

Soudley News

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This term's school value is Friendship

******* **CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

This week, we celebrated the achievements of:

OTTERS CLASS - Lilah, Seth and Beatrice MOLES CLASS - Mia-Lilly, Hollie and Jess HEDGEHOGS CLASS - Zola, Noah and Naya

This week's best Attendance: Otters Class

STAFF CAR PARK

We have noticed that an increasing number of parents are using the Staff Car Park when dropping off and collecting their children during normal drop off/pick up times, without permission from the Executive Head Teacher.

Parents/carers may ask for permission from the Executive Head Teacher if there is a medical, or other reason that necessitates using the staff car park when dropping off or collecting their child/ ren.

In line with the school's Health and Safety policy, we would remind you that parents/carers are only permitted access through the staff car park to drop off and pick-up children if the pedestrian gates into the school playground are locked.

When using the staff car park during such times when the pedestrian gates are locked (for example when picking up or bringing back from appointments) please drive slowly.

Children may only cross the car park if they are with an adult, and small children must hold hands with their parent/carer to ensure that they do not run off.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to ensure the safety of everyone.

Term Dates

Term 1

4 Sept to

27 Oct

Term 2

6 Nov to

22 Dec

Term 3

8 Jan to 9 Feb

Term 4

19 Feb to

22 March

Term 5

8 April to 24 May

Term 6

3 June to

22 July

INSET days:

4 September

6 November

22 December

24 May

22 July

Other dates:

Bank Holiday

- 6 May

















Dear Parents and Carers.

We have introduced a program called My Happy Mind across our Federation. My Happy Mind helps the children to understand how their brain works, identify their character strengths and develop positive Mental Health strategies to be their very best selves.

You may have already seen the toys and books in the school Library, heard them talking about Team HAP or My Happy Breathing! The aim is to support the children in having open conversations about their feelings, alongside applying the My Happy Mind learning, as part of their daily lives.

My Happy Mind is delivered across our Federation through a series of interactive lessons and assemblies. My Happy Mind is an integral part of our PSHE provision and Mental Health advocacy.

To further embed this, My Happy Mind has developed a Parent App. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone. The Parent App will support you as a parent in understanding what your child is learning, activities for you to do together at home and also a Kids Zone featuring My Happy Mind Games plus much more!

To access these materials just go to https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 115521

Or simply scan this QR code to sign up.



Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app.

We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you can support your child in getting the best out of the curriculum.

If you have any questions about My Happy Mind, please contact your class teacher.

If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myHappymind.org

Many thanks,

Miss Fran Barber and the staff at Soudley School

Otters Class

This half term Otters have been studying 'Food from around the World' in their Design & Technology lessons. Children have been discovering the exciting and diverse choice of food available around the world and where in the world, certain ingredients come from. This week they enjoyed taking a virtual trip to Germany where pretzels originate from. They were provided with all the ingredients and equipment that they would need, and in groups, accurately and independently followed the recipe. They demonstrated a range of baking techniques including kneading and cracking an egg, and were able to work collaboratively together to create their pretzels.





In **maths** this week, the Year 5 children have continued their work on fractions and have looked at converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. They know that percent means a part out of 100. Year 6 have moved on to dividing a whole number (integer) by a fraction.

We have started to explore poetry and songs in our **guided reading** this week, focussing on the song 'A change is gonna come' by Sam Cooke. We spoke about the word 'segregation' and what this means. Children were interested in segregation, both past and present and had some very mature discussions.

In **science** children wrote fact files on some famous inventors.

The children thoroughly enjoyed preparing and performing the Class Assembly on Wednesday, which was a real showcase of their learning over the term. We hope those that were able to attend enjoyed it. We hope to be able to share our learning with you in the Summer Term too.

Next Wednesday we have our federation afternoon at Steam Mills School. Please remember that your child will need a packed lunch on this day.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Mclean and Miss Barton













Moles Class



In Moles this week we have done some learning about deforestation and the effect it is having on the Amazon rainforest. We began by learning why deforestation is happening and why huge parts of the rainforest are being chopped down. After this, we looked at the local people, the animals and the plants and how each of them is being affected by deforestation and what countries and charities are doing to try and stop deforestation.

In science this week we have been learning about pitch. We have looked at how instruments can create sounds with different pitches and investigated what changed with the instrument to create different pitches. We then tried to create our own set of panpipes using straws to see if we could create different pitch sounds.



In D.T we have been learning about all the fruit and vegetables that we can grow from your own garden. This week we learnt about strawberries. We learnt how we can grow them and investigated why their seeds are on the outside of the fruit. We learnt how to prepare strawberries to eat and cook with and used these skills to make our very own strawberry smoothies.

Mr Martin







OTTERS CLASS PRETZELS







Hedgehogs Class



Reception have been looking at the composition of number 7. We had been using blocks/numicon and nursery rhymes to help us. The children have really grasped this concept.

We have been concentrating on our writing this week. The children's letter formation and phonic knowledge is improving by the day and they should all be very proud of themselves.

