



# Newsletter

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***Celebrating the Achievement of All by  
Living and Learning Together***

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Dear Parents/Carers,



Just before Christmas we held a 'Shadow Review' with an external and experienced adviser from Gloucestershire County Council, who previously worked for Ofsted. The aim of the review was to identify what Cam Hopton is doing well and what we can do better as we move forward.

The day was extremely intense and we were very proud of our staff and children. In summary the review told us the following:

## **We are doing well because...**

- We are a caring community where people get on well together, care for one another and learn well to respect each other.
- Children's consistently thoughtful behaviour is a major factor in their successful learning.
- Our curriculum is creative, engaging and incorporates learning from real life opportunities.
- Our curriculum is carefully planned with high quality teaching and a focus on successful learners of all kinds.
- Children understand how teachers feedback about their learning, through pink and green marking and that they can respond to their teachers.
- Our Teaching Assistants are an important and integrated part of daily learning.
- We have widened links with diverse communities, so that children develop a good understanding about British values as well as other faiths and cultures.
- Our children have a good start to their school life in the Early Years (Reception).
- Teachers have high expectations of children, so that they develop a range of skills and enhance their independence and confidence.
- The proportion of children reach standards at the end of Year 6 that are at least in line with other children nationally.
- Leadership is good, driving ambitious targets for the school.

## **We could do even better if...**

- We continue to focus on pupil development at the end of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6, so that our outcomes are not just within national averages but above them. And that this is consistent year on year.
- We continue to have a strong focus on how children build resilience, confidence and their well-being.
- We make sure that our curriculum topics are as linked together as possible to maximise learning opportunities and understanding.
- We further build up strong and effective leadership teams at all levels, especially middle leadership.
- We strive to find creative and effective ways to support children who may be vulnerable, so that their achievement is as good as others.

# F.A.M.E at last with the BBC

## Join GM and the BBC for your free musical instrument lesson

### Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018



Thanks to the support of BBC Radio Gloucestershire and Music for All, Gloucestershire Music is giving 100 people the chance to get creative and get playing at music centres in Gloucester and Stroud. If you are aged 7+ (including adults) you can be one of a hundred people who are being given their first free lesson and introduction to playing a variety of instruments. The lessons are being offered at two music centres in Gloucester and Stroud on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March as part of a National Play Day promoted by Music for All.

Anyone wishing to continue to play will also be offered a great package of instrument hire and ensemble lessons through GM's popular F.A.M.E. (First Access Music Ensemble) at Brookfield and Five Valleys Music Centre.

#### **Your free lessons will take place at**

Five Valleys Music Centre (Archway School, Stroud)  
Brookfield Music Centre (Sir Thomas Rich's School, Gloucester)  
09:30 - 12:30 on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

#### **Sign up now**

To find out more details simply click on the link to GM's website then click F.A.M.E. / BBC  
Visit: [www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk](http://www.gloucestershiremusic.co.uk)



## The Annual Dursley Pancake Race!!

This will take place on Shrove Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 in Parsonage Street, Dursley from 12 noon. This year all funds raised will be donated to Festive Dursley for new festive lights. Shrove Tuesday coincides with the half term school holidays, therefore there will be a special race for Children (aged 5+).

A trophy donated by Dursley Business Inclusive, in memory of local volunteer Eileen Nichols, will be awarded for the Best Fancy Dress Costume. Entry forms explaining Race Terms and Conditions, are available from Dursley Town Council, Jacob's House, Castle Street and Daisy Belle Floral Design, Parsonage Street, and can be downloaded from [www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.dursleytowncouncil.gov.uk)

## Reminder—Storytelling Day—Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup> January

As part of National Story Telling Week Kingshill House in Dursley are holding a story telling day on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January from 11am. This will also include art, drama and puppetry.



## World Book Day

*On March 1<sup>st</sup> it's World Book Day. We would like to celebrate by inviting parents in to read their favourite children's book, or extract, to their child's class. You will be able to sign up for an afternoon time slot during the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>-March 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

*If you would like to come in, please sign up for a time slot. Sign up forms will be in the office from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February.*

*As well as this, we will be having a 'favourite book character' dress up day on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March.*

*If you have any questions, please email or see me at the gate.*

*We look forward to sharing your favourite stories.*

*Mrs. Gabb*



# Celebrating the Achievement of All by Living and Learning Together

Congratulations to the following children who have worked hard to achieve and progress in their learning.



