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Dear Parents

As we “limp” our way to the end of a strange yet successful year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank each and every one of you for all of your support this year. We hope that as restrictions start to ease, school life can begin to look a little bit more normal in the next academic year. We will continue of course to follow all the very latest COVID guidance which we will share with you.

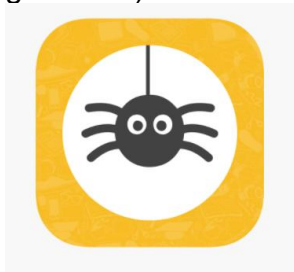
The children in particular should be so proud of their achievements this year – not only academically – but also in terms of their ability to adapt, be resilient, always staying cheerful and quite simply being an absolute joy for us to work with.

### **Our website and new ‘School Spider’ App**

We are delighted that our new website should go live on Monday next week! We hope that you find it useful. It is a mobile friendly website but I urge you all if you get time to take a look through it on a larger screen perhaps with your children!

Please note:

- The website is a ‘work-in-progress’ so not all pages on there are complete yet
- Please feel free to make suggestions of ways that we can make it even more useful for you – we will do what we can!
- Each parent will need to download the school spider app (see attached guidance)



- This app will be used for school to send messages (replacing our text message service) along with booking parents evening appointments.
- Please note, this does not replace ‘Class Dojo’. Class Dojo will remain for the foreseeable future as a way of sharing direct messages between teacher and parent, along with a way of sharing home learning if needed.

### **Setting up the app:**

To set up your parent account you will need to:

- Download the app
- On the login screen there is a link to create your account.
- You need to input your email address; this needs to be the one that school have on file for you
- Open the email and create a password for yourself, this email will also let you know your username.

The link expires within 60 minutes so you will need to request it again if you haven't responded the first time.

### **Owls Performance**

Owls Class are very busy putting the final arrangements together for their end of year play "Wow! What a year!" We can't wait to watch it!

### **Mrs Walder**

We say goodbye and all the best to Mrs Walder next week after 22 years here at Twynning School! Her last day will be Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

### **Gloucestershire School Games Virtual Summer Festival 2021**

On Tuesday we took part in the above event. The aim was to get 50,000 school children across Gloucestershire taking part in physical activities at their school on the same day by the use of shared videos. Our children took part in Bhangra, yoga and active lesson breaks including a desk drumming session sent to us from a PE teacher in Ohio. The children had great fun and will come home with certificates today to recognise their participation.

### **Kwik Cricket**

8 children from Owls class went to Tewkesbury Cricket Club yesterday to take part in a GCB Kwik Cricket tournament. During the tournament, they faced Bishops Cleeve, Gretton and two teams from Temple Guiting. After winning the first three games against both Temple Guiting teams and Bishops Cleeve, it all came down to an exciting 'winner takes all' shootout with Gretton. Our team played magnificently and they managed to beat Gretton by just 1 run! Well done to the Kwik Cricket team!



### **Bank Holiday for the Queen's Jubilee**

We have been notified by the local authority (Gloucestershire County Council) that as the extra bank holiday day falls on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2022 within our school half term, we will be closing a day early in lieu of this at the end of the summer term. Therefore, the last day of term will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022.

### **PE kit from September 2021**

As children will be wearing PE kit to school all day on PE days, we are making this smarter and more standardised.

SAMPLES OF THIS CLOTHING ARE HANGING ON RABBITS CLASS RAILINGS FOR YOU TO VIEW.

### **All children must have the new royal blue Twyning PE shirt and plain navy shorts/navy cycling shorts. Black is no longer acceptable.**

For colder weather, plain navy joggers and a school sweatshirt can be worn or the new Twyning tracksuit. Please see Gooch Custom clothing website for our uniform list to order the t-shirt and tracksuit. They also supply joggers, a zipped sweatshirt top and navy shorts. Navy cycling shorts can be found cheaply online at amazon or other sources.

Trainers are preferable to daps/pumps/plimsolls for Y1 upwards as they provide more cushioning, **but** please buy with velcro fastening unless your child can do their own laces.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Please see attached information regarding the summer reading challenge. We really do hope that as many children as possible can take part!

### **COVID REMINDER for the last few days of term!**

We are fully aware that the guidance officially changes on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July but we would like to keep all current school measures in place until we finish on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July please. Thank you so much for all of your support so far – please continue to wear your facemasks and follow the one-way system at drop-off and collection times. We are doing all we possibly can to avoid having any cases which result in bubble closures.

### **Upcoming dates for your diary**

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| 16 July | Leavers Disco  |
| 19 July | Leavers play performance "Wow! What A Year!" (evening performance) |
| 21 July | Last Day of Term!  |
| 6 Sep   | Term Begins for Pupils!  |

Have an enjoyable weekend and see you next week for the last 3 days!

Kindest regards



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