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Dear Parents

What a wonderful first full week the children have had in school! I hope you have all had a good week too.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

This week's Platinum awards have been awarded to:

Olivia Bowers
Hayden Pollard
Willow O'Hanlon
Evelyn Shingler
Evie Western
William Ross
Cleo Cope
Leighton Fletcher
Tristan Simpson

Bank Holiday for the funeral of Queen Elizabeth II - School Closure

As you will all have seen in the news, Monday 19th September is now a Bank Holiday when the Funeral of Queen Elizabeth II will take place. School will therefore be closed to pupils and staff on this day.

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 20th September - all clubs begin.

Thursday 22nd September - Phonics workshops for Reception Parents

Monday 26th September - Bag2School charity fundraiser 9am

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

Monday 3rd Tuesday 4th October - School Photographer - all children and siblings

Our expectations

Please see attached a grid of expectations that I thought would be useful to share with all families. We are delighted and proud that nearly all of our children at Twyning School consistently sit within the top 2 rows of the grid. Please support us and the children to maintain this throughout the year.

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.

Website - Class Pages

Please familiarise yourself with your children's class page on the school website as this will be where photos and information will go for each class. Please note, if you have requested that your child **does not** appear on the school website, their photo will not appear on there.

Rewards

This year in school we will be celebrating the children's successes in the following ways:

WOW Board - this is where we put photos of your children doing something that they are particularly proud of on the wall in the hall. Normally this is for activities and achievements that they have done away from school. Please email these to Mrs Bowen as and when they arise during the term.

Reading Challenge - Your child needs to read 5 times in a week and have their reading record book signed by you! They will then get a raffle ticket and be entered into a class draw each week!

Platinum Certificates - Each week the teachers choose one or two children from their class who have really impressed them with their work. They get a certificate and a special sticker. Their names will also be mentioned in the weekly newsletter!

House Points - The children are allowed to choose a special book from our ACE box when they manage to gain 125 House Points!

Tewkesbury School Open Evening

Tewkesbury School have advised of their revised open day dates which are as follows:

Open Evening - Tuesday 20 September 5.00-7.00pm. No booking required. This is a change to the previously published date of 19 September, due to the bank holiday for the Queen's Funeral.

Open Mornings - Wednesday 21 - Friday 23 September.

Clubs

Clubs begin on Tuesday 20th September. If you've not done so already, please complete and return the slips from last week's newsletter to book for children in, or email Mrs Bowen in the office.

Bag2School fundraiser

Your children should have come home with a large bag and a letter regarding this fundraiser. Please drop your filled bags inside the school gate first thing on Monday 26th September by 9am.

Before and After School Care

If you need to use our new Before and After-school Care facility, please register your child using the downloadable forms on our website, Mornings are charged at £3 per child, and afternoons at £6 per child. Forms can be handed in in the mornings or

emailed to Mrs Bowen on admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk. 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 - Parentpay accounts

Please remember once children reach KS2 (Y3) they are **no longer entitled to free school dinners**. You will need to ensure your child's parent pay account has funds available 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 |

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 run 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: _____