



### **Dear parents/carers,**

We hope you well and are enjoying the busts of sun we are having. The children have been enjoying lots of extra activities—find out more below.

### **History Education Visit—Y1 and Y2**

Children in Y1 and Y2 enjoyed a super learning trip to the Museum In The Park recently as part of their local history study. The children had a brilliant day with a weaving and spinning practical workshop; deducting the past through looking at local paintings from the past and also from exploring artefacts from Stroud. The children engaged well and were able to build on their knowledge from learning at school.

The staff at museum in the Park have written to us and were very complimentary about our children —saying they were calm, settled to activities quickly and shared great ideas and responses. Well done Y1 and Y2 for making the most of the opportunity—we are really proud of you.

Thanks to Mrs Redpath & Mrs Parsons for organising the visit and the kind parent helpers who joined in too.

### **Cricket Coaching for Class 2 & 3**

We are have bee delighted to welcome Jacey, a local cricket coach, to our school to support our PE curriculum again this term. She has led cricket coaching for Class 3 and Class 2. The children are enjoying a series of lessons where they learn the basics of batting, bowling and fielding. They use their learned skills in mini games so they are active and have practice time.

The children enthused during their first session on batting —despite it being in the hall for Class 3 due to rain. We have some budding stars too!

Thanks to Jacey and Frocester cricket Club for helping us offer this great opportunity to our children.



### **World Book Day**

World Book Day was packed full of fun. Younger and older children enjoyed reading together; KS2 children wrote book reviews and Class 2 created story books about their favourite teddy! Enjoy a few photos...





### **In The Net—Interactive Play for Y4**

We recognise the internet can offer some positive opportunities for children. However, internet safety of children across the UK continues to be a concern. We know that one of the best protections we can give to young people is knowledge of the dangers so that they are aware and can protect themselves. To augment our computing and PSHE curriculum, which address internet safety explicitly, we arranged for our Y4 children to watch the interactive play called 'In The Net' this month.

It was a brilliant performance, with lots of audience participation and the children all took away some really important online safety messages. These included never sharing our personal information with people we don't know, thinking about being kind online, what do if we see something that worries/scares/upsets us online, asking permission to be online and how future employers will be able to see some of our digital footprint!

It was a great trip and Year 4 were a pleasure to take out of school for the afternoon.

Thanks to the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Partnership (GSCP) for commissioning the play and to our great PA for funding this opportunity.

### **Big Walk and Wheel to School**

We have some great news for you—we are taking part in a **Big Walk and Wheel**.

The aim of the Big Walk and Wheel is to encourage children to walk, wheel, scoot & cycle to school. The challenge starts on 24 March 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

#### **What do you need to do?**

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the week starting March 24th. (We understand some parents need to drive to work after drop off so maybe you could pair up with a trusted adult friend to share walking/wheeling to school?)

#### **Why we are taking part**

The Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. It also supports the health of children by reducing air pollution.

We hope many of you will be able to take part. Many thanks to Mr Faure for the great idea.



### **Renewable Energy—Solar Panel Installation**

We are delighted the installation of solar panels is booked for 28th/29th of March. We thank the LA for their support with this project.

#### **DIARY DATES:**

##### **Spring Term 4**

March 24th	Big Walk & Wheel Week—please try to walk and wheel to school this week
March 27th	6.30 Stroud Country Dance Festival at Stratford Park Leisure Centre
March 31st	Parent evening
April 2nd	Panathalon—information to follow
April 9th	KS2 Orienteering—information to follow
“ “	Parent evening
April 10th	Caterlink providing Easter Menu—information to follow
“ “	Children's Easter Egg Hunt
April 11th	School Bunny Hop
April 11th	PA Cake Sale

##### **Summer Term 5**

April 28th	Start of term for children
May 1st	C4 final swim
May 8th	C3 First swim session



Thank you for your ongoing support,

**Zoe Avastu**

*Aiming high.....together*