

## From Mr Chappell

What an incredibly busy term two it has been! Firstly, as parents/carers, I am sure you will join me in saying a HUGE thank you to every single member of the staff team. It goes without saying that it has been an incredible effort all term and so many different members of staff have taken on different roles across the last few months to enable the smooth running of the school. We hope over Christmas that they get to have well deserved break and that they and you, get to spend lots of time together with families and that all the children have a lovely break. Next week there will not be a newsletter, but we will endeavour to develop a 'newsletter' of photographs from the last couple of weeks of term, for you to enjoy. Have a great Christmas break.

**Christmas Activities:** We are really looking forward to all our Christmas activities next week:

**FOSH Christmas Fair – Thursday,** after school on the playground.

**Christmas Lunch – Wednesday:** Please book your child's lunch on Select, in the usual way.

Thursday and Friday will see class parties and we also have three Nativity performances, two Christingle services in Church and a school Christmas service.



## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday, the last day of term, children (and staff) are invited to wear a Christmas jumper (or decorated jumper) as part of the normal school uniform. What a great end to the term!

**Year 3 and 4 Carnival:** As part of their Connected Curriculum work on Diversity, this week Year 3 and 4 held their end of term Maxi product work, which was a celebration carnival. This involved lots of great singing and wonderful dancing. Well done Year 3 and 4 - an amazing event!



**Year 5 and 6 Curriculum Showcase:** As part of their work on Diversity, Year 5 and 6 have developed their own personal Maxi projects about their own family history, which culminated in a great Curriculum Showcase over the last couple of days. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came in to share the children's great work.



## Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for all those who made a donation towards this appeal. St Helen's Church were able to fill and send 153 shoeboxes from the local community. A great effort to support this fantastic charity!

**PIP (Parents in Partnership) Meeting:** We pride ourselves on our relationships with our parents and carers and our open and honest relationships between school and home. In a few weeks' time (restrictions permitting) we are hoping to re-establish our Parents in Partnership meetings to look at various areas of school life. We are currently looking at re-launching our homework policy in the next few months, but first would like to get parents thoughts around the current requirements and anything that we can do to help children further at home. The first in a series of termly meetings will be an informal coffee morning on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. EY/KS1 parents/carers are welcome from 9:30am to 10am and KS2 parents/carers from 10:15am to 10:45am.



**Connected Curriculum:** Look out for our brand new Global Curriculum Change-maker certificates that will be awarded next week in our final assembly of the term, alongside our Values shields. These will be given to a child in each class who has demonstrated our Brave Change-maker skills such as empathy and communication, whilst covering their Topic and Big questions.

**Welly Stands:** As we look to develop OPAL play further in the new year, one of the things we want to do is enable children to access the field in all weathers. Obviously it can sometimes get a little bit muddy so we were delighted to receive two new welly stands this week for Year 1 and Year 2. A huge thank you to parent Barry Stephens who, with some help from one of his sons, has made, from disused pieces of scaffolding wood, these amazing welly stands. This will enable children to independently change their school shoes for wellies to go onto the field. Thank you!



**School Football Kit:** After two years without any competitive football we are certainly making up for it, with eight games or tournaments already played so far this year. The football kit is one piece of the PE kit that gets lots of use (indeed the girls have been wearing the previous school football kit) so we are delighted to have two brand new kits, one for the girls' team and one for the school team. These have been purchased following sponsorship by a local firm. Thank you so much to Katie and Ian P for this great gesture and thank you to Hayley G for sourcing the two kits. The children cannot wait to wear them in the first games next term!



**Reminder – Deadline for September 2022 School Admission**

The closing date to apply for entry into primary school in September 2022 is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2022**. This is for children born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018. For more information go to [www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions)

**Well done to those children who were awarded a certificate today and last week.**

Cherry Class – Lucas, Aria, Luna, Louie

Holly class – Willow, Flora, Ozzie

Beech class – Hugo, Ruben, Taamiran, Diego

Oak class – Aryo, Emily R, Ethan, Chloe, Emily B

Ash class – Charlotte O, Catherine, Rory and Casey

Sycamore class – Emilia, Emily, Martha, Charlotte

Elm class – Harriet, Ellie, Hudson, Sam C



**Out of school achievement**

- Ruben in Beech class was awarded a trophy for 'Superstar of the Week' at tennis this week and he starts his County team journey on Sunday too.
- Lily in Oak class received a trophy for her routine at a competition for Kestrel Gymnastics Club.



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