



Working together... Learning for life



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Dear Parents,

What a lovely week in school – Reception have been continuing the Jack and the Beanstalk work started last week and have been excitedly telling me about the beanstalks they have just started growing. Y3 shared some fantastic 3D shapes made from straws and plasticine, created following their 3D shape hunts and Y5 have been expertly exploring figurative language (ask your children to explain!). I've also seen some superb sentences from Y2 who are working hard to include suspense in their writing.

Thanks to the change in weather everyone can access the grounds again (without sinking into the grass) so learning has not just been happening in the classrooms and it has been great to see the children enjoying the outdoors both in lesson times and during break/lunch time. Unfortunately because of the large amount of recent rain we also have a proliferation of nettles in the wooded areas so are working hard to remove these so the children can play safely.

Thinking about safety, when it is sunny please could you ensure that your child has sun cream on and brings a hat and water bottle to school. We have shade that we encourage them to use but a hat provides extra cover from the sun's rays.

Kindest regards,
Mrs Willcox, Headteacher



Purple Learning update

In newsletter 17 we provided a brief introduction to **purple** learning which we use with the children in school and forms part of the work on positive behaviour for learning that we are developing in our classes. Research shows that one of the keys to children succeeding at school is to understand how they learn, the different skills they are using, their strengths and the things they can do to improve.

As a quick reminder (prompted by Parent Forum) **purple** learning is one of the strategies we use to help children talk about their learning, the ways they are challenging themselves and the ways that many (but not all) mistakes can be used to help them learn. In term 4 the children have also thought about what they can do when they are stuck and in term 5 they will be thinking about things that support them to learn (movers) and things that prevent them from learning (blockers).

As part of the **purple** learning approach children sometimes get a purple dot sticker to wear on their collar. These are not reward or motivational stickers but are ways to allow staff and other children to ask the child about their learning and how they have challenged themselves. We do not want the sticker to be the reason that children challenge themselves so purple dot stickers are not given out to every child, every day, although we do monitor to ensure that we look for purple learning in everyone. Learning is also celebrated in classes throughout the day through discussion, praise and other 'rewards' which form our approach to celebrating learning.

What's happening next week?

- No special events in the calendar



Free school meals

Who qualifies for free school meals

Under current rules, your child might be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit.

If you think you may be eligible please use the following link to apply www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals



MUSIC LESSONS

We have availability for piano, guitar, violin and cello lessons. If you are interested please call into the school office for more information.



LOST PROPERTY

Due to the increasing accumulation of unclaimed clothing and lost property, from next week the lost property will go out on the playground (in boxes) after school for reclaiming every Friday and on the last day of term. Any unclaimed items will go to the textile bank.

Thank you.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summer Term clubs will start week commencing 16th April and the range on offer can be found below.

The electronic form to register for a club can be found on our school website or by clicking [here](#).

Club	For	Led by	When & End Time	Where
Film Club	KS2	Mr Higgins	Thurs Lunchtime	Year 5
Rounders Club FULL	Y3-6	Mr Galsworthy/ Mrs Riglar	Mon 4:10	Field
Mathletics	All	Mrs Morrissey	Mon Lunchtime	ICT Suite / Library Limit of 15
Netball	Y4,5 and 6	Mrs Szmaglik	Thurs 4:10	Playground
Sports Club Paid	All	Future Stars	Tuesday	Info from future Stars
Cooking Club FULL	KS1	Miss Phillips/Mrs Tyler	Thursday 4.20	Cookery Room Limit of 6 children
Cheer leading club	KS2	Miss Chapman	Weds lunchtime	Room 8

SPORTS NEWS

On Monday, a team of Year 5 children went to Crossway school to take part in the TASC Hi-5 netball tournament. We are delighted to report back that the children showed fantastic team spirit and were resilient throughout - despite some really unlucky scores against them. Eva, in particular, was mentioned for her heroic shooting efforts! Well done to those children who took part, especially the first-timers, and thank you to those parents who were able to support us with transport. Next week -Tag Rugby!