Our week has also been filled with lots of mother's day activities, we hope you all enjoy the cards they have made you.

Thursday we celebrated world book day, reception shared stories with otters and moles along with some biscuits and hot chocolate. As you can imagine this was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Hedgehogs Class Team

Parent Survey about Childcare provision, due to new Government reforms.

There are National changes happening, regarding wraparound childcare and pre-school provision. Schools are being asked to survey parents. Please see more information and the survey in this link. If there is demand for provision, we will provide full details and booking information in plenty of time for September 2024.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx? id=QQw0K8ygYUuUxttxoUTREI4CDJ33W7hGjs8wj2XSJChURDMyMUUwV0M3TjJaNIZLWDVMR0 dFVVq0Qi4u

The survey will be open until 22nd March (end of this term).

VOLUNTEER SCHOOL APPEALS PANEL MEMBERS

We are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals. We are particularly in need of Parent Members (those with children currently in education).

Here's the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website:

Apply to become a volunteer school appeals panel member | Gloucestershire County Council

https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions/apply-to-become-a-volunteer-school-appeals-panel-member/

Gloucestershire County Council Block 3, Second Floor, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TG

Tel: 01452 425492 www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Well done to this week's PE Stars of the Week:



• Ruby and Chester from Hedgehogs Class



Olivia and Layla B from Moles Class



· Jay and Lilah from Otters Class

Mr Knight and Mr Smith

Things Happening at Soudley School Week Commencing 11 March 2024

8am - 8.30am DAILY - BREAKFAST CLUB • £2.50 per child per day

Mon Celebration Assembly

3.15-4.45 pm Learning Review Meetings

Tues Year 3/4 Federation Day - Reading theme at Steam Mills School (coach

transport)

Year 6 SATs booster session

Weds Lunchtime knitting club with Mrs Barnard for children in Moles Class

Year 5/6 Federation Day - Well-being theme - at Steam Mills School (coach

transport)

Thurs 2.30 pm Moles Class Assembly

3.15-4.15 pm Touckball Club — for pupils in KS2(Year 3 to Year 6)

3.15-4.15 pm Multi Sports Club—for pupils in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and

Year 2)

Fri Red Nose Day - Go Red to Toe and wear something red

Year 3 and 4 - Normalising Emotions with Young Minds Matter

Yoga for Reception pupils and Otters Class

BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club is £2.50 per day and is payable DAILY.

As we continue to be a cashless school, if your child/ren attend Breakfast Club, please go into your child's ParentPay account to pay the £2.50 on the day that they attend. Thank you.

Breakfast Club runs from 8 am until the start of school every school day during term time.

DIARY DATES 2023-2024

March 2024

- 11 Parents' Evening—3.15pm-4.45pm
- 12 Y3/4 Federation Day reading theme
- 13 Year 5/6 Federation Day Well-being theme
- 14 2.30 pm Moles Class Assembly
- 15 Doing Something Funny for Monday Comic Relief 2024 Go "Red to Toe"
 - YMM visit 'Normalising Emotions' for Years 3 and 4
- 18 Parents' Evening:
 - 2.10pm-6pm (Hedgehogs)
 - 4pm-6pm (Moles and Otters)
- 20 Year 1/2 Federation Day Easter theme
- 21 Year 5/6 Netball Competition at The Dean Academy 2.30 pm Hedgehogs Class Assembly

May 2024

- 3 YMM visit 'What is Mental Health?' for Years 5 and 6
- 24 INSET day

June 2024

- 3 Leavers' and Class photographs
- 4 Sports Day at Soudley Recreation Ground
- 10 Bicycle mechanic in to service bikes for Year 6 pupils
- 11-12 Bikeability Training for Year 6 pupils
- 18 Year 4 to "In the Net" at St White's School
- 25 Sports Day Reserve Date
- 28 YMM transition visit for Years 5 and 6

July 2024

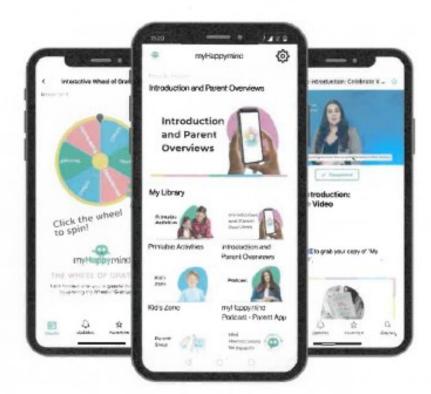
22 INSET day

CHARGE FOR DAMAGED BOOKS

That due to an increasing number of books being returned to school in an unsatisfactory condition, there will be a charge incurred for any books that are returned to school damaged.



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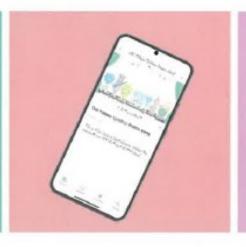


...An online resource to support you and your family to learn more about how you can use myHappymind to support your child.



myHappymind for Parents

parents with children at a myHappymind School or Nursery.



