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Friday 12th November 2021

From Mrs D'Arcy

Another busy fortnight has passed us by and the children continue to SHINE in all that they do! Our Y6 children have done a great job this week and last, showing prospective parents around our fabulous school! Our school really does look super and I would like to thank Miss Thomas, Mrs Mustoe and Holly Mustoe for their help in sorting the library during half term! **It really does look AMAZING** and the children are looking forward to visiting the library and borrowing books from it!

**We really enjoyed our coffee afternoon on 10th November at 2:30pm. Thank you to those who were able to join us and I hope that you enjoyed it as much as we did.**

As you know, reading is the key to success. Please do ensure that you listen to your child/ren read at least **5 times per week**. This will help the children achieve their 'Book Worm' award. Thank you for sending in all of the children's reading books so that we could complete an audit. Hopefully they have now been returned and we have a full insight into what books we have and where there may be some gaps. We aim to replenish the reading scheme again so that books match the children's phonics that they are learning.

Next Friday 19th November, we will be supporting children who are in need and all funds will be sent to a local charity **James Hopkins Trust**-a local children's respite care charity for **Gloucestershire's life limited and life threatened young children**. Please pay £1 to take part in this. Thank you for supporting us with this event.

Y6 and YR have worked hard to bring together a **Remembrance Service** which is now available on our school website. A huge thank you to all children and staff for putting this together and for the hard hitting message that it gives. Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported the poppy collection fund. <http://www.hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk/web/celebrations>

We are starting a new initiative with our Y5 children who can apply to be a 'playground leader.' Kick off Stroud, who work in many DGAT schools are going to be working with our children and train them up so that they have the necessary leadership skills to run playground games for the younger children. There is a recruitment process to follow and the children need to apply to be part of this exciting initiative. There will be two rounds in total which means at least 40 children will be able to fulfil this role. Further information will be shared next week, once we have had the initial meeting! For further information about 'Kick off Stroud' please follow this [link](#).

Well done to our Y5 children who took part in the K'Nex competition. The finalists will compete against other schools in June 2022

Thank you to those who have donated men's clothing for Elim Housing. If you do have any more donations, then please send them into school clearly labelled.

As you are aware, we have had a very challenging time with parent pay. As a school, we are caught in the middle between parent pay and the school kitchen. As a school our role is to facilitate school meals—your understanding and patience with this is very much appreciated.

Several families received a letter with regards to their child's attendance. Whilst I understand that some parents/carers were upset about this, I have a duty of care to let you know when attendance is an issue. No offence was meant by this communication however, it is important that you are aware that your child's attendance has fallen below an acceptable percentage and this in turn, can impact on their education. I recognise that it is a difficult balance however if in doubt, please contact school. Thank you for your support with this.

As you may be aware, Miss Hosking has been absent from school as a result of COVID. She continues to be unwell and so I am sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery. It is hoped that she is returning to school at the end of next week.

Due to staff shortages, we have decided that other than Motagu, we will not offer clubs going forward. As we have resorted to year group bubbles, this means that staff are providing cover for their class for half an hour each lunchtime.

Thank you to all who sent in photographs of your family! We have a lovely display '**Same Love Different Family**' in our school. If you would still like to send in a photo, please send it to [slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk)

**Next week is 'anti-bullying week.'** At Hardwicke we take bullying (including on-line) very seriously. We intend to spend the week teaching the children how to report bullying, including on line and to deepen their understanding of the term. We have asked the children to wear 'odd socks' on Monday 15th November. The theme for anti-bullying week is '**one kind word.**' Further information can be found [here](#). A final reminder, please do wear a mask when dropping off and collecting your child/ren from school and help to keep our school community safe.

Wishing you all a relaxing and joyful weekend!



# Inspiring Children to Shine



RA Shine award	Harley B & Brooklyn TC	Chloe A & Evie M
RA Reader of the week	Charlie G	Connor R
RC Shine award	Zachary P & Quinn S	Fraser M & Toby D
RC Reader of the week	Jaxson B	Elliott B
1R Shine award	Sophie P & Thomas D	George L & Evie F
1R Reader of the week	Laurie S	Freya M
1W Shine award	Ella Wakefield & Joseph Lester	Noah Cook & Sienna Elliot
1W Reader of the week	Alfie Brown	Ben Norman
2S Shine award	Oskar W & Charlie M	Shanay B & Ceejay D
2S Reader of the week	Keir F	Elliott J
2G Shine award	Cody C & Nylah S-M	William H and Chester F
2G Reader of the week	Athena H	Matthew E
3C Shine award	Ted Lever & Harrison Rymer	Jessica-Mae Bailey & Matthew Dowle
3C Reader of the week	Orlah Corbally	Daniel Ellins
3H Shine award	Lara Gallop & Oliver Norman	Charlie James -Rea & Leo Pilipcuzuk
3H Reader of the week	Saffie Mather	Isabelle Butcher
4Wa Shine award	Lilah Tanner & Aaliyah Ahmad	Noah Williams & Erin Hussey
4Wa Reader of the week	Finley Crowther	Amayah Moosajee
4Wr Shine award	Alfie Baker & Ava-Mae Astle	Billy Berry & Lexie Dix
4Wr Reader of the week	Elizabeth Price	Ruby Batten
5H Shine award	Myla Alexander & Jeet Jadeja	Benas Jakutis & Imogen Lewis
5H Reader of the week	Ava Cook	Ellie Smithers
5P Shine award	Isla King & Xavier France	Cyrus Sterling-McDowell & Lucas Edwards
5P Reader of the week	Travis May	Evie-Mae Carter
5C Shine award	Jack M & Ollie W	Daniel M & Erika B
5C Reader of the week	Bethany B	Ryan T
6C Shine award	Daisy B & Esther H	Georgia R & Lacie W
6C Reader of the week	Luca H	Jack E
6HJ Shine award	Preia C & Heidi W	Archie G & Evie W
6HJ Reader of the week	Charlotte T	Jacob Al



## Diary Dates 2021



### November

- 15.11.21 -Anti-Bullying Week (odd socks day)
- 18.11.21 Kim Murphy PCSO in school
- 19.11.21 Children in Need (wear spots or yellow)
- 25.11.21 -Photographs
- 26.11.21—Non-uniform (hamper donations)

### December

- 15.12.21 Reception Nativity
- 15.12.21 Y3&Y4 Carol Service
- 17.12.21 Hot chocolate Friday (selected children with SLT)



## In our Prayers

We keep in our thoughts all who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

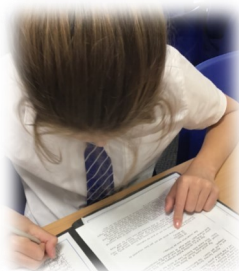
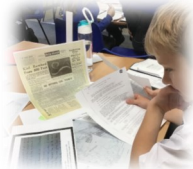


## Are your children entitled to Free School Meals?

COVID has affected many families in different ways. If your financial situation has changed and you think you maybe entitled to Free School Meals, then please follow the link.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

# At Hardwicke we SHINE



## End of School Collection Times

Reception—3:00 pm

Y1 and Y2—3:05 pm

Y3-Y6—3:10 pm

Parents/carers who have signed up for the GCC Holiday Free School Meals scheme will be provided with a voucher for £15 for October half term. Further information can be found here: [Holiday Free School Meal vouchers - Gloucestershire County Council](#).



## Attendance!

Attendance to date: 95.3%

Attendance this week: 95.1%

**BEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:**

**5P (98.9%)**