## Secrets of Success

Last week the children were working extremely hard as Bee learners:

Reception	Hugo Parry	for working really hard on his reading.
Year 1	Thomas Martin	for working well as part of a group and trying his best.
Year 2	Wynnie Fluester	for always working extremely hard on spellings, handwriting and presentation of her work.
Year 3	Freddie Senekal	for excellent perseverance when solving tricky multiplication problems.
Year 4	Lizzie Karakulah	for working really hard to develop her understanding of multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.
Year 5	Tom Tuckwell	for working hard at his joins and general neatness and presentation.
Year 6	Alfie Fletcher	for working really hard to make sure that his writing is coherent.

This week the children will focus on being 'Tortoise Learners'. Not to give up in their pursuit of success. To listen to advice, reflect on their performance and focus on winning the race!



## Sports Super Hero

Reception	Nyesha Jenkins	for working really hard in PE with the sports coach this week.
Year 1	Jake Cooper	for increased confidence and working well with other children.
Year 2	Lily Brooke	for an amazing winter dance. She thought carefully about linking moves.
Year 3	Sam Wardle	for excellent and fair rugby play.
Year 4	Nia Croft	for developing careful control of the ball in hockey, and dazzling dribbling skills.
Year 5	Freddie Pickard	for showing excellent passion and determination during indoor hockey.
Year 6	None this week	

## Head Teacher Awards

Reception	Rosie Bevan	for being a wonderful friend, for working hard and trying her best.
Year 1	Isaiah Townsend	for brilliant handwriting and brilliant sentences for 'We're going on a bear hunt'.
Year 2	Thomas Sweet	for an amazing report and piece of artwork on a Volcano fire dragon.
Year 3	Ryan Oram	for a sterling effort and excellent progress in his handwriting.
Year 4	Reagan Cross	for making a super start to Year 4, and completing some marvellous maths!
Year 5	None this week	
Year 6	Harley Cross	for a fantastic attitude in his first week.

## Activities This Week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>NO CHEERLEADING CLUB TODAY</b>	Table Tennis Club Football Club	Up and Under Multiskills	Year 4 Swimming Hockey Club Cookery Club	PTA Disco KS1—6pm to 7pm KS2—7.15pm to 8.15pm

## PTA Next Event—School Disco (Friday, 2nd February)

Tickets are £2.50 and are on sale now - come and find me at school drop off/collection, or message me on our Facebook page and I will do my best to get the tickets to you.

Please try and purchase tickets before the night as it helps us immensely with queuing, and the children can all enjoy the dancing!

Tickets will be on sale on the night for those of you who are unable to catch me before.

The ticket includes entry, drinks (water or squash), a healthy snack and a glow bracelet. There will also be crisps, glow tattoos and more glow bracelets on sale on the night ranging from 25p – 50p. There will also be hot drinks and cake for the grown ups!

Parents/carers are encouraged to stay with the younger KS1 children where possible. Younger siblings are welcome but must be accompanied by a parent/carer.

Reminder of times: KS1 6-7pm / KS2 7.15 - 8.15pm

We are looking for extra help on the night, if you can help for an hour or so please let me know asap!

Get those dancing shoes polished and hopefully see you all there!

**Tracey Angell**  
**PTA Chair**

## Sports News

Congratulations to the Yr6 netball team who competed in the Wotton District Finals on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>. We showed excellent determination and enthusiasm to come 2<sup>nd</sup> overall. Unfortunately, the does mean that we will not get to compete in the next round in Cheltenham however all the children should be very proud of themselves!

**Miss Ractliffe**



## Copper Collection



### COPPER COLLECTION - 2017 TO 2018 'CHISOMO (GRACE)'

£60.00						
£50.00			£51.56	£52.74		
£40.00	£45.38	£45.38				
	05/01/18	12/01/18	19/01/18	26/01/18	02/02/18	09/02/18

Best wishes,  
Becky Harris  
Head Teacher

## **The Co-Operative Childcare and Day Nursery and Pre-School**

Discover what it's like to be a Co-operative Childcare team member.

**Visit us at Cam Nursery Recruitment Fayre**

**31st January from 4pm-8pm**

### **The Co-operative Membership**

As part of the Co-operative family, you'll benefit from discounts and vouchers for a range of stores, including money off of phone packages, gym memberships and in high street stores. On top of childcare discounts and vouchers, you'll also be able to claim discounts at our other outlets, including Co-op Food, Funeral, Travel and Healthcare.

To find out how to become a part of the Co-operative family call 01453 544111 or visit [www.thecooperativechildcare.coop](http://www.thecooperativechildcare.coop)

*Drop in for a chat, we'd love to meet you!*