



Newsletter 3

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Dear Parents & Governors,

Farewell: We recently said 'Goodbye' to two of our Teaching Assistants – Mrs Davis and Miss Roberts. They were a huge support to the children they helped and we wish both of them well with their future endeavours. Mrs Davis who moves on to pastures new, and Miss Roberts who is expecting her first child ... watch this space for an exciting announcement!

Before and After School Club: Huge thanks go to Miss Horsey and Mrs Pargeter who have stepped up to help keep Before and After School Club going in the absence of any replacement staff. They have agreed to continue this while we continue trying to recruit, but we will need to make some adjustments in order to do this. As such, from after half term, we will only be able to **provide After School childcare until 5.00pm only**.

There is particular stress on our resources for cover on Wednesdays, but we hope we can continue with this. If there is any change, I will notify you of this as soon as possible. Bookings for after half term are now available – please see the links below, or visit our website.

Covid-19 Update: As some classes have already been informed, we have had a few members of our community who have confirmed positive cases of coronavirus. As such, we are monitoring this very closely and working with the Local Authority and Public Health England to ensure we take the appropriate control measures to protect everyone as much as possible. In light of this, we have received an update on current guidance as follows:

- Continue stay at home if you (or your child) is ill
- Wash your hands regularly
- Maintain an enhanced cleaning regime
- Reduce mixing and maximize distancing
- Engage with NHS Test and Trace

However, The NHS Test and Trace Service has suspended testing operations provided by Immensa Health Clinic Ltd, following an investigation into reports of people receiving negative PCR test results after they have previously tested positive on a Lateral Flow Device.

Investigations continue, but NHS Test and Trace estimate that around 43,000 people may have been given incorrect negative PCR test results between 8 September and 12 October, mostly in the South West of England, including Gloucestershire.

UKHSA has stated that this is an isolated incident linked to one laboratory and that there is no evidence of any faults with LFD or PCR test kits themselves and the public should remain confident in using them and in other laboratory services currently provided - all samples are now being redirected to other laboratories.

*Test and Trace is in the process of contacting the people that could still be infectious to advise them to take another test. Close contacts who are symptomatic will also be advised to take a test in line with normal practice. **We would advise anyone who had a negative PCR test result between 5th and 12th October from any of the DHSC run testing facilities in the county to book a new test as a precaution.***

If you get a positive LFD test, it's important to make sure that you then get a follow up PCR test to confirm you have COVID-19. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, self-isolate and take a PCR test. Information on how you can get a [PCR test](#) is available on our website. The Government's website provides further information and advice on [how to stay safe and help prevent the spread of covid-19](#)

You can find more information in a joint letter to parents from the Secretary of State for Education and for Health and Social Care via this [link](#)



Marathon Runners: Well done to Mrs Evans and Mrs Manners for completing the London Marathon a couple of weeks ago! Not only did they both complete it in an impressive time, but also raised considerable funds for their respective charities. We are proud of their achievement and I know the children enjoyed reflecting this in their 'mini-marathon' last Friday.



Change to 2021-2022 Term Dates: Due to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday in June 2022, the summer term will now end on **Thursday 21st July instead of Friday 22nd July 2022**. Please see attached, amended 2021-2022 term dates.

Parents Evening: Reminder that we will be holding Parents' Evening meetings at the following times:

- Monday 18th October - all year groups except Y4
- Wednesday 20th October – Y6 only
- Thursday 21st October – all year groups except Y6

Please note another change in arrangements. While we had planned a return of face-to-face meetings, with the recent increase of staff and pupils showing symptoms of Covid-19, **we will now be holding these meetings virtually**. Class teachers will send you a link to access the Google Meet video meeting (as we did last year) and will follow the same timings as you have already booked. If you have any difficulties with this, please let us know as we can arrange a telephone call instead.

Harvest: For Harvest this year we will be collecting for a local charity project called Jigsaw. Jigsaw runs a number of events to support local vulnerable families including a Fareshare scheme. They also collect food such as tinned and packet goods which they also offer families. If you are able to donate any of the items listed below it would be a great help and enable them to continue supporting families.



Tins of tomatoes, vegetables, fruit, tuna, meatballs, soup, baked beans, spaghetti, cold meat. Also teabags, coffee, sugar, pasta sauces, biscuits and crackers.

