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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a good week! It's been a busy one in school, with lots going on.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

This week's Platinum awards have been awarded to:

- Grace Gissane
- Xander Bourton
- Jack Cox
- Danylo Bondarev
- Henry Dartnell
- Oliver Taylor Ball
- Henry Wheeler
- Luca Halford
- Flynn Yates

Dates for your diary

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

Week 10-17 October - Parents evenings

Wednesday 2nd November - *provisional date for disco*

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 morning please.**

Easy Fundraising

Did you know we are still registered for Easy Fundraising? If you click on this link, or type Twynning School into the EasyFundraising search bar it will take you to our fundraising page. Everytime you purchase via one of the partners on the site (including Amazon) we are awarded funds. Please use this if you are able.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/twynningschool/?q=twynning%20school&cause-autosuggest&searchSessionId=59fca970-ce8f-4fa5-9810-6de44e6d37dc>

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 Twynning 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

Is everyone on School Spider? We have sent many texts out this week and want to ensure you are all receiving the information. 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!

PTFA

Our Parents, Teachers and Friends Association, or PTFA, needs you! Our new Chair, Dawn O'Hanlon met with Mrs Bowen yesterday evening to discuss how the PTFA can help the school. They are currently planning our next events, which are to be a Halloween/Bonfire Disco and a Christmas Fair. The PTFA is a friendly (if currently small) group and could really do with some extra help! If you are able to help, in any way, please either speak to Mrs Bowen, or email Dawn on ptfa@twynning.gloucs.sch.uk . We really would appreciate it!

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@twynning.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.

Head lice!

Please check your children - a few cases have been reported and dealt with. Many thanks.

Phonics Information session for all Reception Parents

These sessions were held yesterday for all Rabbits parents. Vital information was shared at these sessions about how your child will learn to read and how they can be supported at home. We hope you found them useful.

Parentpay accounts

Please remember if your children are in KS2 (Y3-Y6) 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.

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

Coffee Morning for families with Neurodiverse Children



Monday 3rd October

10 – 11.30 am

Twyning Chapel, GL20 6JW

(Coffee donations to the Chapel much appreciated)



Come and chat with other families of children who are Neurodiverse, including those with:



Dyslexia

Dyscalculia

ASD (Autism)

ADHD

DLD (Developmental Language Disorder)

DCD (Dyspraxia)



Perhaps you have a child who has anxiety (which may be connected to one of the above).

Meet other friendly and like-minded families over coffee and cake.

For more information, please contact:

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