

### **PARENTS EVENING**

Parents evening dates are 20th and 22nd February. Please be advised that there will be no after school clubs this week. I am very conscious that Maple Class have not had their Parents Evening from October, with this in mind, we will be holding a Parents Evening for Maple Parents/Carers only in the Summer Term. More communication regarding Parents Evening will be sent out soon.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

At Dursley, we are very keen to extend our extra curriculum offer. I have been in contact with some Sports Specialists to see whether they can lead some after school clubs, and I am still waiting to hear back from some. But, to begin with, we are running a fencing experience on Monday, ready for our upcoming fencing club! This will be a fee-paying club, but costs will be subsidised by the school. Please look out for an email on Monday for further details.

I know we also have a very richly talented and skilled community, and if you feel you are able to give time to run a club next half term or in the Summer please do reach out. Perhaps you also have a contact from a local Sports club, who may be able to support us in delivering a Sports After School Club, if yes, please do put them in contact with myself, I would love to hear from them! We do have a very small budget available to be able to support with this.

### **NUT FREE SCHOOL REMINDER**

Thank you to everyone for being so diligent about keeping nuts out of packed lunches, as we do have some potentially extreme allergies in school. Sometimes it can be easy to overlook nuts when they are an ingredient, for example the pine nuts in pesto. If you send your child in with a packed lunch, please can you check that there are no hidden nuts in what they bring. Thank you.

### **PACKED LUNCHES**

We ask parents to provide healthy food and not to put sweets or chocolates in lunch boxes. (One small biscuit bar with a little chocolate is permitted.) Please try not include condensed fruit snacks such as fruit bars, fruit winders, fruit pellets and yoghurt-coated fruit flakes, as they often contain even more sugar than the sweets we already don't allow. Children should bring only water to drink.

We also ask that you remind your child that they should not be sharing food with other children, due to the potential risk of an allergy.

### **PUNCTUALITY**

Thank you for so consistently getting your children to school from 8.30 onwards ready for doors to open at 8.40. A very small number of families often arrive right on 8.50 or just after. We want to let you know that we will be closing the gates as close to 8.50 as possible going forwards. The reason behind this is that some pupils are arriving after 8.50 but getting to class via the playground rather than the school office. This affects the registration process, as all arrivals after 8.50 need to be registered differently.

We completely understand that an occasional unforeseen circumstance can make any of us late, but if you are one of the families arriving daily between 8.50 and 8.55, you will need to try to get your child into school before 8.50. If you cannot make this time, you will have to come via the office, where we can record the late entry accurately.

We fully appreciate that for almost all you families reading this request, this isn't an issue at all.

Thanks for supporting us with your punctual attendance.

Absence reporting – 01453 542304, [admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk) or [absence@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:absence@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk)

### **Holidays During Term Time**

Whilst we realise absence through illness is unavoidable, we do have concerns about children missing school through holidays and the impact this makes on their learning. Children also need to be present for important assessments throughout the year – **there are particularly important tests for Year Six and Year Two in May and Year One in June. We cannot, therefore, authorise any requests for family holidays except in exceptional circumstances.** If you do need to take your child out of school for a long absence, please contact the school office for an absence request form.

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#### **PARENT MEETINGS**

Meet the class teacher sessions for Magnolia and Sequoia's parents will take place on the following days. The purpose of the sessions will be for the class teachers to introduce themselves, outline their expectations and share dates etc. These sessions will take place straight afterschool in the classroom. Booking is not required for this informal session.

**Magnolia Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**  
**Sequoia Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **WINTER WEATHER**

As the weather turns colder, can we remind you to label coats, hats, gloves and jumpers with your child's name and to be mindful of icy conditions as you make your way to and from the academy.

#### **NEW WEBSITE**

Have you visited our [new website](#)? It is now fully up-to-date, and includes current policies, our vision for the curriculum as well as lots of other bits of important information. Thank you to our Chair of Governors, Anne-Marie Thurgood, who has given me lots of support with organising this. Please do have a look, we really appreciate your feedback and if there is anything you feel we need to include or update further please do let us know!

#### **NHS Health and Wellbeing Team**

On the 21st February at 9am, we will be hosting a Coffee and Chat with some special guests... The NHS Health and Wellbeing Team! This team run hubs and support groups focusing on issues such as bedwetting, behaviour and anxiety, sleep difficulties and healthy lifestyles. Perhaps you have some trouble getting your child to sleep of an evening, or are struggling to get them to eat anything healthy- this team will be able to offer you some specific advice, and share some resources with you. Following this session, they may then be able to offer follow on support and some small group sessions at the school or children's centre.



#### **Year Six Residential Trip**

Thank you for returning the confirmation slips and deposit for our upcoming residential trip to Grittleton House.



Further information will be coming home with your child next week, and if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium, school may be able to support with the costs involved in this trip. Please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

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<b>Dates for your diaries</b>	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Magnolia meet the teacher session – afterschool
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Sequoia meet the teacher session - afterschool
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Association Cake Sale – donations from Sequoia class
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Half Term Holiday
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Inset Day – School closed to all pupils
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Parents evening (details to follow)
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Coffee and Chat with the NHS Health and Wellbeing team gam School Hall
	Parents evening (details to follow)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	School Association Pub Quiz at The Old Spot.
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School Association Cake Sale – donations from Larch class
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School Association Cake Sale – donations from Maple and Cedar classes
<b>Coming Soon</b>	More dates coming soon!

 **Value Leaves Awarded** 

<b>Kindness</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>	<b>Perseverance</b>
Kristopher W Angeliki P	Mitchel C Finley C Eden W Abe M-B	Octavia O Jaxon M Levi C Ella T Declan L Grayson C-K
<b>Thankfulness</b>	<b>Forgiveness</b>	<b>Respect</b>
Jack D Pavlos P		Lily R Riley W Evie S Bonnie R

We hope you have a lovely weekend!  
 From Dursley C of E Primary Academy.

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