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Friday 4th November 2022

Dear Parents

I hope you have had a great week.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

This week's Platinum awards have been awarded to:

**Sacha Ryzhuk**  
**Holly Sutton**  
**Alex Wills**  
**Noah Wilkins**

**Jack Western**  
**Reuben Reeves**  
**Scarlett O'Hanlon**  
**Amber Parkinson**

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 8th November: Move More Tewkesbury Y5&6 ESFA football tournament

Wednesday 9th November - PTFA AGM

Tuesday 15th November: Move More Tewkesbury Y3&4 football league 1

Friday 18th November - Children In Need day

Friday 25th November - Pudding & Pamper night (7pm - 10pm)

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 (1pm - 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

### Snacks

Please can you ensure that children have a healthy snack to eat at morning playtime? We have started seeing crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars recently and are keen that our children try and avoid these until after school.

The following are acceptable: Fresh fruit, dried fruit, cheese or a healthy breakfast bar.

### Halloween/Autumn Disco THANK YOU!

Thank you for supporting our disco - the PTFA raised an amazing £330! Thank you so much to everyone who helped out at the events. It's much appreciated.

### 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 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.

### PE kit

Please can we remind you that, complimenting our royal blue Twyning t-shirt, all other items should be navy (not black or any other colour). Thank you.

Please can earrings be removed on PE days unless they have only recently been pierced in which case they will need tape over them.

### School Games Gold Award

We are delighted to be awarded the School Games Gold award for commitment to PE, physical activity and health through in school and extracurricular activities for the last full academic year 2021-22. This award is funded by Sport England and delivered by the Youth Sport Trust. We are one of just a few schools within Cheltenham and Tewkesbury to be awarded the gold level.

### Residential trips (Y5&6 and Y3&4)

Thank you to all those who have returned slips and paid the deposits for the Y5&6 Pioneer centre residential and Y3&4 Oakraven residential. Please can we remind you that the reply slip should now be returned and deposit payment made via parentpay.

### Before and After School Wraparound Care - This will continue!!

We are pleased to tell you that the first term has been a **success!** We will be registering for Childcare Vouchers in November. Please could you email Mrs Bowen to advise her if you use Childcare Vouchers and which type you use so that we can register for the appropriate ones. Many thanks. 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.

### 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/>

### Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile

If you shop through Amazon Smile, the PTFA gets a percentage donation to their funds from Amazon. Click this link to find out more <https://smile.amazon.co.uk/>. We are also 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.

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

### 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