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# Newsletter



## MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents

Thank you to the children that have shared their 'Outside Achievements' and we are looking forward to some more rewards being shared at the end of next month, Friday 28th February. Well done to the children who have taken part in the first Junior Town Council Meeting, they have been given some tasks including coming up with some policies, watch this space. A big cheer to our Girls' Football team who took part in a tournament last week and braved the elements.

At lunchtime on a Friday from next week, we will be introducing a 'Top Table' reward. Our lunchtime staff, led by Mrs Parker, will choose a child from each class and they will be announced at our Celebration Assembly and they will be on the 'Top Table' for Friday lunchtime, looking forward to celebrating this each week.

To gather views on Parent' Evening sessions we would like you to complete the Google Form below that Mrs Baggus has put together, so that we can best meet the needs of our school community when informing you about your child's progress, thank you in advance.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZKDpwY\\_rjvwpXW\\_gG\\_HOYYceFzbbaJzYd1U65rSGL0bCKUw/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZKDpwY_rjvwpXW_gG_HOYYceFzbbaJzYd1U65rSGL0bCKUw/viewform?usp=header)

Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,

Mrs Miles

Class Dojo Champions

17th January 2025

<b>Class</b>	<b>Class Dojo Champion 24.01.25</b>
Nursery	Charlotte Evie
RA	Yusr Eliza
RB	Reign Mason C
1/2A	Rosie Florence
1/2B	Finley Harper
1/2C	Jasmine Adelina
3/4A	Alfie Zoey
3/4B	Kaleb Clover
3/4C	Noah Harry D
5A	Arshadh Florence
5B	Logan Ruben
6A	Darshan Jamie-May
6B	Lacey Olivia

## SPOTLIGHT ON 1/2C

We have had a very busy term already. We are very excited about our big question 'Why journey into the unknown'. We have been learning about our solar system, astronauts and rockets.

We loved our visit from the wonder dome, we learnt facts about each of the planets and the rockets that have been into space.



In science we have been learning the names for body parts and how our senses work. We have carried out lots of investigations to test our sight, smell, hearing, taste and touch.

To test our sense of smell, we had to smell the boxes and try to work out what was inside. We then had to describe the smell. We smelt vinegar, onion, mustard, oranges and toothpaste. Some of the smells were very strong and we did not like them.



To test our sense of taste- we dipped breadsticks into different foods. We then tasted them and had to say whether we liked it or not and describe the taste.



In writing, we have been learning about diaries. As a class we created a diary for Bob 'the Man on the Moon' from our class text and then in our independent writing we wrote a diary as if we were an alien living with Bob. Here are a few examples of a snippet of our diaries. They are fab!

Dear diary  
 I woke up at six o'clock  
 and quickly got dressed. ✓  
 For breakfast I had  
 two scrambled eggs and a  
 cup of tea. ✓ Then I  
 went to the bathroom  
 and brushed my teeth. ✓  
 I went on my bike  
 to work. ✓

After lunch we hid in a deep  
 crater because we do not want to  
 be spotted by people. ✓ We do  
 not want people to see <sup>us</sup> ✓  
 I go in the rocket ship and  
 my friend gets on too. ✓ I do not want  
 people to see <sup>us</sup> because <sup>the</sup>  
 people might <sup>see</sup> us. ✓ I <sup>hide</sup>  
 in a box and my friends <sup>hide</sup>  
 in the box <sup>as well</sup>. ✓ My friend  
 starts in the box I said now  
 you stink Dodo.

Dear diary  
 I woke up at six o'clock and  
 had five <sup>purple</sup> parpi eggs. I also had a  
 cup of snail tea. ✓ I hopped on Bob's  
 bike and I stopped at the shop. ✓  
 I got shell <sup>cookies</sup>. I hid <sup>under</sup>  
<sup>seat</sup> and got to the moon. ✓

first I watched Bob  
 clean up all the moon. ✓  
 I made the mes. ✓  
 I had mud on toast and  
 I had some <sup>juice</sup>. ✓  
 I had lunch with <sup>Bob</sup> and  
 Zig. ✓

We have got lots more exciting learning to look forward to, including time in the art studio and making our own rockets!

## SPOTLIGHT ON 3/4C

It has been a busy start to the new year in 3-4C. We have started a new topic exploring the question 'What does science feel like?'



In art, we have built on our work from last term and explored the different ways in which we can use mark making to create texture and images. We have also begun to create work influenced by sound waves.



In our science lessons, we have explored how we hear sounds and whether they travel quicker through solids, liquids or gases. We then used this knowledge to test suitable materials that could be used as insulators when making ear defenders.



