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From Mrs D'Arcy

Well what a start to this new term! It has certainly been a challenging return to school and I would like to thank all of the team here, for being so flexible and adaptable to ensure the smooth running of the school. As you are aware, we have been in close communication with you regarding some staff who were identified as **Clinically Extremely Vulnerable**. It is imperative that the information that I share with you is factual and correct, which is why sometimes there is a slight delay so that the message is clear and accurate. Thank you for your patience and understanding. However, since my communication this morning, it has come to light that Mrs Thomas does not fall into this category and will be in school which is great news! As we move forward however, I do believe that there will potentially be further disruption, as we know that the infection rate has rapidly increased and as we know, this could affect any one of us. It is important however, that if you or a member of your household have symptoms, that you **ALL** (in the household) isolate until you have been tested and have received the result. This means that you will keep **everybody** within our community **safe**.

It has been lovely to see your fabulous children working hard and being very focused on their learning. As you know, we are currently teaching additional phonics and maths in the afternoons across the school, so that we can address the missed and forgotten learning. It has been great to see how confident the children are becoming when using **mathematical language** to reason and explain some of the maths problems they are given. I cannot emphasise enough the importance of daily practise of times tables, counting and number bonds. The more fluent the children become, the easier it will be for them to complete more complex questions. Last term we introduced a consistent approach to teaching **reading** across EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Already, we are starting to see great improvements in the children's understanding of vocabulary and comprehension skills - many of our reception children have reading books with words and are flying through their tricky words too!

I'm sure you have seen this for yourselves, but I have noticed how motivated and inspired the children are to read at home and in school! It is great to see children growing a love of reading, as this is the key to accessing the wider curriculum. I wonder who will get their **Book Worm** certificate first?!

As we think ahead to next week, we will be putting onto the website a short clip that Y4 and Y3 have put together for **Remembrance**. It is so important that we take time to 'remember' the fallen and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Mr Walsh's class have done some super art work, which they will share with you. We are hoping to be able to contribute to a local community project and will display some of the children's work in the entrance to Tesco in Quedgeley. I will let you know once this is in place.

Next week, as you know, Mrs Bevan and Miss Rugman, are both working from home. Both teachers will teach remotely from home. Alongside Mrs Bevan (virtually) Mrs Newton-Jones and Mrs Tea will be ably supporting the children's learning, overseen by Mrs Arinze, EYFS lead. In Y3, Mrs Moore will be teaching the children Monday-Thursday and Miss Haughton on Friday. The following week, Mrs Moore will resume to her normal teaching days (Monday-Wednesday) and Mrs Haughton will teach on Thursday and Friday going forwards. Please be mindful, that at any time, anyone of the staff members could be in a position where they need to isolate and things could change. We appreciate your understanding with this. I will of course, keep you up to date with any changes.

In these uncertain times, it is really important that we all take time to look after ourselves and our loved ones. Please ensure that you follow the very clear guidance, and help to keep Hardwicke school open. As always, if you have any worries or concerns, then please do let me know and I can signpost you to our fabulous pastoral team.

Have a relaxing weekend and stay safe.





Hardwicke-the school that **SHINES**

Congratulations to the following children for shining brightly



YRA	Chester Clutterbuck & Sophie Parker
YRB	Sienna Elliott & Ben Norman
Y1S	Elliott Jadali & Danaya Pavlinova
Y1B/S	Arthur Hunter & Athena Harmer
Y2K	Arlind Ferizolli & Missi-Rai Watkins
2H	Sebastian Le Page & Tafara - Joy Jim
Y3W	Ava-Mae Astle & Jacob Williams
Y3M/R	Ade Adegboye-Ayegbe & Markus Naglis
Y4C	Jacob John Scriven & Anais Golden
Y4G	Benas Jakutis & Romeo Foran
Y4W	Travis May & Evie Carter
Y5P	Taylor Gittins and Georgina Berriman
Y5H	Jacob Allen & Tiyller Aydin-Brown
Y6W	Jacob Allen & Tiyller Aydin-Brown
Y6H/J	Zach Kingston & Paulina Gruntkowska



Need some support?

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_content=Children+and+Families#Covid-19-ELF

Follow link above for full details. The fund provides practical support to eligible adults and families for food, gas/electricity top ups and household items such as furniture including white goods/appliances and furniture.

https://www.healthystart.nhs.uk/?utm_source=Twitter&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=SocialSignIn&utm_content=Children%20and%20Families

Follow link for full details. Eligible parents can get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, fresh, frozen, and tinned fruit and vegetables, fresh, dried, and tinned pulses, and infant formula milk.



Some lovely art work by Y4W

Isla King's & Elizabeth
Foy-Gresty

Attendance

Attendance for the week
is 98.3%

Attendance for this year so
far is 97.6%

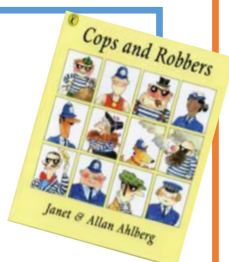


Reading Recommendations!

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

Cops and Robber
Alan and Janet Ahlberg



Key Stage 2 recommendation

Abominables
Dick King-Smith



In our thoughts and prayers

All of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

