

Dear Parents / Carers,

Four weeks down, two to go!

Ladybirds continue to enjoy their travel agents role play. The children had great fun on the climbing apparatus in PE and making 3D models outdoors. They have also been learning about positional language and 'more or less' using the small world characters and house.

Robins have continued their work in Art / DT including working with Ladybirds to make natural sculptures during Mucky Monday and making people out of foil in class. In English, Year 1 pupils have written their own story with Reception sequencing the events of 'The Weather Monster'.

Dragonfly class have been reading 'Little Red Riding Hood' and are preparing to rewrite the story themselves. They have also explored a number of libraries online, including The Bodleian Library which the children would love to visit. In Geography, the children are researching volcanoes and writing a short persuasive argument about whether or not someone should live near a volcano. They have been fascinated by the events of Pompeii.



Kingfisher finished their Geography topic on 'why the oceans are important to us' by creating leaflets. In English, they have started learning about suspense writing and loved PE with Mr. A (as always!).

Otters have written some fantastic non-chronological reports on the four components of blood in Science. In Outdoor Learning, they have continued learning a variety of skills including sawing, cutting rope and tree climbing safety. In Geography, they have been discussing and researching the positive and negatives of both renewable and non-renewable energy.

Term Dates

Term three: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February
Term four: Tuesday 24th February – Friday 27th March
Term five: Monday 13th April – Thursday 21st May
Term six: Monday 1st June – Friday 17th July

Inset Days

School will be closed to all pupils on the following days:

- Monday 23rd February
- Monday 4th May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 22nd May

Event Reminders

February

- 2nd – Reception / Year 6 height and weight checks
- 6th – Dragonfly Class trip
- 9th – Fire Safety Session (3.30pm, School Hall)
- 10th – Atlas Day!
- 11th – FOBS Forum (3.15pm, School Hall)
- 13th – Term 3 ends / FOBS 'Wear Pink / Red'
- 16th – 20th – Half Term
- 23rd – Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
- 24th – Term four starts (08:45)
- 26th – Young Voices (rescheduled date)

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks is 89.9%, which is below the National Average of 94.8%.

Individual class totals are:

Robins 91.5%
Dragonfly 90.2%
Kingfisher 86.6%
Otter 93.8%

We are in the process of reviewing our attendance figures with the GCC Inclusion Service. Individual letters will be issued however if no improvement is seen, you may be subject to a Notice To Improve (NTI) from the Local Authority which can, ultimately, end in a fine and / or court proceedings.

As a reminder, doors open at 08:45 with registers taken at 08:55. Anything between 08:55 and 09:00 is recorded as 'L' (late), from 09:00 onwards is recorded as 'U' (late after registers closed).

It is your legal duty / responsibility as parents and carers to ensure your children are in school and on time.

Punctuality

This continues to be a concern. In the last two weeks, children were late on **79** occasions with some missing significant minutes from the first lesson. Please ensure your children are in school promptly at 08:45.

Unauthorised absence

In the last two weeks, there have been **20** unauthorised absences in school time.

Height and Weight Checks – Monday 2nd February

A gentle reminder, unless you have opted out, children in Reception and Year 6 will have their height and weight checked on Monday as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Reception children will also have their vision checked.

Dragonfly Class Trip – Friday 6th February

A gentle reminder, of the trip to 'We The Curious'. Permission slips should have been returned by today (Friday 30th January). If you have not done so, please ensure we have them by Monday (2nd February) otherwise your child will remain in school. Fees for the trip are payable via ParentPay and due by Wednesday 4th February.

Children need to wear school uniform with a packed lunch, water bottle and coat in a backpack they will carry with them all day.

The bus will leave school promptly at 09:00 so please ensure your children are in school on time (08:45).

Fire Safety Session – Monday 9th February

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service will provide a fire-safety session for parents and carers in the school hall on Monday 9th February at 3.30pm. The session will provide practical guidance on reducing risks in the home, along with child-friendly safety tips. They will use Safewise materials to help ensure the information is clear, supportive and easy to share with children.

Atlas Day – Tuesday 10th February

On Tuesday 10th February, the children will be partaking in 'Atlas Day' - an entire day of PE, led by Mr. A, with a focus on wellbeing.

FOBS Forum – Wednesday 11th February

On Wednesday 11th February at 3.15pm in the school hall, FOBS will be holding a forum to discuss upcoming events and parental ideas for enriching your children's school experience. It would be great to see as many of you as possible.

FOBS 'Wear Pink / Red' - Friday 13th February

Please send your child(ren) to school in an item of red or pink and a donation of £1.

After School Clubs

For the next two weeks (2-13th February), Atlas Camps will be staffing After School Club (finishing at 4.30pm) with bookings made on ParentPay as normal. As of Tuesday 24th February, our wraparound care provision will be extended until 6pm managed solely by Atlas Camps. The club will be open for Reception to Year 6, from 15:15 – 18:00 daily and includes a healthy snack. More information to follow next week ...

Power cut

A quick 'Thank You' from us to you for your understanding last Friday with the power outage. This was a first for most of us and reiterated the importance of having **more than one** emergency contact number for every child onsite. Please do email me (Emily) on admin@brimscombe.gloucs.sch.uk with your emergency contact numbers and / or pop to see me in the office to check those we have on file.

Parking

We appreciate the inconvenience, but please refrain from parking in our car park unless you have a permit. Please also stop parking outside the gates near the road on the zigzag zone - there have been some dangerous near misses which we are keen to avoid. We would appreciate your cooperation otherwise the car park will have to be manned and you will be turned away.

ParentPay Debts

There are a significant amount of debts on ParentPay for Breakfast Club, School Dinners, After School Club and the Pantomime. Wherever possible, please settle or bring the outstanding balance below £25.



A selection of the wonderful flowers the children have been making in response to the tragic fires.