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Dogs on the School Site

Please can we remind families that dogs are not permitted on any part of the school grounds at any time. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Well-Being Week in School

This year, our Well Being Ministry will be holding 'Well Being Week' from Monday 10th to Friday 14th June. On Monday, the Ministry will be leading a whole-school Worship explaining why this is an important week to celebrate as well as sharing all the activities they have organised.

The Well-Being Ministry look forward to greeting children as they enter school, or leave Breakfast Club, on Monday morning.



House Art Competition Reminder

We are happy to inform you that we are launching our Whole School House Art competition for 2024. This will be open to all children from Reception to Year 6. Each Year group will be given a theme (detailed below) to base their artwork around. Your child is free to choose any media they would like, however, we ask that all artwork is completed on the paper provided (with the exception of Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6). We ask that once your child has completed their creation, it is returned to their class teacher. Please ensure that your child's entry is clearly labelled with their **name, class and house** on the back of their artwork. **The deadline for all submissions is Monday 10th June.**

Reception: The Wonderful World of Colour!

This might include creating a vibrant piece of artwork by colour mixing using paint, pastels, colouring pencils or even layering different coloured tissue papers. This could be abstract, observational or from your imagination.

Year 1: Patterns, Patterns Everywhere!

This might include collaging, painting, printing or even creating a detailed observational drawing of the wonderful patterns inspired by our environment e.g. a fir cone, a shell, road markings, flowers, plants or leaves.

Year 2: iPad a Dream...

This might include using an iPad to create a digital piece of artwork based on a dream that you have had or something dreamlike. If an iPad is not available, you could take a photo of your artwork and digitally enhance it e.g. alter colours, add filters or extra details.

Year 3: This is Me!

This might be in the form of a self-portrait from observation or a piece of abstract artwork that expresses your thoughts, feelings, identity, ambitions or dreams.

Year 4: Time to Zoom!

Looking through a view finder you could create a close up observational drawing of something interesting. This could include a cross-section of a natural object, a man-made material, or you may choose to look at something from an unusual angle e.g. a fir cone, a shell, flowers, inside of a fruit, cogs, mechanisms or unique architecture.*

**Take a small piece of black card and cut a small square or rectangle in the middle. Use this to look through and capture part of an object that you find interesting.*

Year 5: My Life Through a Lens

Using a camera or any digital device, can you capture an image that depicts your life or an interesting aspect of it? You might want to think about the angle and composition of your photograph. Your picture could be in colour, black and white or be altered using any digital effects. Once completed, print your photograph in A4 and bring to school in an envelope or plastic wallet to protect your image.

Year 6: Reuse, Recycle, Re-wear!

Create an item to wear e.g. a bag, a hat, a brooch, an item of clothing, necklace, etc. using any materials of your choice. You could use materials such as old fabrics, fabric dye, plastic bags, string, threads, wire, paper, and packaging. You could embellish with bottle lids, beads, stitching, patterns from packaging and anything else you find lying around!

