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Newsletter: 6th January 2022

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a good Christmas holiday, it has been lovely to see the children back in school this week. As you are aware, the impact of Covid infections is still ongoing and guidance is changing regularly. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with the latest information when we receive it.

Young Voices

The term ahead is looking to be a busy one although there have been a few postponements of activities already. The Young Voices concert will now go ahead in the Spring/Summer. We have heard today that we will be notified of the new date in the next two weeks and will let you know as soon as we receive it.

Drinks bottles and drinks

Our School Council are undertaking a project to help support everyone to make sure they stay hydrated and healthy over the next few weeks. This will include looking at a range of drinks and their ingredients and thinking about how these relate to a healthy lifestyle.

Please ensure your child has a drinks bottle with a sports top. We have had several incidents of bottles with screw top lids being knocked over resulting in spillages that have damaged books etc. Longney 500ml drinks bottles are available to purchase from school via ParentPay at £2.00 each.

Bottles should be clear plastic water bottles (not metal) for use during the school day, squash is not permitted for children to drink during the day. Even 'No sugar' squash contains additives that can affect concentration and acidic ingredients that can affect teeth. If you would like your child to have squash with their lunch, please send it in a separate bottle and make sure it is well diluted 1 part squash to 10 parts water. Water is the best drink when children are thirsty and we encourage them to form healthy life-long habits.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

School will be closed on Monday 6th June as part of the extra Bank Holiday to mark the occasion of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

As on previous similar occasions (eg the 2012 Diamond Jubilee or 2011 Royal Wedding), the DfE has therefore amended the Education (School Day and School Year) (England) Regulations to reduce the school year 2021/22 for maintained schools to a minimum of 189 days, in order to allow schools to close on an extra day. We have decided to take this day on 6th June in line with other local schools.

Forest School Dates—Term 3

11th January	Skylark Class	1st February	Swift Class
18th January	Goldfinch Class	8th February	Swallow Class
25th January	Swallow Class	15th February	Skylark Class



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Tuesday 11th January	Skylark Class to Forest School
Tuesday 18th January	Goldfinch Class to Forest School
Tuesday 25th January	Swallow Class to Forest School
Tuesday 1st February	Swift Class to Forest School
Friday 4th February	NSPCC Number Day
Tuesday 8th February	Swallow Class to Forest School Internet Safety Day
Monday 14th February	Reception Height, Weight & Vision Screening Year 6 Height & Weight Screening
Tuesday 15th February	Skylark Class to Forest School Parents Evening
Wednesday 16th February	Parents Evening
Friday 18th February	Swift Class to Skillzone Last day of term
Monday 28th February	INSET DAY
Tuesday 1st March	All children back to school for Term 4 Goldfinch Class Forest School