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Dear families,

As we near the end of Term 4, I'd like to say a huge thank you to you all for your ongoing support of the school over recent weeks. Whilst the return to school has gone relatively smoothly, there have been inevitable ups and downs as everyone gets used to school life once again – we thank you for your patience as we have dealt with each issue that has arisen.

We have continued to hold an online celebration service each Friday at the end of the school day. This is an opportunity to recognise and celebrate the work of individual children. During this time, each teacher selects a child as a star learner and explains why they have been chosen. This often relates to their attitude towards learning, including the progress they may have made over time. We also identify somebody who has been demonstrating our vision through our Courage to Care award. Our most recent Courage to Care certificate was awarded to Vincent in Year 5, who consistently demonstrates a caring attitude towards all people around him as well as in every piece of work he produces. Previous to this, Harper in Reception was awarded the certificate due to the care she showed when learning about the Easter story.

On Thursday 1st April, the children will take part in an Easter service at church. They will remain in their bubbles and kept separate from children in different bubbles. Father Malcolm will lead the service and share the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, which Christians celebrate each Easter.

I would like to wish you all a very happy and restful break, when it arrives. Mike Riches

Family and household testing – information from South Gloucestershire Council

South Gloucestershire Council have asked us to share more information about testing with you. Primary school children are not advised to have rapid tests currently, however families and households with primary school, secondary school and college age children, including childcare and support bubbles, are encouraged to test themselves twice every week from home. Regular testing for those without symptoms will help keep you, your family, and your school community safe.

The attached letter provides full details about how you and your family can access regular rapid testing to your home or from places in the local community. Slots can be booked on www.southglos.gov.uk/book-rapid-test.

Remember that anyone (including children) who has symptoms of Covid-19 – a new, continuous cough, high temperature or a loss or change to their sense of taste or smell - should isolate with all family members and book a test online at www.gov.uk or call 119.

If your child tests positive during the Easter Holidays, the second attachment to this newsletter gives information on who to contact. For more information please look at the following website:
<https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/testing/>



Walk to School Wednesdays

Walk to school Wednesdays will continue every week both this term and into the summer terms. You are invited to park at a location further away from school – this could either be the Parish Hall or at The White Hart. This is a great way for your child to start the school day, so we really do encourage you to get involved as much as you can.

School Crossing Patrol

Our school currently has a vacancy for a School Crossing Patrol. The details of the post are listed below.

Role: School Crossing Patrol – Iron Acton

Site Location: High Street. By School Gate

Times: 8.30am – 9.05am

2.55pm – 3.25pm

Hourly rate: £9ph

Full training and uniform is provided, we are happy to consider part time and/or job share for further details please contact myself, Martina Byrne-Obee 01454 863611.

Red Nose Day

Thank you all for your donations – the school raised £114 through cash donated on the day. We know that some families also donated online. During celebration service on Friday, the children learnt more about the ways in which Comic Relief supports people in the UK and abroad. We watched the following clip about Ethan, a 9 year old boy, who has cerebral palsy, and the way your donations help people like him:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hAKvelOItts>

A message from Friends – Easter egg assault course

There is an 'eggcellent' activity arranged by Friends for the last Thursday before Easter. The children will be decorating eggs and making an egg assault course from junk. Each child will receive a small Easter gift thanks to the Easter bunny! 🐰🐣

Early next week, please bring in a piece of recycling that can be used as part of each class' egg run - big tubes, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles all welcome! Thank you.

Online safety information

Here is a YouTube video created by local Cyber Protect officers. Please do have a look at this YouTube video, which contains some incredibly important information designed to help you keep your child safe whilst online.

<https://youtu.be/REAUTp7IATU>

We talk to children regularly about online safety in school and it forms part of the Computing and PSHE curriculums. We have also updated our online safety section of the website recently to give you more information about the game Fortnite – a parental guide: <https://www.besa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Fortnite-Battle-Royale-Guide-April-2018.jpg>. Please note, Fortnite has a PEGI rating of 1, meaning the game is suited to anyone 12 years or older.



Parent Questionnaire – Online Safety

We would appreciate a few moments of your time to complete a survey about online safety. Please access the survey using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LWWWVSLV>

Good Friday service

All families are invited to attend the family friendly Good Friday service as detailed below:



Safeguarding information

Have you noticed our two recently updated safeguarding displays, which can be found in the school playground? One of them reminds children what they can do if they have concerns. One gives information and advice to families. Thank you to Mrs Hares in the office for putting these together.



Wrap around care

Both breakfast and after school club are running as normal. Please do book in if you need to access this provision. This can be done by phone or [email](#) to the school office prior to the session. Payments should be made via ParentPay. Please contact the office for further information.

Breakfast club runs each day of the week from 7.45am and costs £4 per child per day, including food.

After School Club runs Monday – Thursday until 6.00pm and costs £8.50 per child per day, including a snack.



Dates for your diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Friends Easter Egg assault course	01.04.21	Please bring in an item or two of recycling. All other equipment (including eggs) will be supplied.
Easter service	01.04.21	Our Easter service will take place in the church. This will be for children only.
Last day of Term 4	01.04.21 3.15pm	
Good Friday service	02.04.21 10am	See information above. All families welcome to attend.
First day of Term 5	19.04.21 8.55am	
May Bank Holiday	03.05.21	School will be closed to children.
INSET day	21.05.21	School will be closed to children.
World Book Day	26.05.21	Children will be invited to dress up this year.
Last day of Term 5	28.05.21 3.15pm	
First day of Term 6	07.06.21 8.55am	
INSET day	21.06.21	School will be closed to children.
Sports day	09.07.21, pm	Please note the change of date.
Year 6 leavers' service	16.07.21 2.00pm	
Last day of Term 6	21.07.21 3.15pm	

Please note: these dates may be changed or cancelled if necessary. We will try to provide as much notice as possible if this is the case.

