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Dear Parents

I hope you have had a great week. Thank you all so much for the generous chocolate and bottle donations for our Christmas Fair. We would not be able to put on this sort of event without your support and it is always very much appreciated, however, if you do not feel able to donate then that is absolutely fine too.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

This week's Platinum awards have been awarded to:

**Elodie Gordge**

**Lydia Wilson**

**Lottie Dorkings**

**Noah Wilkins**

**Henry Anders-Turfrey**

**Lillie Hopkins**

**Cleo Cope**

**Isla MacDonald**

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 15th November - Move More Tewkesbury Y3&4 football league 1 (selected team)

Friday 18th November - Children In Need day

Friday 25th November - Non-uniform day - 'secret wrapping room'

29th and 30th November - Open Mornings for reception 2023 prospective families

1st December - Information Evening for Prospective Parents (Reception in Sep 2023)

Saturday 3rd December - School Christmas Fair (12 noon - 3pm)

7th & 8th December - Nativity performances (Rabbits, Squirrels & Foxes)

12th December (provisional) - Evening Christmas Carol Service (Owls & Hedgehogs)

May 17th - 19th 2023 - Y5&6 residential trip

July 6th & 7th 2023 - Y3&4 residential trip

### Monday 14th November - TEMPORARY change to telephone number

We are having a new telephone system installed on Monday 14th November. Should you need to contact us **urgently** please ring the school mobile number, which is 07518 296469. Staff will be contactable by email as usual (Please refer to the paper copy of all staff email addresses that was sent home at the start of term).

### Children in Need

The appeal day for Children in Need this year is **Friday 18th November**. We would like to invite our children to come in non-uniform (yellow clothing if you already have any!) with monetary donations for the Children in Need charity. There will also be a

cake sale after school. Please help us to raise money by donating cakes for the sale. School Council and netball club members will be helping with the sale. Thank you.

#### Design a Cake Competition

Children should have come home today with a 'Design a Cake' competition form. If you want them to enter, please return their design with £1 before the 21st November. The winning design will be made into a real cake by professional baker, Erica Farley.

#### Non-Uniform day - Secret Wrapping Room ('Elfridges')

We are having our final fundraising non-uniform day on Friday 25th November to collect items for the secret wrapping room at our school Christmas Fair. We would be grateful if your children could please bring an item suitable for a parent/grandparent, male or female. Donations do not need to be of too much value, we would normally sell these at the fair for up to £5. Many thanks for your help. Remember if you do not feel able to make a donation, your child may still wear non-uniform.

#### Before and After School Wraparound Care

We are registering for Childcare Vouchers and will let you know as soon as this process has been completed. If you need to use our wraparound care, mornings are still charged at £3 per child, and afternoons at £6 per child. Forms can be emailed to Mrs Bowen on [admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk) or handed in in the mornings. Further details are on the school website under the 'Information' tab, then 'before and after school care'. Please remember to top up your parentpay accounts for before and after school care.

#### ESFA football tournament

On Tuesday we took a team of footballers from years 5&6 to the Tewkesbury ESFA tournament at Tewkesbury school. We faced some tough opposition against larger schools but finished on a high with a win against Queen Margaret. The team improved as the tournament went on and we look forward to the Tewkesbury cup competition in the Spring. Congratulations to Josh H who received a School games wristband for 'Teamwork', constantly encouraging our other players. Well done to all in our team: Josh H, Levi, Oscar J, Bobby, Archie, Joseph, Teddy and Elliott E-C. We would also like to say a big thank you to Mr Wilcox for managing our team.

#### Bingo!

As the last one was so much fun, former Twyning School students Georgia Siddall and Esteban Chatron-Michaud are holding another family friendly Prize Bingo night at the Village Inn on Saturday 19th November. This is to raise funds for their World Scout Jamboree in August 2023, tickets are £10 each and include a chilli supper and book of bingo tickets. Lots of fun prizes to win! Please message Annie Siddall on 07788 726265 for tickets or any more information.

#### Head Lice!

Please check your children's hair and treat as appropriate if you find any 'visitors'. We are aware of a few cases recently. Many thanks.

### School Christmas Dinner 14th December

Christmas dinner will be served on 14th December, and will be as follows:

A - Roast turkey, chipolata sausage, stuffing, herby roast potatoes, glazed carrots and peas. B - Spinach & Parsnip loaf served with herby roast potatoes, glazed carrots and peas. Pudding will be Christmas cupcakes.

### 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/>

### Contact

Please feel free to make contact with me via email [head@twyning.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto: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

A photograph of a woman and a young child sitting on a wooden floor, looking at a map. The woman is wearing a white sweater and the child is wearing a dark blue sweater and jeans. They are both looking at a map that is spread out on the floor. The background is a wooden wall.

# Does your child suffer with sleep issues?

**Do you struggle  
with your child's  
bedtime?**

**Will your child  
not sleep in  
their own bed?**

**WE CAN HELP**

 **03303 530 541**  
Sunday - Tuesday & Thursday 7pm - 9pm  
Wednesday 9am - 11am