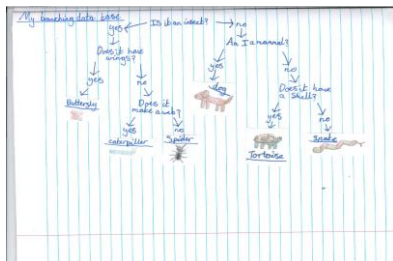
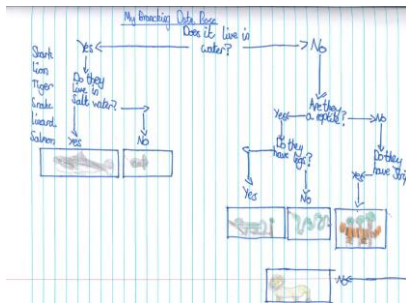


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LEARNING AT CHARFIELD



Year 4 have started Term 5 as scientists!! We have been sorting, grouping and classifying animals. We have learnt new words such as 'ditritivore'! and where animals might fit in a food chain, which animals are invertebrates and how we might use this information to create a branching data base. The children have been in the internet to research an animal for a secret 'what am I?' quiz using all the scientific information they have learnt about during Week 1 and 2. Next week we will be delving into the world of plants and doing some digging in the forest school area. Don't forget to bring your 'muddy' clothes to school!



WHAT AM I?

My food is I eat grass and insects and use my special and sharp teeth to kill and catch my prey.

My habitat is I live on the sunny plain in Africa, chasing and feeding.

I am carcivorous because I eat other animals

I am a mammal because I give birth to live young and I am warm blooded.

My place in the food chain is at the top and I'm the only one

I am a vertebrate I have a spine so I can stretch myself.

My description is a sandy colored coat with black spots

My life span is 10-12 or 20 years.

WHAT AM I?

My food is small insects and larvae and I use my long and curved legs.

My habitat is on the rocks, soil and I found places at field areas.

I am a type of insect and I am a kind of animal.

I am a invertebrate and I have 6 legs.

My place in the food chain is at the bottom of the food chain I am a primary consumer.

I am a herbivore I have a hard body.

My description is I have a white body of 1-2 cm and I am very fat.

My life span is 1-2 years.

I am a big predator.

CLASS OF THE WEEK



The teachers have voted and persuaded.... and Class of the week goes to **Beetles Class.**

They have been amazing! Mrs Willcox has been impressed with their 3D shapes and beautiful art. They have demonstrated all of our school values during their swimming lessons and responsibility with their homework.



COMMUNITY NOTICES

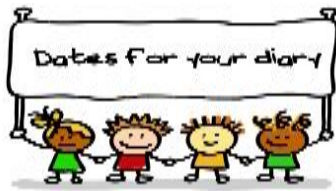


Coffee Morning
Charfield Memorial Hall
Saturday 28th April
10am – 12pm



Please come along and support Charfield Pre-School at our Coffee Morning. There will be a play area for younger children, colouring area, and some stalls to browse; there's something for everyone, especially CAKE!





DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
04/05/18	Fri	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Beetles (Y3)
10/05/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Ends
14/05/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Year 6 SAT Week
17/05/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
18/05/18	Fri	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
24/05/18	Thu	09:30	12:00	Infant Sports Day
24/05/18	Thu	12:00	13:00	Sports Day Picnic
24/05/18	Thu	13:30	03:00	Junior Sports Day
25/05/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 5 Ends
04/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Term 6 Begins
04/06/18	Mon	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Starts
08/06/18	Fri	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Ends
11/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Phonics Screening Week
13/06/18	Wed	N/A	N/A	Reserve Sports Day
14/06/18	Thu	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Bumblebees (Y6)
14/06/18	Thu	12:20	13:15	YEAR 6 – Parent Lunch
14/06/18	Thu	14:00	15:30	Year 1 Swimming Starts
14/06/18	Thu	18:00	19:00	New Reception Parents Evening
02/07/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	FOCUS WEEK 3
04/07/18	Wed	19:00	20:00	Music Evening
05/07/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Grasshoppers (Y2)
13/07/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Reports to Parents
18/07/18	Wed	19:00	20:30	Leavers Play
19/07/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Ends
20/7/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 6 Ends

