



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all parents have seen our OFSTED report. I feel that it reflects all the hard work and dedication our staff, governors, pupils and parents put into our wonderful school. Thank you to all of you who took part in the parent survey.
Best wishes, Mrs Mitchell, Head Teacher

Judo

I would like to say a big well done to all our Judo club pupils Caldryn, Herbie, Damian, Iowa, Finlay, Kodie, Raya, Atticus, Isla, Toby, Heidi, and Flo. Yesterday they took part in a Judo tournament against two other schools. They did remarkably well and earned themselves a bronze medal. I would like to thank Richard, who runs our Judo club and Mr Tucker for organising the tournament.

Fund Raising for Australian Koalas:

The pupils raised £100.01 towards the Koalas affected by the fires in Australia. Each class now has a certificate on their door to say thank you. I would like to thank all the pupils from Class 2 who organised the fundraising.

♥ Christian Value of the term is ... Justice ♥

World Book Day:

Don't forget that it is World Book Day this Thursday (5/3/20). Pupils may wear their PJs to school and bring a favourite book to share. Please make sure all books are named. I would hate any child to lose their favourite book.

Outdoor Learning:

Please remember to send your child in with warm clothes, wellies and water-proofs as most sessions are outside and the weather is a lot colder at this time of year.

Easter Service and End of Term:

This year I would like to hold the Easter Service at 9.30 in church on Friday 3rd April. The service will be a collection of readings interspersed with Easter songs telling the Easter Story. The service will last about 30 to 40 minutes. Please feel free to attend. We will close early on that day so pupils can be collected from 1.30pm.

Dates:

- Friday 6th March - Class 1
- Friday 13th March - Class 2
- Friday 20th March - Class 1
- Friday 27th March - Whole school

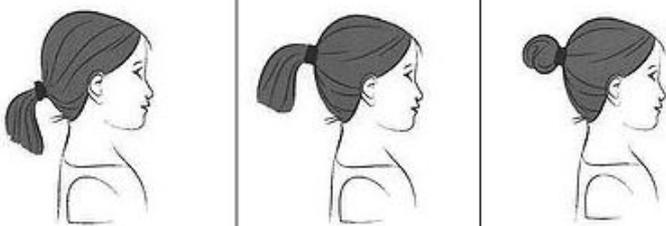
Hair:

Please can you make sure all hair that falls below shoulder length is tied back every day. This is to prevent the spread of nits and to make sure hair does not get pulled while children are playing or taking part in sports.

Golden Book:

- Dates for or Golden Book worships are:-
- Monday 16th March at 9am
- Monday 30th March at 9am

Good ↓ Better ↓ Best ↓



Attendance:

Thank you to all children who attend school every day. I do appreciate that illness does happen. So far our school overall attendance is 95.2%. Well done to Jenson, Toby, Tayah, Heidi, Flo, Emilia, Iowa, Damian, Oliver, Herbie and Aimee who have 100% attendance so far this year.

PTO...



I would like to share some examples of our pupils' work with you

The Magic Bag:

I will put in the bag
The smell of fresh cut grass and the strong smell of apples on the grass.

I will put in the bag
The noise of the rain falling on rocks.
A book of joy with memories of happiness.

I will put into the bag
The sweet taste of roasted marshmallows with a mug of warm, white hot chocolate and whipped cream laid on top.

I will put into the bag
The feeling of waking up on Christmas morning and opening presents.
The smell of pickled garlic

By Emilia Y4

I will put into the bag
The sweet smell of my kitchen when my mum bakes cookies.
A memory of Freya and me hiding in my cupboard with my cousin and a giggle of my sister.

I will put into my bag
The warmth of the fireplace on a cold winter's day
A pinch of my cat's fur taken from its back.
And a red hot pot of paint taken from the rainbow

I will put into my bag
The breeze blowing my hair in the garden
The pictures of my family and friends
And my favourite teddy to bring me good luck.

By Flo Y5

I will put into my bag
My favourite teddy my mum gave me
The necklace that my cousin gave me for my 9th birthday
The giggle of my younger sisters' laugh.

I will put into my bag
The smell of the last Christmas dinner
The happiness that my mum passed down to me
The painful scratch from my cat

I will put into my bag
The memory of raking leaves in my Grandma's garden
The pictures of me and my older cousins painting.
The smell of the chocolate cake me and my mum made.

By Bella Y6



Swimming Lessons:

Wednesday 11th March (Class 1)

Wednesday 18th March

Wednesday 25th March

Don't forget to bring in suitable swimwear, a towel and goggles in a named bag.

👉 Please let Wendy Harris know if you would like to help. 🏊 🧑 🧒 🏊

Thursday 5th March (Whole School)

World Book Day—Children to come in PJ and their favourite book. (Please name their book!)

Wednesday 11th March (Class 2)

Class 2 - The concert will be held at Gloucester Cathedral. Letter went out last week! If you haven't had it, come and see Mrs Hughes. Children are to leave school at around 2.45pm, (including younger siblings). They will need to be wearing full school uniform and bring a packed tea with them including a drink . Please if you haven't done so already, could you bring your slips in ASAP.

