

Dear Parents and Carers

Sadly, I have to inform you that Mrs Hunt in Class 1 will be leaving our school at the end of this term to take up a full-time post at Blue Coat School in Wotton-under-Edge. We wish her all the best with her new class and thank her for all her hard work. Governors are presently looking for a new part-time Reception teacher and we will update you when we have finished the recruitment process.

We have some very exciting news about Leo our very popular Visitor on Fridays. You might have seen this report in the local paper

The countdown to Crufts has begun for Gloucestershire's own big-hearted Spaniel, Leo, and his proud owner Den Bannister. Nine-year-old Leo, a Pets As Therapy (PAT) dog, has been named as one of six finalists in a national competition to find the HiLife PAT Dog of the Year 2015/16.

The winner will be announced during a presentation ceremony at Crufts on Friday 11 March 2016 and lovely natured Leo, who lives in Slimbridge, Gloucestershire, is going all out to win the prestigious title. "I'm absolutely delighted about Leo being nominated as a finalist for HiLife PAT Dog of the Year. Words aren't enough to describe how very proud I am of him," says owner Den. "Leo loves to listen to children reading at Slimbridge Primary School. He is very much in demand and was voted the school's top attraction last year. It is nearly impossible to walk through the village without hearing little voices calling his name."

We wish him all the very best of luck for the 11th March.

Please be aware that a Parents' Consultation letter has been emailed to all parents with copies also available from the office. Sign up sheets are available in the entrance, if you can't make any of the provided dates please see class teachers and they will happily make an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

Finally, the latest Family Matters Newsletter for GCC is available from this link. It has a really good idea for alternative Easter Eggs.

Regards
Alison Cooke

*Parents are always welcome to attend the Friday
celebration Assembly in the hall at 2.30pm*

Philosophy for Children

IMPORTANT DATES.

Thursday 3rd March—Yr 6 Transition meeting at school with Rednock

Friday 4th March— Cross Country Assembly at 2.30

Monday 7th March—Yr4 to The British School, Wotton-Under-Edge for PHSE play

Thursday 10th March—Yr 5 & 6 Stroud Mock Trial TBC

Friday 11th March—World Book Day. Dress up as your favourite book character.

Monday 14th March—Assembly by Severn Trent Water

Wednesday 16th March -Maths Day

Friday 18th March—Sports Relief come in sports kit and bring £1

Sunday 20th March—Egg Hunt organised by FOSS

Thursday 24th March—Easter Assembly TBC at the Church 1.30pm

Easter Holidays 25th March—10th April inclusive.

Thursday 21st April—Queen's birthday Celebration.



SuperStars will be running FUN Multi Sports Holiday Course at the School over the Easter Holidays (Monday 4th April – Friday 8th April).

The course is suitable for children aged 4-11 and runs from 8.45 -15.30 Daily (Mini Stars - 4 year olds finish at 13:00, SuperStars - aged 5+ finish at 15:30). For more information and to book please get in touch with SuperStars directly on 0845 241 3682 or at <https://bookings.super-stars.org.uk/>

Dear All,

Thank you to everyone who bought our fabulous school tea towels, we're really pleased with how they turned out, the children are all very artistic! We raised a fantastic £323 a great figure and well worth doing. We've had a very successful term fundraising so far, including the £227 that we raised from the Valentines Disco. Thank you to everyone who has helped.

The next FoSS event is our Family Egg Hunt. It takes place **on Sunday 20th March** in the lovely grounds of Rosie's Wood, Slimbridge **from 10.30-12.30**. Tickets are £3 per child and they will all receive a chocolate egg at the end of their hunt. It's suitable for all ages, and there will be hot drinks and bacon rolls on sale. Parking can be difficult so the owners of The George have kindly agreed to let us use their car park. From here you can cut through the caravan park and follow the signs to Rosie's Wood. Tickets are available from the school office, The Cabin Village store and also to buy online through ParentPay. Tickets need to

to take part in a project to help protect Britain's
dwindling population of pollinating insects.

This exciting new project is called:



We will be working in partnership with Stone with Woodford Playgroup, Stone with Woodford Primary School and North Nibley CofE Primary School. As four of the schools selected for the UK-wide 'Polli:Nation' programme, our pupils will begin to transform our outdoor spaces over the next three years to become pollinator-friendly habitats, with the support of the national school grounds charity, Learning through Landscapes.

We would love parents and other community members to become involved in this project and would be extremely grateful if you could take a minute to complete the attached Skills Survey and return it to the office.

If you know someone who you think might like to get involved who lives locally but doesn't have children at the school, or would like further information on the project, please let us know!

Many thanks.



Email:	Telephone:
Link with school (i.e. parent, governor, neighbour, etc.):	

Interests/skills - please tick the tasks that you would be willing to help with.

Skills we need	I can support with these skills - <i>please note if you are keen, experienced and make any other comments that you would like to share</i>
Wildlife knowledge ID/conservation/ecology	
Accounting	
Catering/refreshments	
Creative Arts	
DIY	
Fundraising	
Practical Conservation	
Gardening	
Admin/IT	
Would you be willing to attend meetings?	
Would you be willing to help out with activities during school time/after school?	