



# Chivenor Newsletter

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*"In you we believe"*

Dear Griffin Families,

As we begin our final week of autumn term I wanted to share some of the amazing Wide Horizons that have enhanced and enriched our learning.

The term has been busy putting into place our new routines, setting up and establishing pupil leadership roles and planning out all the activities, visitors and trips that will help engage and motivate our young Griffins in the months ahead. Some of these wonderful events have already taken place and the outcomes in lessons have been a joy to witness. From writing, art work, sporting success and growing resilience in maths it has been a really productive term as you will see on the following pages.

Parents have also been into school to take part in the first workshops of the year. These will continue after half term break with Reading, Wellcomm and some writing sessions. Please see the dates page later in the issue.

We look forward to seeing you and for you to see school on our first Parents Evening of the school year on Wednesday 9th November.

Regards Lisa Guest

## **Handle with care**

If your family is experiencing difficulties at home, I would like to provide additional support at school.



I understand that you are not always able to share details and that's okay. If your child is coming into school after a difficult night, morning or weekend, please email me 'Handle with care' and your child's name and class to the email:

[safeguarding@chivenor-gst.org](mailto:safeguarding@chivenor-gst.org)

Nothing else will be said or asked. This will let me know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

Mrs Cox & the Chivenor team

If you do wish to talk about it, please also know that our door is always open and the kettle is always on!



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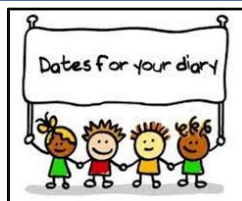


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- \* Mon 31st Oct: Return to school
- \* Wed 9th Nov: Kittle Photography in for individual pupil photos
- \* Wed 9th Nov: KS2 Parents Meeting– supporting reading
- \* Wed 9th Nov: Parents Evening
- \* Fri 11th Nov: Y2 Animal Visit
- \* Fri 11th Nov: Remembrance Day
- \* Tues 15th Nov: Y1 Parents Workshop-Wellcom
- \* Wed 16th Nov: Y2 Parents Workshop–Wellcom
- \* Fri 18th Nov: Children In Need
- \* Wed 23rd Nov: Y5/6 Parents Workshop– Writing
- \* Fri 25th Nov: World Cup Day
- \* Tues 29th Nov: Storyteller in Y1 & Y3
- \* Wed 30th Nov: Y2 Parents workshop– writing
- \* Mon 5th Dec: Christmas Fayre 3:30-4:45pm
- \* Wed 7th Dec: Y3 & 4 Parent workshop-writing
- \* Mon 12th Dec: Reception Tea Party
- \* Tues 13th Dec: KS1 Festive Festival (pm)
- \* Wed 14th Dec: Carols on the Vale
- \* Wed 14th Dec: End of term assembly Y2/3 & Y4/5/6
- \* Thurs 15th Dec: Class Parties– non-uniform
- \* Fri 16th Dec: Mince pies and Carols 1:30-2:30pm
- \* 16.12.22: BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS



- \*Tues 3rd Jan: Return to school
- \*Tues 17th Jan: Y2 Selly Manor Trip
- \*Wed 18th Jan: Y1 Parent workshop– maths am
- \*Wed 18th Jan: Y2 Parent workshop– maths pm
- \*Wed 25th Jan: Rec parents meeting Wellcom
- \*Wed 25th Jan: Y6 Parents meeting– SATs
- \*Thurs 26th Jan: Rec Wonder Dome Trip
- \*Thurs 26th Jan: Y5 Wonder Dome Trip
- \*Wed 1st Feb: Y3 Parents Workshop– maths
- \*Wed 1st Feb: Y4 Parents Workshop– maths
- \*Wed 8th Feb: Y5 Parents Workshop– maths
- \*Wed 8th Feb: Y6 Parents Workshop– maths
- \*Friday 17th February– last day of term

