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From Mrs D'Arcy

Another busy fortnight has flown by as we head towards the end of the first term of this academic year! I'm sure you will agree that the children are working exceptionally hard and responding well to the high expectations that we are setting for them in terms of the work they are producing and the efforts they are making to fulfil their true potential. I want again, to thank you all so very much for supporting me with the school uniform and sending the children in each day, looking very smart and proud. After half term, all children should wear our very smart winter uniform. Please refer to the school website for further information about winter uniform.

<http://www.hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk/web/uniform/501721>

Hopefully by now, you have had chance to look at the school website but I would like to draw your attention to the '**Virtual Tour**' section of the school and the '**Celebrations**' tab. In the 'Virtual Tour' you will see a short extract of the school in action for prospective parents that are considering **Hardwicke** as their school of choice for next September. Please do spread the good word about our school! Equally, in our Celebrations tab you will see your fabulous children celebrating Harvest! We are still collecting tins/ contributions for the Gloucester Food Bank if you can donate. I have also added a tab called 'Shine' Awards- again the children that 'shine' and are identified by their teachers for standing out, will be added to this page as well as the website!

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the zoom '**Parents Forum**' last week! Next week, I am running another parent forum via zoom at **6:30pm** on **Thursday 15th October**. This is an opportunity to provide feedback to me about the school-what is working well and what you think we need to give some consideration to. I would like to discuss the following topics: **homework, PE kit, drop off & collection and parents evening**. There will then be an opportunity for you to raise any other topics that you would like to discuss! Just to remind you-this meeting is for parents/carers only and not for children. A link will be sent early next week!

Thank you to those who have already responded to the questionnaire that was sent out by Mrs Gregory with regards to access to **online learning** should we need to educate children remotely. It will help us to plan for this as and when is necessary.

We are all adapting to this new 'norm' and I would like to thank you all, for wearing masks at drop off and collection times. It is important that you adhere to **social distancing** at all times. I recognise that this is more challenging for Y1 and Mrs Bevan's parents/ carers but appreciate your co-operation with this. Unfortunately, I have had several complaints from the local resident about the **inconsiderate parking** that has started to occur. As we all want to work together within our local community, it is so important to park your car safely and legally at all times. I appreciate your understanding and support with this. Thank you also, for getting the children to school on time. Just to confirm, school gates are open from **8:40am-8:50am**. Therefore, it is important that your child gets the right start to the school day and is on time. As I previously stated, the impact of lateness and poor attendance has a detrimental impact on your child/ren's education. Unfortunately, we are having to issue **penalty notices** to parents/carers that have taken children on holiday during the school term. As you know, we **cannot authorise** any holidays during term time. We are planning to offer **parents evening** within the first couple of weeks after half term. I am working with both the parent forum and staff in order to agree the best approach in making this manageable and accessible for all. Several local schools are using a range of approaches, including phone calls, Teams or zoom. Once we have discussed this at staff meeting and at the Parent Forum, I will provide further information. During this meeting, if your child has a **MyPlan**, these targets will be shared and discussed with you. If your child has a **MyPlan+** or **EHCP**, Mrs Gregory will be in touch to make the necessary arrangements.

I have been in touch with the school uniform shop (Monkhouse) with regards to a **PE hoodie**. They are coming in at £14.75. It would be good to get some feedback on whether parents feel it would be beneficial and the price. Please feel free to email me at slt@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk.

Finally, I am delighted to let you know that we have appointed a substantive Deputy Headteacher. Jen Thomas is currently the Assistant Head at Kingsholm Primary school Gloucester. She will be joining the team in January!

Wishing you all a relaxing and peaceful weekend!



Hardwicke-the school that SHINES

Congratulations to the following children for shining brightly



YRA	Laurence Sutcliffe & Dae Williams	Isabelle Underwood & Tommy Dowle
YRB	Noah Cook & Oliver-James Swankie	Ella Wakefield & Alfie Brown
Y1S	Shanay Barnes & Poppy Davis	Kiera Towse & Amelia Grzywna
Y1B/S	Tola Odojin & Lochlann Scaysbrook.	Ben Zajac & Lottie Pepper
Y2K	Amalie Booth & Lacie Stower	Daniel Ellins & Ted Lever
2H	Orlah Corbally & Freddie Portlock	Amelia Simmonds & Evelyn Phelpstead
Y3W	Billy Berry & Maisie Hanks.	Freddie Knight & Lexie Dix
Y3M/R	Lottie Geeves & Noah Williams	Thomas Robins & Emma Sutton
Y4C	Koby Douglas & Jorja McLoughlin.	Ollie Wakefield & Joe Batten
Y4G	Ava Cook and Delani Lee	Maddie Partridge Jenson Westcarr
Y4W	Isla King & Samuel Gura	Daisy East & Declan Franklin
Y5P	Harley Jenner & Ruby Woodhouse.	Jack Ellis & Lily Kowalewicz
Y5H	Nico Davis & Charlotte Townsend	Freddie Hodges & Emily Nastase
Y6W	Teagan Dix & Ethan Stacey	Charlie Michael & Zac Brain
Y6H/J	Parker Brogden & Oscar Still	Oliver Hart & Gabriella Gomes



COVID SYMPTOMS

Procedures at Hardwicke

If a child displays:

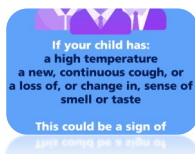
- a new continuous cough
- a high temperature (37.8°C) - they will feel hot on their head and back
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

Then we will contact parent/carer. Please come and collect your child as soon as you can. You will be asked to take any siblings with you.

Next Steps

- Whole household should isolate
- Book a test for the child with symptoms
- If Positive-the child needs to isolate for **10 days** and the household for **14 days**
- If negative-please return all children to school assuming they are fit and well.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT WITH THIS



HARDWICKE SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for a Midday Supervisor to join our fabulous team! For further information please go to http://www.hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk/web/working_at_hardwicke/501663



Attendance

Attendance for this week is

97.7%

Attendance for the term to date

97.1%



In our thoughts and prayers

We pray for those who are suffering with depression. We pray that they find support and help and do not suffer in silence.



Reading Recommendations!

Reading is THE most important skill-it opens the doors to all other learning! For each newsletter, the team here will be sharing their book recommendations with you!

Key Stage 1 recommendation

BEEGU

By Alexis Deacon

Key Stage 2 recommendation

Street Child

Berlie Doherty



Harvest Collection

Please help if you can,! We are taking donations of tins of food! All donations will be given to Gloucester Food Bank

