridor for children to drop items in to if they wish to. Items that are needed include:

- Waterproof coats
- Men's and women's trainers (**Men's UK 6-12**) (**Women's UK 5-6**).
- Men's jeans (**up to 36 inch waist**).
- Men's T-Shirts (**up to Large**)
- Men's hoodies
- Women's casual clothes (**Jeans, hoodies and t-shirts**).
- Tin Openers
- Dog Food and Treats
- Sleeping Bags (**Modern ones in a stuff sack**)
- USB charging cables and plugs.



To find out more about this charity, please follow the link:

[Cheltenham Open Door – Welcoming those who need us with food, friendship and support](#)

British Science Week

Last week, every pupil in the school had an opportunity to explore Science through a variety of exciting activities! We would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Connolley for organising our Science Week but also a huge thank you to the parents who came in to deliver a workshop about their scientific job. The children learnt so much and will remember these activities for a very long time to come.



Class Worship

Since September, many of our classes have delivered a Class Worship to the whole school on a Thursday morning. This is a very special event when the whole school come together and the children share a story, value or song with us. We are very pleased that so many parents are able to take the time to join us for these Worship but would like to politely remind parents that it is really helpful for all children and staff if parents quieten when the children begin to assemble. Many thanks.

Hawthorn Class Worship



Aspen Class Worship



Holly Class Worship

