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KS2 Caerleon Trip

What a fantastic immersive trip our y5/6 children had to Caerleon Roman fortress and baths. The children had the chance to dress-up as Roman soldiers, visit the roman baths and explore a range of artefacts.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon—29/9/23

Thank you to everyone that attended the EYFS coffee afternoon and subsequent cake sale, all raising money for Macmillan cancer research.

Defibrillator

The school's defibrillator has now been moved from the school office to outside the front of the building. This will allow it to be accessible 24/7 for the local community as well as the school. It has now been registered as a public use defibrillator with the local ambulance service.

The defib is in a big yellow box situated by the entrance next to the bin store and container. The top pedestrian gate will now be always left unlocked to allow community access. The defibrillator can also be accessed by dialling 999.

Sports Reports

October has been a busy month for sporting fixtures with children attending a range of different competitions and fixtures.

Y3/4 Football Tournament—6/10/23

Our year 3/4 team celebrated success as they finished second in the Prostars Forest High tournament that took place at the start of the month.

Cross Country—Team Event (4/10/23)

The annual cross country team event was held at Five Acres school with our children continuing to perform well in what is a very tough event.

Well done to our girls who conducted themselves exceptionally well, finishing in 5th place overall.

The boys put in maximum effort and ran so well but unfortunately didn't finish in the top 5 teams.

Hockey Tournament—16/10/23

The school took two teams to the annual Quick Sticks hockey participation event.

The children all played with such spirit and determination, demonstrating all of the school's values in such an exceptional way. The children didn't win but it wasn't about that, it was about participation and taking part in a sport that children don't get many opportunities to play.

Y5/6 Football Tournament—29/9/23

The year 5/6 football team played in the Five Acres school tournament at the end of September. The team were drawn against really tough opposition completing the tournament by drawing two games and losing three.

Y5/6 Football Fixture - 16/10/23

A recent football friendly fixture against St. Whites saw our team well beaten. We are so proud of the way the children never gave up and showed great resilience even when conceding goals.

Girls Football— 20/10/23

Our girls football team recently took part in the Prostars Forest High tournament. The girls played exceptionally well, winning 3 games, drawing one and losing one. This meant that they finished second in their group.

Harvest Collection

Thank you to everyone that donated to our harvest collection. This year we once again collected for the local foodbank and your generous donations will go towards supporting families in our community.

Harvest Assembly—11/10/23

As part of our harvest celebrations we held a harvest assembly where every class performed a song for everyone else.

It was great to see our EYFS attend their first assembly of the year and to contribute their own song.

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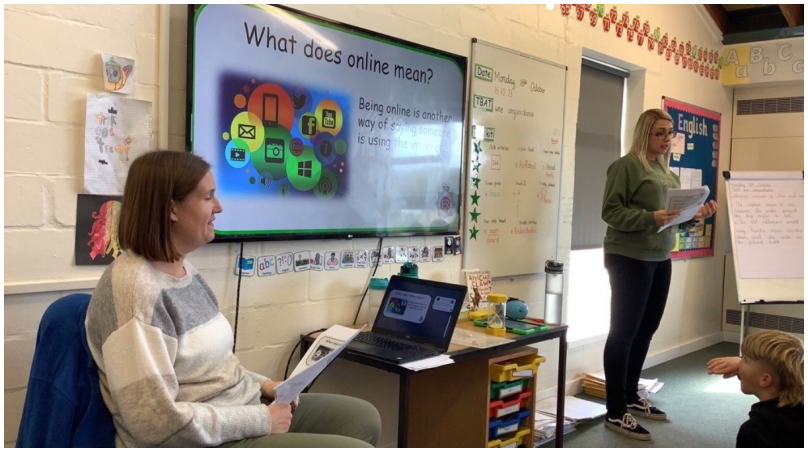
Y3/4 PCSO E-Safety Talks

As part of the school's e-safety curriculum, our local PCSOs came to visit the children in y3 and 4 to talk about staying safe online and how to act appropriately when using mediums such as social media.



Parents Open Afternoon

Thank you to everyone that attended our open afternoon on Wednesday. It was great to see so many of you able to attend. Don't forget, if you were unable to make it but would still like to arrange a time to come and view your child's work and speak to their class teacher then please contact your child's class teacher who will arrange this with you.

October Attendance

School attendance for October was: 94.31% (since September 94.97%)

Classes with the highest attendance were: Squirrels (97.69%), Eagles (97.64%), Kestrels (96.78%)

Classes with the lowest attendance were: Grasshoppers (90.21%), Otters (91.98%), Merlins (92.3%)

It all adds up!

Attending school everyday gives your child the best chance of success.	**100%**
Attending 4.5 days every week = 4 weeks missed learning per year	**90%**
Attending 4 days a week = 8 weeks missed learning per year.	**80%**
Attending 3.5 days a week = 12 weeks missed learning per year.	**70%**

80% attendance adds up to missing 2 full years of education over their school life!

Can they afford to keep missing out?

