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Dear Parents,

What a difference the sun can make! Although the week started with torrential rain the change in weather in the latter part of the week has allowed the children to access the wider school and it has been lovely to see them enjoying the open spaces and forest areas. Please remember, if it is sunny, to send your child in with a hat to protect them over lunchtime – thanks to the wind it can feel deceptively cool and a hat is a great way to shield them from the sun’s rays.

Our younger children have had some great opportunities this week with Y1/2 attending a sports event at KLB on Thursday morning and the Reception travelling to Redwood at Slimbridge on Friday. Thank you to all parents for remembering to send them into school with the right clothes/equipment and to all the people who offered to provide adult support – we couldn’t do trips and events without you!

Finally, please remember that Monday is a bank holiday so there is no school. I hope you have a great long weekend and we get the lovely weather we are promised so you can enjoy some time in the sun.

kindest regards,  
Mrs Willcox, Headteacher



**SPORTS DAY – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Please note that we have changed the date of Sports Day, this will now take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018. A letter was sent out last week detailing arrangements for the day.

**Great Western Air Ambulance fundraising**



During sports day we will be collecting money in support of the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity (GWAAC). They are entirely funded by donations – receiving no day to day government funding for the work they do – so charity fundraising is vital to keep their support available.

The air ambulance can reach anywhere in our region in 20minutes and often provides the first medical personnel at accidents & emergencies in this part of the country. On average the air ambulance is called to 4-5 incidents every day and they have been at the frontline of support for the recent traffic accidents in the village. More information on their service and team can be found here: <https://greatwesternairambulance.com/>

On sports day we will have charity buckets to collect any donations you would like to make and we will also be selling any unclaimed uniform for a donation towards the charity. The ambulance team will be coming to an assembly later this year to help the children understand their work & souvenir pencils will be available for £1 (more details to follow on this soon).

**What’s happening next week?**

- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Year 3 Trip



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### LOST PROPERTY - REMINDER

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 this term will initially be offered for donation at the sports day with the remainder going to the textile bank. Thank you.

### Pupil Premium funding for schools - CHANGE

A change to recent legislation means pupil premium is now also payable for children who were previously looked after but we need to know this so we can apply for the funding. If you think your child is eligible please could you let Mrs Willcox know through a confidential letter marked for her attention.

Please note - Pupil premium is an additional grant of money provided to schools by the government with the aim of reducing the educational effects of disadvantage. Its purpose is to help support eligible children through the use of additional support and opportunities that meet their needs.

Pupil premium is payable for children who are eligible for Free School Meals (see right), have been eligible for Free School Meals in the last 6 years and/or are looked after. A smaller amount is also allocated to children whose parents are currently serving in the armed forces. If you believe you are eligible under any of these categories please let the school know. Thank you.

### 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](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/advice-and-benefits/benefits/free-school-meals)



### EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Summer Term clubs will start week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> 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 FULL	KS2	Miss Chapman	Weds lunchtime	Room 8

### PARKING REMINDER

**WR09 EJG**  
**KN12 BGK**  
**GU02 RBF**

Yesterday when the Year 1 children arrived back from swimming, yet again the above cars were parked in the bus stop, thus compromising the safety of our children.

Please park safely and considerately.

Thank you



## SPORTS NEWS

Thursday was a day full of excitement and sporting excellence as the children from Year 1 and Year 2 attended a multi-skills event at KLB School. The children formed collaborative groups with children from other schools and took part in lots of different activities. We were so proud of their enthusiastic attitude - even though a tractor and a double decker bus were the highlights of the trip!

As always thank you to the staff and volunteers who made this trip possible.

## LEARNING AT CHARFIELD



This week's newsletter contribution has been written by the children on class 5:

Happy Fantastic Friday everybody, hope you've had a great week and 'yippee' it's the bank holiday weekend.

Following on from our Greek topic (which I think we all agree we all had fun learning about its gory and amazing past – thanks Mr Higgins), we have pulled out our time machine – once again- and travelled into 1939 and the 1940s.

As you may know, our topic is World War 2 and we've (apostrophe for contraction – Mr Higgins will be pleased!) been finding out about some super facts.

This term Dragonfly class have been doing a lot of different lessons, just like: English, Art, Maths, PE and a lot more. The book we are reading is called Friend or Foe by Michael Morpurgo

We can all now perform (after going down to the amphitheatre) our own plays, stories and even WW2 themed cookery shows! We listened to each other and definitely became more confident.

In English, we have been writing evacuee related stories. We have done some personal marking: which was very useful. There was a lot of emotion in the extraordinary stories.

For homework, the soldiers (Year 5) brought in some war photos, medals and models. Your stories from friends and grandparents were amazing. Literally amazing.

We do need to thank all you wonderful people who have let the children bring in things from home for our WW2 topic.

Science, this term, has been awesome: watching different ingredients dissolve into smaller pieces (unfortunately, some things went mouldy over the Easter Holidays.)

In art, we have been drawing some brilliant self-portraits.



Dragonflies look forward to doing some DT with Mrs Szmaglik building their own Anderson Shelters – If you could, we would love any donations of cardboard, thank you!



## CLASS OF THE WEEK



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

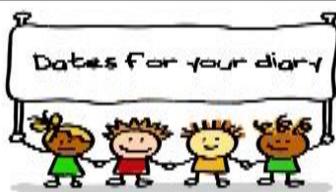
They were enthusiastic when they braved the rain for Forest Schools showing amazing resilience. Continuing their super writing and at the end of the week enhancing their learning with a trip to Redwood Forest, They are super representatives of our school.



Well done we are very proud of you.

## INSET DAYS 2018-2019

3<sup>rd</sup> September  
26<sup>th</sup> October  
5<sup>th</sup> November  
7<sup>th</sup> January  
22<sup>nd</sup> July  
23<sup>rd</sup> July



DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
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



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