



## WEEKLY REMINDER: 16<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER

**Our Christian value this term is Community**

DAY	WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
<b>MONDAY</b> 16 <sup>th</sup>	
<b>TUESDAY</b> 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.45am Individual music lessons
<b>WEDNESDAY</b> 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>ASC Dance</b>
<b>THURSDAY</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> AM PE Lessons	<i>Children to wear school uniform and change into PE kit.</i> <b>8:00am Sports Breakfast Club.</b> This club is free of charge with no booking needed but we do ask for a prompt drop-off (gates close at 8:05am)
<b>FRIDAY</b> 20 <sup>th</sup> PM PE Lessons	<i>Children to wear school uniform and change into PE kit.</i> <b>ASC Sports</b>

ADVANCED DIARY DATES	
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	School Photographs - Individual and Siblings
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Bikeability - YR 5/6
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Non-uniform day - NCSA
26 <sup>th</sup> October	END OF TERM
27 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET DAY
31 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>**Year 6 Secondary Transfer Submission Deadline**</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET DAY
7 <sup>th</sup> November	TERM BEGINS / Special Bonfire Night Menu
10 <sup>th</sup> November	NCSA Candle Making
21 <sup>st</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Digibus Workshop Year 1-6
26 <sup>th</sup> November	NCSA Christmas Fayre

## ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to Wren class who have won the attendance bear for the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Ernie will sit in Wren class this week.

## PARENTPAY

We have a number of accounts that remain in debt. Please note, we send out weekly notifications from ParentPay directly to those accounts in debt. Please can we remind parents that we are a no debt school and accounts should be settled each week. If you are unable to settle your account weekly, please get in touch with the school office.

## OWL CLASS BIKEABILITY WEEK

In preparation for Bikeability during the last week of term, please note that bicycles may be left in school for the duration of the course but must be taken home on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> October. Bicycles will be kept on the school playground overnight with the school gate locked each day.

## END OF TERM NON-UNIFORM DAY

On Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October we will be holding a non-uniform day in support of the NCSA Christmas Fayre (Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November). Instead of bringing in a monetary donation, please bring in items suitable for the tombola prizes.

## MEASLES/MMR VACCINATION

With millions of children across the country back at school, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella.

Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses. For more information on the NHS vaccination schedule, please [visit this link](#).

## YEAR 7 2024 ADMISSIONS

For those children leaving us next summer for Year 7 we have been informed that Gloucestershire County Council have updated their website which means that the weblinks have changed since the Transfer to Secondary School letters were printed and distributed. Please see new link below:

[Transfer to Secondary School or from Middle to High School, September 2024 | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

## OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY FSM VOUCHER SCHEME

This October half term, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals. The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. **We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, as well as children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.**

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child. To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our [Holiday FSM vouchers webpage](#). **Parents who have signed up previously do not need to re-register**, they will already have been included. To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.

Please note we check eligibility for the scheme by cross-referencing with the term-time free school meal register, so please make sure parents are registered beforehand. They can register by visiting the [apply for free school meals](#) page.

## EXTERNAL NOTICES

# The Library

## Halloween Costume Swap



**25 September - 9 October**

**DONATE** a costume to any library (thank you!)

**9 October - 1 November**

**SWAP** an old costume for a new one!

- Accessories, whole and part costumes accepted
- Donations will be accepted throughout the swap
- You can still take a costume home if you don't have one to swap
- Discover swaps across all county libraries
- Both adult and child costumes welcome



## GLOUCESTERSHIRE YOUTH CHOIR

gloucestershire MUSIC

- Do you love singing?
- Would you like to make music and meet like-minded musicians?
- Are you aged 9-18?

If so, come along, represent your county and get the opportunity to perform all sorts of musical styles!

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## Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges

This qualification will provide an introduction to the knowledge and understanding needed to work in a school or college environment. It can apply to the many and varied roles that support staff may fulfil including: working directly with children and young people in the learning environment, administrative roles, site support roles and technical roles.

If you have ever considered a full or part time support role within a school or college, this course could be for you.

The dates and times for the Level 2 Award in Support Work in Schools and Colleges are as follows:

Days: Mondays  
Times: 09.30am - 14.00pm  
Start Date: 08th January 2024 End Date: 24th June 2024  
(Course will run during term time only)



You maybe eligible for a fully funded place on this course to find out more please contact us at

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[www.cirencester.ac.uk/about-adult/](http://www.cirencester.ac.uk/about-adult/) @cirencolladult

## MEADOW BRIDGE SCHOOL

# OPEN AFTERNOON

Wednesday 11th October | 3.30pm - 7.00pm

The Old School House, High St, Cricklade, Swindon SN6 6DD

An invitation to friends, the local community, the SEND community, prospective parents and carers and potential staff, to come and have a look at our inspirational school and meet the team.



Meadow Bridge School provides a nurturing, safe environment for young people with social, emotional, mental health and associated needs. We support young people to become themselves and change the world through a curriculum based in meaningful, real-world experiences.

For more information please email [admin@meadowbridgeschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@meadowbridgeschool.co.uk)