



Dates for your Diary

22/2 K'NEX Challenge for Parrot Class
23/02 Gujarati Workshop for whole school
27/2 Oracy – Lower KS2 cluster finals at Bledington School 9.30 start
27/2 Oracy Upper KS2 Finals at Bledington School 1.15pm start
29/2: OWLS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall
1/3 PUFFINS Book Fair. 8.45am School Hall
4/3 PENGUINS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall
5/3 PARROTS Book Fair 8.45am School Hall
5/3 NHS Vision, Height and Weight checks for Reception- OWLS
5/3 NHS Height and Weight checks for Year 6- PARROTS
6/3 BAG2SCHOOL collection at morning drop off.
7/3 World Book Day 2024- Come to school dressed up as a character from your favourite nursery rhyme or poem.
7/3 NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
11 TH , 12 TH AND 14 TH March, Parents evening- NO after school clubs
15/3 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat Officer to visit Parrot Class
21/3 Easter Eggstravaganza afternoon- 2.15pm– all welcome
22/3 Break up at 1.05pm for Easter Holidays
Return to school Monday 8th April
18/4 Languages Day at the Cotswold School for Penguin Class
16/04 Photographer at school
30/04 Author Sam Copeland to visit Owls and Puffins
6/5/24 May Day bank Holiday
7/5 K'Nex Challenge Finals for Bruno and Isla
13/5 SAT's week
17/5 KS2 athletics at Temple Guiting- all day
22/5 Walk to School Day
23/5 NO after school clubs today
24/5: Maypole Afternoon: gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start
27/5 – 31/5 half Term Holidays
3/6 Inset Day – no pupils at school. Return to school 4/6
7/6 Non school uniform day in return for a tombola prize
8/6 Bledington Village Fete
11/6 No after school club today
13/6 1 st Induction afternoon for Sept reception children and parents
17/6 : 2 nd Induction day for Sept reception intake (children only)
17/6: Parents Open Evening
25/6 Sports Day
26/6 PC Leah Davis Schoolbeat officer to see Parrot Class
27/6 Reserve Sports Day if wet on the 25 th
2/7 Year 6 Induction Day at the Cotswold School
9/7 End of Year Performance- gates open 1.15 for a 1.30 start
10/7 End of Year Performance – 6pm START TIME
12/7 Whole School Trip to the Cotswold Wildlife Park (date tbc)
16/7 Leaver's assembly. 2.00pm start time
17/7 Brass concert in the school hall 2.30 start time
19/7 Break up at 1.05 for Summer Hols

Congratulations

Congratulations to Harris from Puffins, Annabelle from Penguins and Teddy from Parrots for making it through to the Cluster finals of this year's Oracy Competition. Harris

performed very well at St David's School, Moreton, this week, with Annabelle and Teddy taking to the stage at Bledington School next week- the best of luck to both.

Congratulations also to Bruno and Isla from Parrot class for winning the local STEMWorks K'Nex Challenge. They will now go on to represent Bledington School in the County Finals at Renishaw plc, New Mills, Wotton-under-Edge, Gloucestershire, GL12 8JR on Tuesday 7th May 2024. Well done and good luck in the finals!

School Bookfair- School Hall. (please see below for dates and times)

Our annual Book Fair will be held after half term kicking off with Owls on Thursday 29th Feb at 8.45am. If you're looking to add to your home library, this is the perfect place to buy books suitable for all ages and tastes. £1.00 World Book Day tokens (can only be used for books) will be issued during the sale- they will NOT be issued in advance. Every book sold at our Book Fair helps to earn free books for school- so the more we sell, the better for our school library.

This year, Scholastic are providing a card payment reader machine which means we can accept payment by debit or credit cards. This will be our preferred method of payment.

Dates and times of bookfairs as follows:

OWLS: 29th FEBRUARY 8.45am School Hall
PUFFINS: 1st MARCH 8.45AM School Hall
PENGUINS: 4TH MARCH 8.45AM School Hall
PARROTS: 5TH MARCH 8.45AM School Hall

NHS Screening for Reception and Y6 5th March

NHS vision, height and weight screening will take place for Reception and Year 6 children on Tuesday 5th March. (Height and weight only for year 6). Information letters were sent out via e mail on January 17th. If you are happy for your child to take part, there is no further action. To opt out, please call 0300 421 8225 or follow the link on page 3 of the e-mailed letter. Screening will take place at school and children will be accompanied by school staff at all times.