There will be boxes on the playground before/after school during the week of **18th-22nd October** if you would like to donate items.

If you know of a local family or would benefit from this project yourself, please contact them directly. Email: jigsaw@freshhope.co Tel: 07910806729

Before & After School Club Please use the links to booking forms below (also on the school website). Any queries can be sent via:

- Email: beforeand afterschool@holyltrinity.gloucs.sch.uk
- Telephone/Text: 07548 592989 (Note – this phone is only monitored during the hours the club is operating)

Booking Forms

Week beginning	Link to booking form
Monday 1 st November (Note – not open on Monday)	https://forms.gle/y8SSV65Svf85UnU7
Monday 8 th November	https://forms.gle/SvgLH9ASFhGUWYtNA
Monday 15 th November	https://forms.gle/LGpTf8kirko1Senx8
Monday 22 nd November	https://forms.gle/rcgixCPZESS4zmVVA
Monday 29 th November	https://forms.gle/NEqbs8YynARC24de9
Monday 6 th December	https://forms.gle/55xkP122sDDJKQ8z5
Monday 13 th December	https://forms.gle/yLyY2fcdy rpAkouB9
Christmas Holiday	No Wrap Around child care available

Parent Governor: As an update on progress from the recent nominations. We have two parents who have offered to become Governors. As such, we are required to do a ballot and this will come to you shortly.

Reminders: Please ensure that you complete a leave of absence form for any time your child requires out of the school day. This includes, medical appointments, funerals, holiday, etc. Also, please make sure your contact details are correct – a good test is do you get the fortnightly newsletter by email and the text prompt to letting you know it has been sent.

Secondary School Transfer September 2022: It's that time of year when parents of Y6 children need to consider applying for places at secondary schools. The deadline for secondary applications this year is **Sunday 31st October 2021** **This is extremely important as any applications received after this date will not be considered until after 1st March 2022.** Most secondary schools are now advertising their Open days, please check secondary school's websites, for details of these. If your child will be attending an Open day, please ensure you complete a leave of absence form for their absence to attend.

Contact Details and Medical Information: If there have been any changes to contact details we hold on our system in relation to your child, i.e., your telephone number, e-mail address, etc, please ensure you let Miss Saunders in the office know, so we can make sure your child's details are as up to date as possible. This also includes any changes in relation to medical information we hold for your child. If you are unsure of The details we hold for your child, please check these with the school office.

Free School Meals during October Half Term: Sign up for Holiday Free School Meal Vouchers (£15 for each eligible child) for October half term is open from Monday 13 September until midday on Friday 24 September. Vouchers will be sent out between Monday 27 of September and 30 of September. Vouchers are being sent out this early due to Covid grant stipulations. For more information and to sign up if you haven't already please visit the [holiday school meal vouchers page](#) on the GCC website. If you have already signed up, you do not need to re-register.

Newsletters & Text Messages: As our main forms of communication, please ensure you are checking Newsletters. E-Mails and Text messages. Recently we have been increasingly either chasing up parents for information or permissions as well as answering queries in relation to things that have already been communicated to parents – thank you for your support with this.

Other News:

And there's more! – Look out for several other flyers and information about activities to get involved with and information to support families – I hope you find them useful!

- Renishaw Maths Engineering Day – See Flyer Attached
- Move More Camps October Half Term – Flyers attached
- Cheltenham Youth Theatre – Flyer attached

Forthcoming Dates

Remember – all these dates are on our School Website and are updated regularly!

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| • w/c 18 th October | Parents Evening Meetings | times to be confirmed |
| • Friday 22 nd October | Non Uniform Day | Suggested donation £1 |
| • Friday 22nd October | End of Autumn Term 1 | |
| • Monday 1st November | INSET DAY – school closed | No pupils |
| • Tuesday 2nd November | Start of Autumn Term 2 | |
| • Thursday 18 th November | PTFA Disco (Rec & KS1: 5-5.45pm)
KS2: 6.00-6.45pm - £2.00 Entry | |
| • Friday 3 rd December | Year 6 After School Sale | |
| • Friday 10 th December | Christmas Fair | |

Yours sincerely

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