

8th November 2024

Issue No 5

Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM MRS MILES

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable half term break. All the children have had a great start to the new term and have been busy collecting Class Dojos for themselves and their classes. Later this term we will be setting up rewards with the School Council for classes to look forward to when they achieve a certain number of points. Each week two children will be chosen who have worked hard at gaining Dojos with our Cirencester Code:

Curiosity, creativity, communication, collaboration, and confidence are all important skills that can help people succeed in many different situations.

In the new year the new houses will be set up and the children's Dojo points will be linked to their Houses. Thank you to all who have signed up to Class Dojo to receive messages and to find out more about the learning that happens at our school. If you haven't already done so, please use the link to join your child's class.

<https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=school&schoolID=5620a80ae36217c26b1b732d>

If you would like to be a volunteer to hear children read, please contact the school office.

Odd Socks Day is Coming!

Get ready to celebrate individuality and uniqueness at Cirencester Primary School.

On Tuesday 12th November, we're having Odd Socks Day. Encourage your child to come to school wearing their wackiest, most mismatched socks as part of Anti-Bullying week.

Let's have some fun and spread the message of acceptance and diversity!



Best wishes,
Mrs Miles

Upcoming events

- **Tuesday 12th November** – Odd socks day for 'Anti-Bullying Week' – pupils and staff are invited to wear odd socks with their school trousers or over school tights. Usual school uniform apart from socks please.
- **Wednesday 13th November 8.50am** – Churn coffee morning in school library
- **Friday 15th November** – Children in Need. Wear something spotty with your school uniform. We are not collecting money for this event.
- **Wednesday 20th November 9am** – Friends of the School meeting
- **Friday 22nd November** – Non-uniform Day – please bring in an item for the Christmas Fair adult or children's tombola stall.

School Attendance

Holiday requests

A reminder to please familiarise yourselves with the updated attendance guidance for schools issued by the DfE in August and our school attendance policy which can be found on our school website <https://www.cirencesterprimaryschool.co.uk/attendance/> We are receiving a high amount of holiday request forms which, if unauthorised, will likely result in a penalty notice fine from GCC.

Holidays in term time will only be approved in exceptional circumstances such as:

- For service personnel and other parents/carers who are prevented from taking holidays outside term time by their employers;
- When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during or after a crisis.

Holidays requested for the following reasons will not be authorised. Penalty notices are likely to be issued by GCC in these instances:

- The availability of cheap holidays;
- The availability of the desired accommodation;
- Poor weather experienced during school holiday periods;
- An overlap with the beginning or end of term.

Punctuality

The school entrances are closed at 8.50am each day so please ensure that your child has arrived at their assigned entrances by this time so they can enter their classrooms with their peers. Many children find arriving late through the office entrance, even by a couple of minutes, a disruptive start to their day and this can affect their learning in class. Pupils arriving after 8.50am will be recorded with a late mark and after 9.20am this is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Persistent lateness can result in a penalty notice.

Support

At Cirencester Primary School we are totally committed to promoting the welfare and learning of your child through regular school attendance. The 'Working Together to Improve School Attendance' guidance, released in August 2024, emphasises a 'Support First' ethos, and recognises that *'the barriers to accessing education are wide and complex, both within and beyond the school gates, and are often specific to individual pupils and families... [It] is essential for pupils to get the most out of their school experience, including their attainment, wellbeing, and wider life chances.'*

If you are concerned about your child's attendance, then please contact Mrs C Baggus ceribaggus@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk (Attendance Champion) or Mrs C Walsh cwalsh@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk (Family Support Worker) as soon as possible so that barriers to attendance can be understood, and appropriate support can be put in place to support you, your family, and your child to prevent further absences.



CPS Christmas Choir – KS2 only

In assembly on Monday, KS2 pupils were invited to join our annual Christmas choir. Since then, children have been eagerly signing up. If your child would like to participate it's not too late!

Rehearsals commence on Monday 11th November in the music room, 12:05pm – 12:35pm. Anyone not yet on the list is still welcome to attend and sign up then.

We already have a number of performances booked, therefore, once signed up commitment to the weekly practice is essential. This will help confidence to know the lyrics and any vocal harmonies.

Confirmed Christmas choir performances:

Elm grove: Friday 6th December, 1:30pm – private event

CPS Christmas fayre: Friday 6th December, 3:30pm – open to parents

St Johns Church (with Kingshill): Monday 9th December, 7pm – ticket event

Paternoster: Friday 13th December – private event

Tesco: Friday 13th December, 11am – open to public

For further information please email Sophie Alvarez
(sophiehurst@cirencester-pri.gloucs.sch.uk)

Children in Need - Friday 15th November

Children are invited to wear something spotty with their uniform.

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.

Class Dojo Champions

8th November

Class	Class Dojo Champion 08.11.24
Nursery	Evelyn Munogonaishe
RA	Amy-Mercy Yusr
RB	Imogen Alisha
1/2A	Evie Alfie
1/2B	Kate Austin
1/2C	Lyra Harper
3/4A	Kayden Autumn
3/4B	Aamina Kaleb
3/4C	Kyron Indi
5A	Arshadh Daisy
5B	Layton Jacob
6A	Bonnie-Rose Summer
6B	Harrison Pedro

Dates 2024-25

Week beginning 11 th November		Anti-bullying week
Wednesday 13 th November	9am	Churn coffee morning
Friday 15 th November		Children in Need
Friday 22 nd November		Non-uniform Day
Wednesday 27 th November	9am	Churn coffee morning
Week beginning Monday 2 nd December		Last week of clubs
Friday 6 th December	3.15-5.30pm	Christmas Fair
Monday 9 th December		Pantivity at the Baptist Church KS2 1.30pm
Tuesday 10 th December		EYFS production to school 9.30am and to parents 2.30pm
Wednesday 11 th December		EYFS production to parents 9.30am
Wednesday 11 th December	9am	Churn coffee morning
Thursday 12 th December	2.30pm	Rock Steady Concert
Thursday 12 th December		Christmas Discos in hall: EYFS 2.15pm-3.00pm (classroom), Y1/2 3.30pm-4.15pm, Y3/4 4.15pm-5.15pm, Y5/6 5.15pm-6.15pm
Tuesday 17 th December	1.30pm	Y3/4/5/6 Carol Concert at Parish Church
Wednesday 18 th December	2.00pm	Y1/2 Christingle at Holy Trinity Church
Wednesday 18 th December		Christmas lunch
Thursday 19 th December		Finish 1.15pm
Friday 20 th December		INSET

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.



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Or email events@thechurn.org.uk



Cirencester Primary
School FOTS
Christmas
Fair

Friday 6th December 2024
3.15pm-5.30pm - Free entry

MEET SANTA, CHRISTMAS RAFFLE,
CHRISTMAS CHOIR, TOMBOLA, CHRISTMAS
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