



Year of reading

We are delighted that as part of our commitment to promote reading for pleasure throughout the school and ensuring that all children see themselves as readers, we launched the graphic novel club this week. Lisa from Cirencester Library came into school to launch it and brought a variety of books with her, she also runs a weekly session that is open to all children at Cirencester Library on a Tuesday at 4pm.

Through our Year of Reading project, we have been granted tickets again this autumn for several Stroud book festival events. Children in Year 1 and 2 will be travelling to Stroud to see James Carter author of Bears, Bugs and Beasties Galore! On Friday 8th November. Children in class 2 will have an online zoom with the author of Time Travellers. Children in class 3 will be travelling to Stroud on Thursday 7th November to see Louie Stowell to see the author of Loki! For these events we have fully funded tickets and transport to and from Cirencester Deer Park school, but we will need children to be collected from school and for parents to sort (where possible) lifts to and from Deer Park in order to make use of the offer. Exact times and permission slips will be shared as soon as I have them.

Harvest festival

We are holding our annual harvest festival on Friday October 25th, this year we are holding this at the church starting at 1:30pm, all are welcome. We will again be collecting items for the foodbank. To see what the foodbank are most in need of please click here - <https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> We will put a box in the porch for you to bring things in when you next pop to the shops.

Drop off at the gate

All the new children to school have made a great start to school life and we have for the first weeks of term had, as we always do at the start of the school year have an open gate policy where parents have when needed walked children to the classrooms. Over the next couple of weeks, it would be great if parents can start to say goodbye to children at or before the gate. From half term we will be reverting to only children coming in through the gates, this allows lessons to start earlier and maximise learning.

Parents Meetings

Slots have now been allocated and have added to your events on parent mail, we are looking forward to meeting with you over the next couple of weeks.

Staffing news

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Wheeler and Miss Skinner's positions have been made permanent this week. The governors and the trust jointly felt that it was the correct time to secure these roles and strengthened our staffing team.

Supporting the school

This week we are asking for donations of clothes for the rag bag to be brought into school on Friday 25th October, you should have received a bag for this with your child this week.

Week 5 Update

Pantomime

On Thursday 19th December, the whole school is watching The Father Christmas Show at the Arts Centre in Swindon. Please could you kindly fill in the permissions form in ParentMail under the forms section. The cost of this is being kindly subsidised by the PTA and we are asking for parents to contribute £13.50. We would be very grateful if this can be paid by the end of October, as you know we are due to acadamise in January and are in the process of sorting finances.

Key Dates

7 th October	INSET day no school for children
8 th October	Class 1 parents evening
9 th October	Parents evening – priority to siblings Class 1, 2 and 3
10 th October	Anglo Saxon webinar
10 th October	Storytellers worship
16 th October	Parents evening class 2 and 3
17 th October	Open Morning for September 25 intake
19 th October	Open Morning for September 25 intake
23 rd October	Spirituality Day
24 th October	Open Evening for September 25 intake
25 th October	Harvest Festival at 1:30pm
25 th October	Last day of Term 1
4 th November	Bring in donations of second hand uniform
7 th November	Class 3 Stroud book festival – lifts will be needed to and from Deer Park
8 th November	Year 1 and 2 3 Stroud book festival – lifts will be needed to and from Deer Park
11 th November	Second hand clothes sale in the porch
12 th November	PTA AGM
5 th December	Christmas movie night
12 th December	Christmas in the community event