



## SMART CODE

**S**peak politely and listen carefully

**M**ake school enjoyable for everyone



**A**ct safely



**R**espect and care for each other



**T**ell someone your worries



## Term 6, Newsletter 1 (2020-21)

10<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parents

It is great to see the children back in school for the final term of the school year. We have some exciting activities planned for the term. Hopefully, we will be able to invite parents in to share some of these but are still awaiting updated guidance from the DfE. Although we are planning for events to go ahead, we are also making a 'Plan B' ... just in case schools are unable to unlock further. We receive several daily reminders about the importance of following the guidance for schools.

### SCHOOL FOCUS

#### ATTENDANCE

Thank you for all of your support to make our attendance as good as it can be.

Current Attendance	Authorised Absence	Unauthorised Absence
96.16%	3.42%	0%

#### STAFFING

I am delighted to let you know about the class structure for next year. The children will be voting on the class names for our Year One and Year Two classes later in the week and these will continue to be named after thickets of trees in our local area.

Class	Year group	Name of teacher
Apsemore	Reception	Mrs Hart
TBC	Year 1	Miss Tetlow
TBC	Year 2	Mrs Pocock
Haymead	Years 3 and 4	Mrs Laver and Mrs Walker
Ridge	Years 5 and 6	Miss Bence

Our team of teaching assistants will work across the school supporting children in all classes. They will be deployed according to the needs and size of the classes.

#### INSET DAYS 2021-22

Our Inset days for next year are attached to this newsletter. We have decided to have two Inset days at the beginning of September so that families who would like a staycation are able to use the final week of the holiday and the teaching team can ensure that everything is ready for their new classes at the beginning of the year.

#### SCHOOL KITCHEN

We are extremely pleased that our school kitchen has reopened and we have welcomed our new kitchen supervisor, Steph Beard, to Leighterton Primary School. Steph reopened our kitchen a few weeks ago and we love having delicious meals cooked on site again. Steph is Alfie's mum.

## SCHOOL UNIFORM AND PE KIT

We are very proud of our school and our children look very smart in the school uniforms. Due to restricting the items children bring to and from school, we have asked children to wear PE kit on PE days. Please could I remind you that all children should be wearing either their school uniform or their school PE kit, which are all in school colours. A reminder of uniform and PE days is below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Apsemore	PE kit	PE kit (cricket)	Forest school kit	PE kit	Uniform
Bowldown	Uniform	PE kit (cricket)	Uniform	PE kit	Uniform
Haymead	PE kit	PE kit (cricket)	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform
Ridge	PE kit	PE kit (cricket)	Uniform	Uniform	Uniform

## ACTIVITIES

### CAN YOU HELP US PLEASE?

As we are making a 'Plan B' for all of our events, we are hoping to be able to film our Key Stage 2 performance, 'Peace Child,' just in case we are not permitted to have a live audience. As you will have seen from our Christmas films, our teaching team's skills are in places other than in filming. Is anyone able to support us with filming the performance please? If so, please would you contact the school office and we would be extremely grateful.

## BUDDIES

Children in Years 4 and 5 are invited to apply for the role of 'Buddy' next year. It has been tricky for our Buddies this year, as we have had to remain in bubbles due to COVID but our current Buddies will automatically be Buddies next year. Hopefully, we will be able to mix again by next year. Children may write a letter of application and give it to me. They will then be invited to come to an interview for the role.

## HOUSE KEEPING

### PTFA

With your generosity, our super PTFA has raised enough money to donate a stage to school. We have ordered a stage which we will use for many performances and other activities too. It can also be added to at a later date, if we would like to extend it. We hope that it can be delivered in time to be used for our end of year KS2 performance. The money raised by our PTFA makes a huge difference for our children and is used for things that we are not able to afford to buy from our school budget. Thank you to all of you for your wonderful support.

I have attached the June PTFA Newsletter.

## SUN CREAM

As the lovely weather continues, please could children bring a sun hat to slip on when they are outside. Please would you ensure that sun cream is applied to the children before they come to school as we have children who have severe allergic reactions to sun cream so it should not be brought to school.

## HEALTHY SNACKS

Thank you to all of the families who have ensured that the children bring in healthy snacks to eat. We are very proud to have been awarded the Healthy Schools award and would like to keep this during our next assessment. Some children are still bringing in snacks (or choosing something from their lunchbox) which is not healthy, for example, chocolate, cake, biscuits or crisps. Please may I remind you that all snacks remain healthy ones and ask you to remind your children which item in sandwich boxes may be eaten as a snack. As part of the government's healthy food initiative, all children in Apsemore and Bowldown classes are provided with a piece of fruit every day. Thank you for your support.

## WOTTON PARK RUN

I have attached information about the new Junior Park Run at Wotton. This free weekly timed 2km event is held at Wotton Community PARC every Sunday at 9am and children between the ages of 4 - 10 can currently take part either with or with an adult (11 - 14 year olds will also be able to run once Covid restrictions are lifted). Children need to have registered with parkrun just once and ensure they bring a printed copy of their barcode every time they take part to ensure they get a time.

## FOODBANK VOUCHERS

We are voucher holders for the Cirencester Foodbank and vouchers are available for any family who need them. If your family would like a voucher, please contact me directly. All requests are confidential.

With best wishes

Meryl Hatfield  
Headteacher

## DIARY DATES – some of these are subject to schools being able to permit parents to come in.

14 <sup>th</sup> June	Colourbox Photography (black and white and class photo's)
14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 SATs week begins
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Gloucestershire Cricket Board sessions (whole school)
21 <sup>st</sup> June	INSET school closed for children
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 PGL residential trip
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Gloucestershire Cricket Board sessions (whole school)
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 5 & 6 PGL residential trip returns
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	September 2021 new parents induction evening
24 <sup>th</sup> June	KLB induction day
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Gloucestershire Cricket Board sessions (whole school)
30 <sup>th</sup> June	September 21 New parents stay and play session 2pm - 2.30pm
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Stroud High School induction day
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Kwik Cricket - Cirencester (teams to be confirmed)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Gloucestershire Cricket Board sessions (whole school)
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Malmesbury School induction day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sir William Romney School induction day
7 <sup>th</sup> July	September 2021 new parents and children induction 2pm - 2.30pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Malmesbury School induction day
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sir William Romney School induction day
7 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA meeting
8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 dress rehearsal am
8 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 performance pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Kwik Cricket - Frocester (Teams to be confirmed)
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Children's reports come home
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Gloucestershire Cricket Board sessions (whole school)
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Move up morning for all children
14 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 performance pm
14 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents meetings
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Kwik Cricket - Cirencester (Teams to be confirmed)
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Disco
20 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term
21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET school closed for children