

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents / Carers,

After an eight-week term and Ofsted visit, we have made it!

Term Dates

Term two: Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

Term three: Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

Term four: Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term five: Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Term six: Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

Inset Days

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

- Monday 2nd November
- Monday 22nd February
- Monday 3rd May (Bank Holiday)
- Friday 28th May

Event Reminders

October

- 26th-30th – Half term (Camp with 'Mr A' Mon-Wed)

November

- 4th-6th – Stroud Book Festival
- 12th – Open morning (09:30-11:30)
- 13th – Flu immunisations

December

- 10th – Pantomime (in school)
- 15th – Nativity performance (14:00)
- 16th – Rocksteady concert (14:30)
- 16th – Nativity performance (18:00)
- 18th – End of Term Two
- 21st-23rd – Camp with 'Mr A'

January

- 13th - Height, weight and vision screenings (YR/6)

Weekly Reminders

- Mucky Mondays – Ladybirds and Robins
- Forest School - Wednesdays (see below)
- Rocksteady - Wednesdays

Forest School

Term one: Dragonfly Term two: Kingfisher

Term three: Otter Term four: Dragonfly

Term five: Kingfisher Term six: Otter

Flu Immunisations

Please see my email of 2nd October regarding the flu vaccinations being administered in school on 13th November. You must give consent if you wish your child to be immunised.

Attendance

Whole school attendance for the last two weeks was 96.1%.

Individual class totals are:

Robins 94.4%

Dragonfly 97.3%

Kingfisher 94.4%

Otter 97%

Class Updates

Ladybirds have been practicing their counting by building bridges and counting the number of bears they can balance on them. They had fun experimenting mark making with cornflour, leaf rubbing and exploring leaves on the light board.

Robins have been developing their number skills in Maths through lots of fun, practical learning experiences. In Phonics, the children have been practising blending and segmenting, applying their growing knowledge to reading and writing.

Dragonfly loved their final Forest School lesson where they enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows at base camp! In Maths, they put their knowledge of 2D and 3D shapes into practice by making models of various shapes out of spaghetti and marshmallows and in English, worked hard on 'Missing Colin' posters using great description skills. We would also like to say a HUGE 'thank you' to Miss Butcher who has been wonderful in Mrs Pockett's absence – we wish her all the best in her new role.

Kingfisher have been learning to programme using the computer application Scratch. In Art, they have been developing their drawing skills focusing on tone, shading, line and shape.

Otters explored and created their own pressure switches in Science and in Maths, built their skills of column subtraction and began the process of understanding long division.

Young Voices

Come and cheer on your young singer at Young Voices! Book tickets through the Parent Music Room to take advantage of discounted ticket prices before the 31st October deadline. We cannot wait to share this unforgettable experience with you.

Violin / Trumpet Lessons

Lessons will now take place on a Wednesday morning.

Waitrose Tokens

Brimscombe is a nominated school for Waitrose Stroud green tokens – please support where you can.

Ofsted

After a gruelling two-day inspection, we felt it was a positive experience and will update you once the report is published.