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Dear Parents

I hope you have all had a good week!

CONGRATULATIONS!!This week's Platinum awards have been awarded to:Gabriel AllansonFrancis AllansonLucas DraperTabitha Shepherd-HackforthFenella RossAmelia HallFrancis AllansonVeronika RyzhukBeau ShephardVitalina Kucheruk

# Dates for your diary

Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th October - School Photographer - all children and siblings Thursday 6th October - School dinners - census day Oct 6th, 13th, 20th - cross country races at vineyards (20th is a reserve date) Week 17-21 October - Parents evenings - booking will be via school spider Friday 21st October - Harvest Assembly Wednesday 2nd November - Halloween/Bonfire themed Disco

## Bag2School fundraiser

Many thanks for dropping off your filled bags - we raised an amazing £92 for school funds!

# School Photographs

Vicky Kelly Photography will be visiting school on Monday and Tuesday next week to take the usual school photographs. Please make sure your children are wearing school uniform for the photographs rather than their PE kit. If your child's class has PE on these days they will be able to wear normal uniform for this. If you wish to send in named trainers/daps in a named bag, please do so but it is not necessary. *Siblings younger than school age:* if you wish to bring in your little ones for photographing with their older siblings, the studio will be available from 8:30am on Monday - please come to the door where the Rabbits children come into school each morning and queue there.

## Staffing News

This week we have welcomed Mrs Olena Rzyhuk as a Teaching Assistant in Foxes class. Miss Boote will now be working with Hedgehogs class as an additional Teaching Assistant.

## Chair of Governors

We would like to say a huge thank-you to our outgoing Chair of Governors the Venerable Ron Hesketh for his support and dedication to our school over the last few years. We welcome Mr Jamie Bartlam as our new Chair of Governors. Mr Bartlam can be contacted on the same email address <u>chair@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk</u>.

## Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a parent governor which we need to fill as soon as possible. Parent governors are elected by and from the parents of children currently attending our school. Please see attached letter and forms if you would like to consider becoming a governor.

## Squirrels and Foxes Spellings

Spellings start next week for Squirrels and Foxes classes. Books will be sent out on Friday 7th October with login details for your child's spellings which will be on Spelling Frame. Hedgehogs and Owls have already started spellings.

## Move More Tewkesbury cross country - Race 1

Yesterday Twyning had 22 runners from years 4,5 and 6 taking part in the first race of the series. Notable performances were Elena - coming in 1st place and significantly ahead of the second placed runner (a superb run) and Levi (our first boy) in 10th place. All of our children ran with determination and we are so proud of the numbers of children representing our small school. Well done to Elena, Lottie, Arianne, Tabitha, Skye, Vienna, Levi, Archie, Bobby, Oscar, Tristan, Teddy, Joseph, Luca, Sam O, Noah, Elliott E-C, Tom, Josh W, Jude, Leighton and Lewis. We look forward to race 2 next Thursday.

#### Easy Fundraising

Did you know we are still registered for Easy Fundraising? If you click on this link, or type Twyning 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. <u>https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/twyningschool/?q=twyning%20school&ca</u>t=cause-autosuggest&searchSessionId=59fca970-ce8f-4fa5-9810-6de44e6d37dc

#### School Spider and the Website - Class Pages

Is everyone on School Spider? We have sent many texts out this week and want to ensure you are all receiving the information. Please also remember that the Class Pages section on the school website contains all the information for your child's class. This is also where updates, photos and information will go for each class. Please note, if you have requested that your child <u>does not</u> appear on the school website, their photo will not appear on there.

# School Dinners CENSUS day!

On Thursday it is school dinners census day. We try to encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner, as on census day our budget gets set. Thursday's menu will be:

A: Sausage, chips and beans or sweetcorn

B: Vegan sausage, chips and beans or sweetcorn

Pudding will be a chocolate cup-cake with icing, or fruit and yogurt.

We hope this will encourage a few more children to eat a hot dinner on Thursday!

# Before and After School Care

New sheets for October bookings are now available to download from the website. Mornings are still charged at £3 per child, and afternoons at £6 per child. Forms can be emailed to Mrs Bowen on <u>admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk</u> or handed in in the mornings. Further details are on the school website under the 'Information' tab, then 'before and after school care'.

# Parentpay accounts

Please keep an eye on your children's parent pay balances and top up when necessary. 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/

# **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-parentsneed-to-know/

# Contact

Please feel free to make contact with me via email <u>head@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk</u> 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

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Mrs Lucy Halling, Head Teacher



# Coffee Morning for families with Neurodiverse Children



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)



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

DCD (Dyspraxia)

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

For more information, please contact: emilyhastingsactingup@gmail.com katemorristutoring@gmail.com