Wednesday 11th March (Pre-School)

**** Last day for submitting any changes or updates of new eligibility codes ****

Wed 18th March (Archery Students)

Archery Tournament - 3.30 - 5.45pm, Archway School. Letter coming out today (4/3/20)

Tuesday 24 March (Class 2)

All day Copegrove Trip (If you haven't had the letter, please come and see Mrs Hughes). If you haven't handed in your slip and £10, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Sunday 29th March (Whole School)

MSFA are holding the Easter Trail around Miserden. If you have never been before, there are 2 trails, one long and one short. You follow the trail and when you get back to school there are teas and cake. It's a great day out for all the family.



Wednesday 1st April (Whole School)

Mindfulness Walk (C1 & C2):

Mark Sweeting is coming back to lead the children on another mindfulness walk. Our children loved it last time.

Friday 3rd April

Last day of term - Easter Service 9.30am

Sorry to say but we've got a bug going round Class 2 at the moment. Public Health England, where we get advice from, suggest the

Diarrhoea and vomiting illness

Recommended period to be kept away from school, nursery or childminders

Diarrhoea and/or vomiting

48 hours from last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting

following guidance (see left) to help stop the spread of standard bugs.

Of course encouraging good hand hygiene, in the light of the coronavirus, is paramount. We are getting daily updates from the Dept. of

Education in terms of any updates. Please try not to worry as there is a lot of press at present.



BAC Payments:

In order to keep offering parents the ability to pay by BACS, we need your cooperation in making this process work.

We are receiving many payments but are finding it increasingly difficult to know who has made the payment and what the payment is for. It has proved to be very time consuming to reconcile these payments.

Can you please ensure that you include your child's surname and initial in the reference as well as the reason for the payment:

e.g. Jones B Swim

If you are paying for more than one child, then use two initials

E.g. Jones B G Swim

The more information you provide in the reference, the easier it is for us to reconcile. E.g. you could include the month for multiple payments such as residential.

Always return a slip or e-mail confirming you have made the payment and the date of the payment.

BACS

HM Government **NHS**

Coronavirus
Wash your hands
more often
for 20 seconds

Use soap and water or a hand sanitiser when you:

- Get home or into work
- Blow your nose, sneeze or cough
- Eat or handle food

For more information and the Government's Action Plan go to nhs.uk/coronavirus

CORONAVIRUS
PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS



Suggestion Box - Feedback

Thank you to all families who have added to our suggestion box. All the suggestions were discussed at the Governors' meeting just before half term. I would like to feedback to you the thoughts from the meeting.

Links with Bisley, Oakridge for Y6s:

We have included Bisley and Oakridge Year 5 and Year 6 children on our residential this year. Before we go, we will have a pre-residential day at Copsesgrove for the children to meet together and make friends. Miserden hosted a Judo tournament for 2 other local schools.

More Singing and Music:

We have Miss Jones from Gloucester Cathedral coming in to teach Class 2 singing culminating in a concert at Gloucester Cathedral on the 11th March. We are using a music teaching programme called Charanga music which encourages the children to sing and make music each lesson. Not forgetting our end of year play. We also practise singing for Christmas and Easter services, some of which are plays and others are celebrations of the season.

Our Governing Body:

At the parents' evening in the Autumn term Governors were around for you to meet and talk to. Later this term, Governors are holding a cheese and wine evening. This will allow parents to meet the governing body and ask any questions about the OFSTED report.

Homework:

We expect all children to read every night as the ability to read is the most important skill you can help your child with. Reading opens the world of knowledge. We have found, as have many schools, that learning a list of spellings for a test is often a waste of parents and pupils time. They know the spellings for the test but this does not transfer into the written work. At Miserden we would prefer parents to spend time with their children playing games, talking and finding out more about the class topic. As stated in a recent newsletter, all topics are on our website. We are covering Year A this year. Class 1 are looking at Space and Class 2 are looking at the Vikings.

SATS:

During May this year, Y2 and Y6 will be taking their SAT tests. SATs tests are a benchmark for the school set by the government. As a school we teach the children the knowledge and skills needed to take the tests but we make sure that children are not crammed for the tests. The pupils are completing SAT style questions but as part of their normal daily work rather than as test practise. As we get closer to May the children concerned will sit some practise tests to familiarise themselves with answering the questions.

Pupil Organisation:

We have classroom monitors to help make sure cloakrooms are kept tidy. At the end of the day we encourage all children to take home their belongings. If your child finds this hard, please speak to Lucia Landino as she has bag tags as a way of reminding children what they need. It will help the general tidiness if you could make sure all items brought into school are named so that we can make sure items are returned to their owner promptly.

Please remember that you can come and see me at any time with your queries but please bear in mind I am teaching Thursdays and Fridays. If you feel your query is not dealt with in school, then please contact the Chair of Governors Mrs Claire Holder, cholder@miserden.gloucs.sch.uk