Bag2School Fundraiser– Morning Drop off on 6/3/24

Our next Bag2School collection will be at morning drop off on 6/3/24. Please use your own bags- bin liners etc. and bring all bags to the staff car park by 9am on the 6th March. Each bag collected raises funds for school.

World Book Day 7/3/2024

We're celebrating World Book day 2024 by coming to school dressed as a character from our favourite nursery rhyme or poem. Please do not buy costumes, use whatever you have at home to make a costume- this not only saves money but also the environment. Be as imaginative as you can- it's always a fun day with some fantastic costumes!

Parents Evening- wc 11th March

Parents evenings will be held as follows:

OWLS: Monday 11th March and Thursday 14th March

PUFFINS: Monday 11th and Thursday 14th March

PENGUINS: Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March

PARROTS: Monday 11th and Tuesday 12th March

Sign-up sheets will be up on the playground on the 5th March.

Easter Eggstravaganza – school hall 2.15pm 21/3/24. All welcome

Competition – Make an Egg Person. Entries to be brought in at 9am on 21/3/24

For Easter, we're running a 'Make an Egg Person' competition. This could be a famous person, a book character or a fictional character. Use your own choice of materials but make it as creative as you can. Entries need to be brought in to the hall at morning drop off on the 21st March. (Please do not bring your entries in before this). Judging will take place during the morning and winners will be announced in the whole school assembly on the 21st.

Please come along to view the competition entries and enjoy refreshments served by the BSA. Gates open at 2.15pm- all welcome.

Homework

We have noticed a decline in parents reading with children. It is an expectation that children read at home every day and that all homework set is completed and returned on time. Please help your child/ren by getting into the habit of listening to them read daily.

- "Children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly.
- Just **6 extra minutes** every day has the potential to increase the reading performance of children.
- Children that read at least **20 minutes every day** will have exposure to approximately 2 million words annually

Lumi Nova- Free

"Lumi Nova: Tales of Courage is an engaging child-led, parent/guardian supported therapeutic intervention that can be used on most smartphones or tablets.

It facilitates **graded exposures (the active ingredient of Cognitive Behavioural Therapy) with psychoeducation** to empower 7-12 year olds with mild to moderate needs to learn to **self-manage fears, worries and anxiety.**

It is **practical, age appropriate, non-stigmatising, encourages self management** and provides user progress and health outcomes **data in real time** to authorised professionals"

If you think your child could benefit from Lumi Nova, please download the app or see Ms Kewley for more information.

Microsoft Teams Replacing Seesaw.

Some of you may already know that we are migrating from Seesaw to Microsoft Teams and use of Seesaw will cease completely by the end of February.

Penguin class are already using it and it will shortly be rolled out to all classes. Mr Young will hold a whole school information session and will also send out a 'How to' sheet. Please bear with us during this transition period of ending with Seesaw and setting up the new learning and sharing platform.

Foster Carers

Please see below from Nexus Fostering:

"At Nexus Fostering based in Gloucester, we're looking for local people like you to become foster carers. By providing a loving and stable home environment, you can support the increasing number of children and young people in the local area who cannot live in their family homes. Not all children require long-term care. We also need foster carers for short-term placements, respite care, and to provide temporary homes to support young parents and their babies. So, if you have a spare room and are ready to change lives, please give us a call on 01452491980 or email Bridget Fletcher on bridgetf@nexusfostering.co.uk."

New School Governor

We extend a very warm welcome to new school governor, Sophie Watt. Sophie currently lives in London but will be moving to the Cotswolds soon. She is very keen to contribute the governing board's work to ensure high standards and achievement are maintained for all children.

Safeguarding- a good night's sleep

A good night's sleep is essential to feeling good, being able to learn and staying healthy. A lack of sleep can make you feel poorly, unable to learn and not want to go out with your friends and family.

The amount of sleep that your child is recommended to have is based upon their age. The NHS recommends the following:

Age and Amount of sleep

5 years old- 11 hours

6 years old -10 hours 45 minutes

7 years old- 10 hours 30 minutes

8 years old- 10 hours 15 minutes

9 years old -10 hours

10 years old- 9 hours 45 minutes

11 years old- 9 hours 30 minutes