



10th September 2021 Newsletter

September's Value of the month: Friendship

Welcome back to the new academic year. We have had a lovely positive start to the school year and the children have settled back into routines well. It has been lovely to return to some old routines return as well.



A few reminders:

Please walk, cycle, or scoot to school if you can. If you need to drive, please park safely.

The school car park is for staff only. We have staff arriving at different times in the morning and leaving during the afternoon and they need to be able to park safely, enter and exit in our school car park.

Please do not park, or wait on the yellow "Keep Clear" markings. They are there to keep children safe. Please do not park or block drop kerbs. Please do not make U-Turns in the school drive. The safety of the children is our priority. Thank you to all those that park safely and with consideration to others.

School times

Pupils should arrive at school between 8:35am and 8:45 am when the school day begins for all and the register is taken. Pupils arriving late must report to the school office.

School finishes at 3:25pm Monday to Thursday and on Friday at 1pm.

If Children have a medical/dental appointment that needs to be attended in school time, please inform the school office so they can make a note of this in the school register.

Emergency Contact details

We need to be able to contact you if your child should have an accident or feels ill at school.

If any contact numbers or names have changed or change during the school year, please make sure you inform the school office. Please also let us know if your child has any medical conditions or any allergies or food intolerances so we can update their records.

Label clothing

Please can you make sure all your child's belongings have their name clearly marked so that lost items can be returned. We end up with a lot of lost property that is not named.



On line safety

For Parents - The Online Together Project

For children aged 6 years and upwards, Internet Matters have created a new interactive game called The Online Together Project, which is designed to help develop critical thinking skills, and encourage a positive and inclusive culture online. Essentially it's a question and answer game, but after each answer there is supporting advice and guidance.

To learn more see <https://www.internetmatters.org/the-online-together-project/>

MacMillian Coffee Morning



To support MacMillan Cancer Care, we will be holding a cake sale for children in school on 24th September 2021 to raise funds for the charity.

If you would like to donate any cakes for the sale, please send them into class by 23rd September. We will happily accept home-made or shop bought cakes!

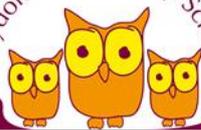
If your child would like to buy a cake, please send them to school on 24th September with a donation for MacMillan.

If you have any questions, please give Mrs Palmer a call on 07860 929201



Dates to remember:

Friday 24th September	Macmillian Cake sale for children
Tuesday 12th October	Parent meetings
Wednesday 13th October	Parent meetings
Thursday 14th October	Open afternoon for new Sept 2022 Reception parents 2pm
Tuesday 19th October	End of term 1
Wednesday 20th October	TD day school closed for pupils
Monday 1st November	Term 2 begins



FUN Kids



SCHOOL NOTICEBOARD

Hello 🐼 I'm Techno Mum from the UK's children's radio station, Fun Kids. Welcome to our first ever school update, a quick digest of fun and inspiring things you can do with your classes or email to parents. You'll get a new update every month packed with things to do and tips from the Fun Kids team.



KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN

There's lots of wildlife to spot this autumn! Look out for these things:

Conkers fall from horse chestnut trees, typically in late September. How many can you collect?

Swallows and House Martins will be gathering before their epic journeys to Africa!

Plus there are still bumblebees, red admiral butterflies around as well as drone flies, dragonflies and hover flies!



SCIENCE AT HOME: WATER CYCLE IN A BOTTLE!



👉 Take a bottle and decorate it as you like by drawing mountains, clouds and a sun on the side!

✌️ Put some water in the bottom (you don't want it more than about an 8th full) You could put some blue food colouring into the water if you like, to make it look like the sea!

🌈 **Your water cycle in a bottle is now ready!** Put the lid on and place it in a sunny window. Watch as the cycle begins...

- ☁️ **Evaporation:** turning from liquid into vapour (gas).
- ☁️ **Condensation:** on the side of the bottle - turning from vapour gas to liquid.
- ☁️ **Precipitation:** the product of condensation that falls from the sky under gravity. E.g. drizzle, rain, sleet, snow, hail, in this case running down the side of the bottle!



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Did you miss our live shows this summer? We've recorded the lot! Catch top authors chatting to Bex in the **Fun Kids Book Worms** podcast. New episodes released every fortnight!



Fun Kids hosts workshops on a whole variety of subjects in the curriculum that we can do in your classroom. We're always looking to form partnerships with schools so whether you're after a one-off session, series of lessons or fancy some free books, say hi!

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Ways to listen to Fun Kids, the children's radio station

- DAB Digital Radio** across the UK
- Online at FunKidsLive.com**
- On the free Fun Kids mobile app**
- "Alexa / Ok Google, play Fun Kids"**

NEXT TIME: Half term ideas • Halloween fun • More shareables



Heritage Open Days – celebrating Swindon’s rich history



Over the weekend of 11th and 12th September you are invited into some of Swindon's most interesting historic buildings **FREE OF CHARGE**.

Come to the **Railway Village** to immerse yourself in the social and communal aspects of life for GWR workers and their families by visiting the **Health Hydro**, the **Railway Village Museum**, the **Central Community Centre** (formerly GWR Hospital), the **Baker's**, the **Cricketer's Arms**, the **Gluepot pub** and **St Mark's Church**. See inside the **Carriage Works** and the **Pattern Church** for inspiring examples of industrial buildings being reimagined and refurbished for the 21st Century.

**GUIDED TOURS – GRAVEYARD TRAILS - EXPERT TALKS - MUSICAL RECITALS
- BELLRINGING – FOOD DEMONSTRATIONS – HISTORIC RECIPES -
EXHIBITIONS OF HISTORIC PHOTOS AND ART - ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN -
CREAM TEAS AND OTHER REFRESHMENTS – ART ON TOUR**

Explore further afield to see:

- St Mary's Church, the Walled Garden and a new on-line Archive at Lydiard Park
- the Friends Meeting House at Eastcott (Sat only)
- Prospect Place in Old Town (guided tours @ 11am)

Confirm opening dates and times on the Heritage Open Days website:

<http://www.heritageopendays.org.uk/>

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