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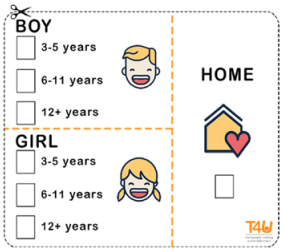
Teams 4U

We are once again collecting and making shoeboxes for Teams4U, please help us by making your own shoeboxes using the list on the leaflet that your child brought home (see below) or bring in individual items so that we can make some boxes in school.

What to do:

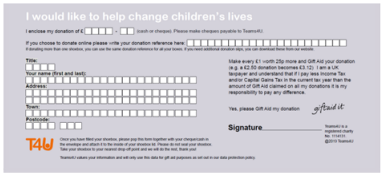
Step 1: Find an empty shoebox or go to the T4U website and order a flatpack shoebox.



Step 2: Choose who you'd like your shoebox to go to, and stick the label to the front of your shoebox.

Step 3: Personalise your shoebox. Take a look at our gift ideas, but please don't include anything from the NO list.

Step 4: Please complete the attached form and enclose it in an envelope with the recommended donation of £3.00 and place on top of the gifts before closing the lid.


I would like to help change children's lives

Step 5: Please secure your shoebox with an elastic band and drop off at your local drop off point.

What to include:

Please choose a selection of items from the suggested lists opposite - this is not meant to be an exhaustive list (more ideas are available on our website) but please do not include anything from the 'NO' list.

Please visit our YouTube channel (@teams4Utube) to watch videos of example shoeboxes being made.

T4U
real people making
a real difference

BOY/GIRL

- Toothbrush & toothpaste
- Hair accessories/brush
- Soap & face cloth
- Stationery & paper
- Gloves
- Hat & scarf
- New socks/underwear
- A soft toy
- A small game
- Puzzle
- Small musical instruments
- Toy vehicle
- Small rubber ball/inflatable ball
- Sweets (use by date from March)
- A photo of yourself

HOME

- Candles
- Cooking utensils (no knives)
- Plastic containers
- T-towels (preferably decorative)
- Hairbrush
- Small toiletries/ soap
- Plastic utensils
- Bowls & cups
- Small Christmas decoration
- Small decorative item
- Washing up cloths
- Clothes pegs
- Headscarves
- New socks/underwear
- Jewellery
- Make-up

DO NOT INCLUDE

- Food (only exception is sweets)
- Medicines
- Military themed items (such as toy soldiers/tanks/ guns)
- Aerosols or anything highly flammable
- Sharp items
- Novels

Please ensure all items are in good condition and undamaged. All shoeboxes are checked and we reserve the right to remove any unsuitable items. Sometimes we may have to change a shoebox to meet our packaging requirements.

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Pupil Premium and School Funding

Did you know that if your child is registered for benefits led Free School Meals they are eligible for the following:

- A free school meal everyday in school until they leave primary school.
- Free entry to breakfast club (bookable through ParentMail)
- A £15 supermarket voucher for every eligible child for each week of the school holidays (provided by Gloucestershire County Council through the holiday voucher scheme).
- Free holiday activities (provided through Gloucestershire's HAF/HAP scheme).
- Subsidised after school clubs.

The school also receives extra funding for every child who is eligible for benefits led Free School Meals (also known as the pupil premium) which allows us to provide extra support to our pupils.

If you think you children are eligible, or are unsure then go to:

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/

2023/24 Key Dates

6/11/23 - Start of Term 2
17/11/23 - Children in Need (non-uniform)
20/11/23 - UKS2 Police Internet Safety Workshops
20/11/23 - Role of the Police Assemblies
28/11/23 - Visiting Pantomime
1/12/23 - Autumn Showcase
6/12/23 - Singing Club @ Forest Sensory Services
12/12/23 - Books for Bugs Book Fayre
13/12/23 - EYFS and Y3/4 Christmas Lunch
14/12/23 - Years 1,2,5 and 6 Christmas Lunch
15/12/23 - Christmas Jumper Day
18/12/23 - Christmas Performances
19/12/23 - Christmas Performances
20/12/23 - End of Term 2 (1.30pm)
8/1/24 - Start of Term 3
5/2/24 - Y5/6 Police talks—Online Relationships
9/2/24 - End of Term 3
19/2/24 - Start of Term 4
27/2/23 - Rabbits class trip to Robinswood
28/2/23 - Squirrels class trip to Robinswood
29/2/23 - Hedgehogs class trip to Robinswood
1/3/23 - Otters class trip to Robinswood
14/3/24 - Spring Showcase
15/3/24 - Y5 Residential Begins
18/3/23 - Y5 Residential Ends
18/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings
19/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings
20/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings
21/3/24 - Parents Consultation Meetings
22/3/24 - End of Term 4 (1.30pm)
8/4/24 - Start of Term 5
9/5/24 - Y3 Residential Begins
10/5/234- Y3 Residential Ends
24/5/24 - Reports Out
24/5/24 - End of Term 5
3/6/24 - Start of Term 6
3/6/24 - 14/6/24 - Parents Consultations (to discuss reports)
17/7/24 - Y6 Leavers Afternoon
12/7/24 - Summer Showcase
19/7/24 - End of Term 6
4/9/24 - Start of Term 1 (2024/25 academic year)