In our P.E. lessons, we have been honing our basketball skills, focussing on ball control and dribbling.



In computing, we have been using data loggers to record light, temperature and sound.



## Dates for 2024-25

### **February**

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>		Churn coffee morning
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>		Number Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>		Y4 In the Net performance at Powells 10am
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>		Last day of term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>		Return to school
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Churn coffee morning – Library

### **March**

Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>		World Book Day and Discos
Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> March		No clubs due to discos
Week beginning 10 <sup>th</sup>		Science week
Wednesday 12 <sup>t</sup>	9am	Churn coffee morning – Library
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>		Comic relief
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Churn coffee morning – Library
Week beginning 31 <sup>st</sup>		Test week
Week beginning 31 <sup>st</sup>		Last week of after school clubs

### **April**

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9am	Churn coffee morning – Library
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>		<b>Last day of term – finish 1.15pm</b>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>		<b>INSET DAY</b>

## **Parking**

We have received complaints from the school's neighbours regarding inconsiderate and often illegal parking by parents accessing the school in the mornings and the afternoons, including parking on the zig-zag lines outside school. Please walk to school wherever possible as not only is this a healthy way to get some exercise, but it supports the local community with congestion. In addition, it is better for the environment.

Thank you in advance.

## **General Information and Updates**

**Bikes and Scooters** – Please can you remind your child these should not be ridden on the school site.

**Naming school uniform** - We have lots of uniform without names on, we cannot return items if we do not know whose it is. Please can you name (even if it is with a biro), your child's name or initials.

**Sickness** – Please can we remind parents that a child that has had sickness or diarrhoea should not return to school or nursery until 48 hours after the last incident.

**Headlice** – Please check your child/ren's hair regularly for headlice and treat immediately if necessary. Supermarket own brand conditioner and a headlice comb should remove the lice.

**Parent Pay** - A kind reminder to all families that we are a zero-debt policy school, please ensure that your school dinner balances are topped up.



On Friday, 7th February 2025, we will be taking part in the NSPCC's Number Day Fundraising. We are asking that the children come into school on the day wearing an item of clothing with a number on it. This could be a favourite sports top or cap, or even a onesie.

Or why not get more creative and design a unique t-shirt, hat, or even become a human-sized calculator or dice. Attached are some pictures of possible ideas.

To take part, we are asking that the children bring in a donation of £1 or more.

In addition to dressing up, the children will also be taking part in number-themed activities throughout the day.

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**6 Week Course**  
**Mon - Fri**  
**Daily sessions**  
**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**  
**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**


**www.studysmartuk.online**

We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. Teaching Assistants, SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

Please go to our website address given above, or scan the QR code for more information.



These are 6 week courses, full time, intensive courses, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.  
If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



**NO ADMISSION CHARGE**  
**PLEASE DONATE**

**Public Events & Additional Opening Days**  
**January to June 2025**

Dates for your diary in addition to our normal opening days Saturday & Sunday 10am to 4pm:

Weds 1st January - Junior Pilots Wanted

Weds 19th February - Additional Opening Day

Weds 16th April - Additional Opening Day

Sat 26th April - Birth of the Jet Age

Weds 28th May - Additional Opening Day

Sat 28th June - Armed Forces Day



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Meteor Business Park, Cheltenham Rd East,  
Gloucester GL2 9QJ Tel: 01452 260078

**UNDER 18's**  
**CRAFT WORKSHOPS**  
FEBRUARY HALF TERM

**3D Animal Portraits (5 - 9 years)**  
Ruth-Annelise Edgell, Tue 18th Feb, 10am - 12pm, £35

**3D Animal Portraits (10 - 13 years)**  
Ruth-Annelise Edgell, Tue 18th Feb, 1pm - 3pm, £35

**Scrappy Scrunchies (8 - 12 years)**  
Lucy Barraclough, Tue 18th Feb, 10am - 12pm, £35

**Recycled Jeans Bag (11- 17 years)**  
Lucy Barraclough, Tue 18th Feb, 1pm - 3:30pm, £35

**Make a Backpack (9 - 13 years)**  
Lauren Holloway, Fri 21st Feb, 10am - 3:30pm, £75



New Brewery Arts, Brewery Court, Cirencester,  
Gloucestershire, GL7 1JH  
www.newbreweryarts.org.uk/under-18s  
01285 657181

**BEAVERS**  
**cubs**

Deer Park (Kemble) Beaver Colony and Cub Pack have spaces available if your child would like to join us. Scouts currently do not have spaces available, unless for those transferring from Cubs. Scouting is open to all children – we have fun playing games and learning lots of new skills, get to meet children from other schools and make new friendships.

