



*Ampney Crucis C of E Primary School*  
*Together we live, learn and flourish*  
**Newsletter 1: Spring Term 2023**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas Holiday. I hope you had an enjoyable holiday and are now looking forward to lighter mornings!

We have a busy term ahead with lots of things going on in school, though for the first couple of weeks the focus is very much on settling the children back in and of course lots of learning.

**Our Value for this term is Creativity.**

**“Creativity is God’s gift to us. Using our creativity is our Gift back to God.”**

This week in worship we have been thinking about how the start of the year is a good time to think about making changes. Changes as individuals but also changes as a school community and how little these changes might be, they can have a big impact on all of us. The school council will be thinking about this further when we next meet.

**Whole School Focuses for this term**

Our key priorities continue from last term, and these include:

**Education**

- Ensuring our school’s approach to **maths** teaching and learning, Maths Mastery, eg. To develop a deep, long term and secure understanding of maths and times tables, continues to be embedded.
- To continue to develop a love of and a culture of reading. This includes phonics and individual reading.
- To include as many opportunities as possible for promoting oracy.
- Linked to our focus on reading and phonics we are working hard to improve writing across the school, particularly for groups of children who find this more difficult.
- To continue to develop our wider curriculum, experiences, and opportunities the children can access.

**Personal Development**

- To develop our children’s Courageous Advocacy so they become responsible, respectful, and active citizens.
- To develop our Children’s independence, resilience, and confidence.
- To continue to develop positive behaviour attitudes.

## **Friends**

The Friends would like to thank parents and carers for all their support at the Christmas Disco and throughout last year. We will soon be sending out a Newsletter with details about future events and how much money has been raised.

### **Dates for your diaries this term:**

#### **CAKE SALE Friday 13th January**

**Friday 13th January will be Maple class cake sale**, second handbook sale, and preloved uniform sale at 2.45pm until after pick up. If anyone has any outgrown/unwanted uniform, please consider donating it to The Friends.

#### **FRIENDS MEETING Friday 13th January**

We will be holding the next Friends meeting on Friday 13th January at 1.30pm before the Cake Sale. It will be in the school hall as usual.

We would love to welcome new faces and new ideas however big or small so please feel free to come along!

#### **VALENTINES MAKEUP MASTER CLASS**

##### **Friday 3rd / Saturday 4th February**

An exciting date for your diaries is Friday 3rd February / Saturday 4th February from 6pm when we will be holding a makeup master class with Film and Celebrity Makeup artist May Gascoigne and Wedding and Photographic Makeup artist Caroline Morrison.

The evenings will be held in a professional studio near Northleach and tickets will include a shellac manicure by our very own Claire from Claire's Beauty Room.

Prosecco, canapés and much more!

More details to follow....

#### **CHILLI QUIZ NIGHT Saturday 4th March**

The date has been set for the ever-popular Chilli night at 7pm at the village hall.

Details to follow with a poster. As usual volunteers for chilli makers, pudding makers and kitchen help would be most appreciated!

## General Notices

### Parking around School

The Governing Body and I are aware that parking at the beginning and the end of the school day can be problematic, but I would kindly ask you to make sure you do not block our neighbours drives and park where it is safe to do so. Many thanks.

### Dogs

For health and safety reasons please could ensure if you are walking your dog to school that you remain the wall side of the front playground rather than coming onto the forecourt. At the end of the day just wave at the member of staff so they know you are there.

### Children' illnesses

#### Advice for parents and carers on common winter bugs and viruses from Gloucestershire County Council.

With lots of common winter bugs and viruses circulating at the moment, the NHS in Gloucestershire, including the Paediatric consultant team, has developed advice for parents and carers of children to help care for them at home or know when health advice may be needed.

There is understandable concern amongst the public following reports of children and young people with Strep A or Scarlet Fever going on to develop serious illness. However, health leaders are reassuring people that Scarlet Fever is usually a very mild illness that can be easily treated with antibiotics, and it is very rare for children to go on to develop the more serious illness known as invasive group A strep (iGAS).

Please do read and bookmark the advice and share with friends and family:

<https://www.nhsglos.nhs.uk/news/scarlet-fever-advice-for-parents-and-carers/>

**Just a reminder that we can in school administer medicines including antibiotics, Calpol or something similar, all you need to do is come into school and fill out a medical form.**

In school we will continue to encourage children to practise good hand hygiene.

### Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices for children who have signed up
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> January @ 2:45	Maple Cake sale
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Cricket Coach in all day – each class will have a session – children can come to school in PE kit.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Wood