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Dear Parents

Welcome back to what I hope will be a fantastic new school year for us all! I hope you all had a good break. It has been lovely to see all the happy smiling faces returning to school, and to meet our new Rabbits children. I hope they are settling in well.

The death of Queen Elizabeth II

We are all deeply saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth and have spent some time together at school today sharing our thoughts and reflecting on her incredible life. Our flag is flying at half-mast as a mark of respect.

Dates for your diary

Monday 12th September - all Rabbits children are in full time.

Monday 19th September - all clubs begin.

Thursday 22nd September - Phonics workshops for Reception Parents

Thursday 29th September - first cross country race at 4pm at the Vineyards.

Staffing Updates

I'm sure you will all join me in welcoming Miss Copson, our new reception Teacher, to the Twyning team. Mrs Curtis is now our full time Teaching Assistant in Rabbits class. We have also welcomed Miss Georgia Boote to our team of Teaching Assistants. Miss Boote is working mainly with our Ukrainian children. She will be with us until January, when she plans to travel abroad to teach children in other countries to speak English. We hope she enjoys her time with us at Twyning School.

School Spider

After a few teething issues we believe most of you are now able to log into School Spider. If not please ring or email Mrs Bowen, or catch her in the morning or after school. Please ensure that your notifications are switched on as this is our main method of communication.

Clubs

Clubs begin on Monday 19th September. Please complete and return the slip at the bottom of this letter if your children wish to join in with any of the clubs on offer this term.

Before and After School Care

Before and After-school care started on Wednesday and is so far working well. If you wish to register your child, Mornings are charged at £3 per child, and afternoons at £6 per child. Booking forms, terms and conditions and registration forms are all downloadable from our website, and can be emailed to Mrs Bowen on admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk. The session is run by our Teaching Assistants, Mid-day supervisors, Mrs Halling and Mrs Bowen. Before school care starts at 8am until 8.45am, with the after school care starting at 3:15pm until 5:15pm every day.

Phonics Information session for all Reception Parents

We would like to invite ALL new Reception Parents to a Phonics Workshop on Thursday 22nd September. There will be a choice of a morning session or an evening session so that at least one parent for each Reception child can attend. There will be vital information shared at these sessions about how your child will learn to read and how they can be supported at home. More information will be sent nearer the time.

Year 3 children

Please remember once children reach KS2 (Y3) they are **no longer entitled to free school dinners or fruit** at break time. You will need to ensure your child's parent pay account has funds available from September in order to pay for their dinners each week. Please check the account regularly to ensure there are sufficient funds available. If you think your family meets the criteria for Free School Meals please click on this link to apply. School dinners are now £2.36 each - a small rise from the old price of £2.34 per meal.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

Milk at School

As most of you will know, once children reach the age of 5, they are no longer entitled to free school milk. If you still wish your child/children to have milk at school, and they are now 5 or over, visit the Coolmilk website to register safely online; simply visit www.coolmilk.com and select 'register my child for school milk'. Children over (or approaching) age 5 can still enjoy their school milk for around £16 a term once their free entitlement ends.

Uniform

Please can we ask you to name your children's uniform? Please check if names have rubbed off in the wash. Mrs Allard has a large selection of secondhand uniform available to buy at excellent prices. Please contact her if you are interested.

Coats

Please send your child with a waterproof coat each day so that they can still play outside if we have light showers at playtime or lunchtime.

Safeguarding

Please see the links attached - there is some very useful information about staying safe online with social media.

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media)

<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety – What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Contact

Please feel free to make contact with me via email head@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk should you need to speak to me. During evenings and weekends, I may not be able to respond to you straight away but I will make contact with you during normal working hours as soon as I can. Many thanks for all of your support.

Kindest regards



Mrs Lucy Halling, Head Teacher

Clubs this term: September to December (2022)

Day	Club	Year group	Time	Teacher/ Coach
Tuesday	Multi-sports	Years 1-3	3.15-4.15pm	Mr Davies
Tuesday	Young Voices	Years 4-6	3.15-4.15pm	Mrs Mulligan
Thursday	Cross-country	Years 4-6	3.15-4.15pm	Mrs Leggett
Friday	Netball	Years 4-6	3.15-4.15pm	Mrs Leggett

We are also hoping to run a 'Learn Ukrainian' club for years 2-5 to help communication with our five Ukrainian children. We are awaiting confirmation of Miss Boote's availability and will let you know the day and time in due course.

Cross Country races at the Vineyards will start on Thursday 29th September. The 22nd will be a practice at school. First race letters will be given out on the 22nd. Parents are required to transport and help supervise their children at the races or nominate another willing parent.

Clubs will start the week beginning Monday 19th September until Friday 2nd December. It is important for safeguarding that if your child chooses to attend a club, they do so every week (unless exceptional circumstances). Please email if your child is unable to attend a club on a particular day. While we understand that your child may want to try a club initially, children opting in or out at will or changing their minds makes it very difficult to manage and know who is attending.

Children should wear PE kit to School on club days.

Please print and send the reply slip to school with your child or email Mrs Bowen on admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk.

Clubs reply slip (Autumn 2022)

I give my permission for _____ year group _____
to attend the following clubs:

My child then needs to go to after-school club on the following days:
_____ which I have already paid for.

Signed: _____

Date: _____