Deer Park (Kemble) Scout Group has Sections for Beavers (6-8 yrs old), Cubs (8 – 10.5 yrs) and Scouts (10.5 – 14 yrs).

We meet in Cirencester – Beavers on a Friday evening and Cubs on a Tuesday evening.

If you are interested in finding out more about Scouting for all ages including adult volunteering you can find it at [www.scouts.org.uk](http://www.scouts.org.uk)

If you wish to contact Deer Park (Kemble) Scout Group and discuss joining any of the Sections please email [dpkscoutgroup@gmail.com](mailto:dpkscoutgroup@gmail.com) or [dpkbeavers@gmail.com](mailto:dpkbeavers@gmail.com)



## **Class Dojo Parent Guide**



Class Dojo is an effective communication and behavioural reward system which allows parents, teachers and students to connect by sharing photos, videos and messages.

This guide is for the **Class Dojo app** which can be downloaded for free on any smart iOS or Android device through the app store.

### **Signing up :**

By now, you should have received either a text or email asking you to sign up to Class Dojo. Click on the link within this text/email to take you to classdojo.com. A box will appear asking you to confirm you are the parent(s) of that child. Press 'OK' and this will take you to the home page.

### **Class Stories**

Class stories are a way of your teacher, Headteacher and the School Office to communicate whole class or whole school messages. You can respond to these posts by 'liking' and 'commenting' on them, just like Facebook!

### **Messages**

Parents can directly message teachers through Class Dojo. We ask that all parents adhere to the "Dos and Don'ts" set out below:

#### **Do:**

- Do message your child's class teacher if you want to share something from home that your child has learnt, relating to the curriculum.
- Do message your teacher if you are struggling to access the home learning resources.



#### **Don't:**

- Please do not message your child's teacher to notify them of collection arrangements, absences or illnesses - this should be done via the school office as normal.
- Please do not use Class Dojo for urgent messages; please call the school office.
- Please do not message your child's teacher if you have a concern or complaint. Please ring/e-mail the school office and a call back will be arranged.
- Please do not message through Class Dojo for sensitive or behavioural issues. Please ring the school office and a call back from the class teacher will be arranged.

Teachers will always endeavour to reply as quickly as possible. Due to settings on the Class Dojo App, teachers will only be able to respond to messages between 8am and 6pm (Monday -Friday). Staff will aim to reply within 48hrs of the message being sent; however, please bear in mind that school life can be incredibly busy and whilst every effort will be made to reply or acknowledge messages, there may be a delay on occasion.

If a message appears during a teacher's absence, it will be responded to by the teacher on their return.

**We hope you find Class Dojo a convenient and exciting way of keeping in touch with your child's learning.**

Do you or your child do swimming lessons?  

If you have anyone enrolled in swimming lessons at Cirencester Leisure Centre, you will be eligible for our exclusive membership!

This exclusive membership gives you full access to the gym, swimming pool, classes, sauna, steam-room, along with our brand-new cycle studio & elevate studio! Get all of this at a discounted price, with FREE PARKING too!

If you would like to find out more, feel free to come & see us at the centre, otherwise you can enquire here: <https://bit.ly/3Mruihb>

### EXCLUSIVE LIMITED TIME OFFER FOR SWIM SCHOOL PARENTS!!!

Join before the 31st of Jan 2025 and you can either receive 12 months at an already discounted rate or alternatively through our monthly rate you can receive the rest of Jan for FREE with NO Joining fee.

This will enable to unlimited use of our Pool, Gym and Health Suite, with access to all our classes and 3 hours of parking each visit!!!

Come and get involved with this flash offer and sign up today by either calling 01285 654057 or enquiring through the link below.

<https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/cirencester/enquire-now/>

### INCLUSIVE FAMILY FLOAT-A-RAMA

We are running Inclusive Family Float-A-Rama every Sunday from 3pm-4pm! 

#### Who are these sessions for?

These sessions are for those who wouldn't regularly attend a mainstream swim session! This can include a range of physical, mental and social needs! The whole purpose of this session is for everyone to be able to have fun!

#### What is included in these sessions?



These sessions are run at a reduced capacity and the environment is set to be quieter than normal. Our new water features will be turned on, and there will be a range of and mini-inflatables across both pools. Did you know that our water features are interactive with various different touch points and tipping buckets!

#### What age ranges are these for?

There is no age limit - this session is for all ages!

#### Can I book this session?

Yes - of course! These sessions are bookable by our website, by our app or through speaking to one of our Reception team!

For more information, please call us on 01285 654057  or book here  <https://www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/cirencester/timetables/>

Float-A-Rama with water features takes place every Saturday 1pm-3:55pm and Sunday 11am-3pm. Places can be booked by calling 01285 654057