## **Term Dates - 2022/23**

### **Autumn Term 1**

Starts: Wednesday 7th September 2022

Finishes: Friday 21st October 2022

Half Term holiday: 22/10/22 - 30/10/22

### **Autumn Term 2:**

Starts: 31st October 2022

Finishes: 16th December 2022

Christmas holiday: 17/12/22 - 02/01/23

### **Spring Term 1**

Starts: Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Finishes: Friday 17th February 2023

Half Term holiday: 18/02/23 - 27/02/23

### **Spring Term 2:**

Starts: Tuesday 28th February 2023

Finishes: Friday 31st March 2023

Easter holiday: 01/04/23 - 16/04/23

## **Getting Your Child to School Really Matters**



### **Did You Know... ?**

In a School Year, If Your Child is Late Every Day By...	Your Child Would Have Lost Approximately...	or They Would Have Missed Approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

**Please Encourage Punctuality to Maintain Attendance**

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## Pupil Parliament

Our Pupil Parliament are led this year by our Head boys, Vinnie and Aidan and our Head Girls, Miya and Junior. Their applications were impressive and we look forward to seeing them working with the rest of the Pupil Parliament to ensure the voice of our Griffins is heard. Also joining the 2022-2023 Pupil Parliament are Lacey-Louise & Wade (Y3),



## Bell-boating

Our Year 5 Griffins participated in a bell-boating activity day. The aim was to widen their horizons and enhance learning and understanding within their writing text- Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo- as the main character finds himself stranded on a deserted island after a storm. The bell-boat is a twin-hulled, stable craft with up to 12 people in a crew, who are seated and propel the boat with single-bladed paddles. All the crew needed to focus on their communication and



teamwork skills to ensure they could manoeuvre the boat correctly. They even found out about the locks and getting water up and down hill!



### What are the 5 British values?

Democracy;

The rule of law;

Individual liberty;

Mutual respect;

Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs

### Why do we teach the British Values?

They help to prepare our pupils for life in modern Britain. They are also an important element of safeguarding, as they help to prevent extremism and radicalisation.

## British Values

**Democracy**  
Our opinions matter in school.



**Respect**  
We look after each other and our school.



**Tolerance**  
We accept each other's differences.



## British Values

**Rule of law**  
We keep to rules.



**Liberty**  
We are free to make choices.





## **Griffin Sports Festival**

Earlier this month, a group of our most talented Year 6 sportspersons took part in the Griffin Sports Festival at the Pingles Stadium, Nuneaton. This Proud Tradition sees teams from all 12 Griffin Schools compete in a range of events including handball, athletics, basketball and curling. Our Griffins did a fantastic job with some great saves in handball from Aiden and an amazing goal in basketball by Minha. All the children were excellent ambassadors for our school and showed fantastic sportsmanship. Well done to all the children involved!



## **Black History Month**

This month our Griffins have been celebrating Black History Month by learning about key historical figures, artists and musicians. They created some fantastic displays using their writing and artwork and also took part in a number of assemblies looking at why we take the time to mark this event. Work was displayed in our KS2 playground for all to view and enjoy.



## **Parent Workshops**

Thank you to all those who have attended one of our parent workshops this half term. We have a number of workshops planned in the future so please have a look at the 'Dates for your diary' section on page 2 and come and join the staff and your children. We have received really positive feedback and enjoy parents coming into school to see the work that we do and to share ideas of how you can help your children at home.



## **Chivenor... You have made a difference!**

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all the parents who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning. It was lovely to welcome you in to our café and have a cuppa and a chat whilst raising money for such a worthy cause. We raised a massive £242.42!!!!!!



### **Harvest Collection**

Thank you to all those who contributed towards our Harvest Festival Collection. All donations have been delivered to Spitfire Services to help those in need locally. We really appreciate your support and generosity.



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## A snippet of our half term in pictures

What an amazing half term we've had!



## Wide Horizons



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