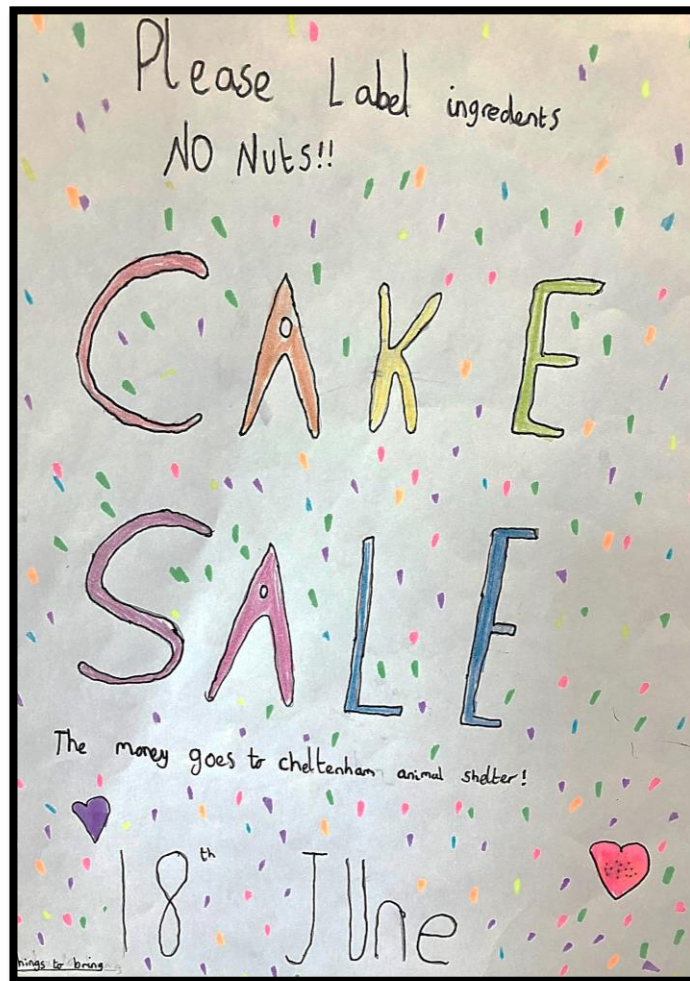
School Library Update

Over recent months, we have been reviewing the books that are available for children to read and borrow in our school library. We have updated some of the literature and children are now able to visit the library at lunchtime again.

Also, classes will begin visiting the library this half-term with their teacher to learn how to scan books in and out with a view to the borrowing library being open fully from September. Your child's class teacher will let you know when they have visited the library as your child will bring a book home with them for one week. Please could families return any of the school's books that they may have at home that are not currently being read.

Cake sale to raise funds for GAWA Cheltenham Animal Shelter

Two of our Year 5 pupils have organised for a Cake Sale to take place on the playground on Tuesday 18th June from 3.15pm. They are asking if any families would be able to donate some cakes (nut-free please) on the morning of 18th June. If you would like to donate cakes, please send them to Pine Class from 8.35am. The stall will then be open for 20 minutes from 3.15pm for families to purchase cakes (cash only). The children are hoping to raise lots for this fantastic charity.



Upcoming dates

- *Open Classrooms - Tuesday 11th June*
- *Key Stage 2 Sports Day (re-scheduled) – Friday 14th June*
- *Larch Class Worship - Thursday 20th June*
- *New Intake Days for Reception Starters 2024 - Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th June*
- *Hazel Class Worship - Thursday 27th June*
- *Birch Class Worship - Wednesday 3rd July*

- *General Election Polling Day – Hall school out of use – Thursday 4th July*
- *Transition Morning - Thursday 11th July*
- *Informal Open Evening for our families to meet children's next teacher - Thursday 11th July 4.15pm to 5.00pm*

FOLPS News

Save the date for the **School Summer Fair** on **Friday 5th July, 5-7pm**, in the playground and sports field.

This is the largest and biggest fundraiser for FoLPS each year - where children, parents, carers and school staff come together in the school grounds for some summer festivities. Fingers crossed the sun is shining so bring your picnic rug so you can relax with drinks from the bar, something to eat from the BBQ or tea and cakes and enjoy the games, bouncy castle, inflatable obstacle course and stalls.

There will be a **non-uniform day on Thursday 4th July in return for donations for the tombola**. Please bring tombola donations to the conference room (room at end of Y1 classrooms/Reception outdoor area next to walkway from front of school to playground) at Thursday morning drop off.

After the success of the toy stall last year, its back! So if children would like to donate any toys (in a good saleable condition) for the toy stall, please bring these to the conference room on Thursday or Friday morning drop off with the tombola and cake donations.

Traditionally we have asked KS2 parents to bring in cakes on the Friday for the Summer fair. We have found that we have lots left over. The homemade bakes are the ones that sell first - so we would like to ask that if you, or your children, are a keen baker we would be delighted if you could bring in a few goodies - just a small plate - but there is no need to bring in any shop bought cakes this year. Any contributions can be brought to the conference room at drop off on Friday 5th July. Please make sure any box/plate is labelled with your child's name and class so we can get these back to them, alternatively pick them up at the fair.

Raffle prizes: If you or your company are able to donate a raffle prize, we would be very grateful - please email chair@folps.com.

Thank you very much for your continued support.