Learn all about what your children are learning in school



YOU WILL NEED THIS AUTHENTICATION CODE TO SIGN UP

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PROGRESSIVE SPORTS EASTER ACTIVE CAMP! FOREST VIEW PRIMARY SCHOOL, CINDERFORD

WEEK 1 - MONDAY 25TH MARCH UNTIL THURSDAY 28TH MARCH!

HAF (FREE SCHOOL MEAL) PLACES AVAILABLE DURING WEEK ONE ONLY!

9.30AM UNTIL 4.30PM - EXTENDED HOURS ALSO AVAILABLE!

WEEK 2 - TUESDAY 2ND APRIL UNTIL FRIDAY 5TH APRIL!

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Ages 5-I3!

HAF INFO

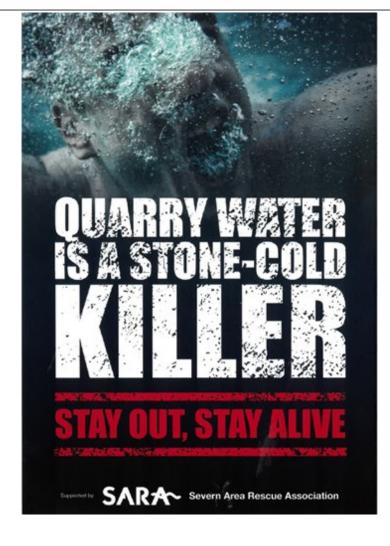
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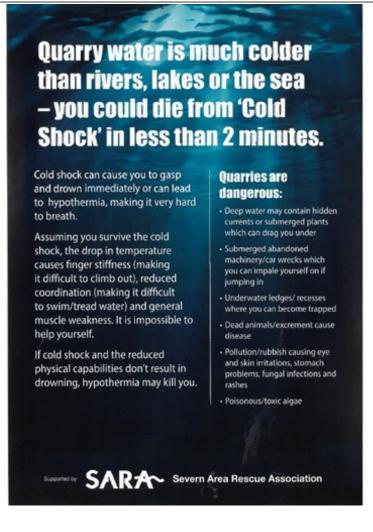
- J.KNIGHT@PROGRESSIVE-SPORTS.CO.UK - 01889 343120

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ALWAYS FOLLOW THE WATER SAFETY CODE

Whenever you are around water:

STOP AND THINK

Look for the dangers. Always read the signs.

STAY TOGETHER

Never swim alone. Always go with friends or family.

In an emergency:

CALL 999 OR 112

Shout for help and phone 999 or 112.

FLOAT

If you fall in, float or swim on your back. Throw something that floats to anyone who has fallen in.



BEACH FLAGS





RED AND YELLOW LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY

Between the flags is the safest place to swim



PFD

DANGEROUS AREA

Lifequards are not watching this area Do not swim here



BLACK AND WHITE WATER SPORTS AREA

Do not swim here



ORANGE WINDSOCK SHOWS THE DIRECTION AND STRENGTH OF THE WIND

Beware of winds blowing out to sea

LOOK OUT

FOR LIFEGUARDS

If you're looking for a place to cool off, always find a lifeguarded swimming site

IT'S STRONGER

THAN IT LOOKS

Currents in the water can be

very strong. If you find yourself caught in a current – don't swim against it – you'll tire yourself out. Stay calm,

swim with the current

and call for help

Winter WATER SAFET

In winter, more people who are walking or running alongside water fall in and drown than in any other season.

Slippery paths, patches of ice and a lack of daylight can make being near water more dangerous than in the summer months. If you fall into the water, the cold emperatures make it difficult for you to control your breathing, to use your hands to climb out and can even cause you to have a heart-attack.

So, follow our safety tips to make sure that your winter walks are enjoyable and safe.



KEEP BACK FROM THE EDGE

When walking alongside water keep back from the edge.



ONLY USE WELL LIT AREAS

Time your walks to make the most of the daylight; if you need to walk in the evening only use well-lit areas or take a route not alongside water



KEEP DOGS ON THEIR LEADS

Keep dogs on their leads when near ice and don't throw sticks or toys onto



TEACH CHILDREN NOT TO GO ON TO THE ICE

Teach children not to go onto the ice under any circumstances.

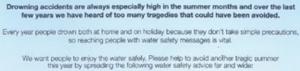


DON'T GO ON THE ICE TO RESCUE A DOG

Don't go onto ice or into the water to rescue a dog, move to somewhere that the dog will be able to climb out and call them towards you.



SARA



IT'S COLDER THAN IT LOOKS

Summer WATER SAFET

Water at open and inland sites is often much colder than it looks. Cold water can affect your ability to swim and





BRING A FRIEND

Always bring a friend when you go swimming so if anything goes wrong. you've got some there to help





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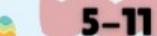


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VARIETY OF SPORTS & GAMES

WEEK 1: MON 25TH – THURS 28TH MARCH

WEEK 2: TUE 2ND – FRI 5TH APRIL



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PLAY **GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S** PLAY RANGERS

The Recreation Ground, Ruspidge Tuesdays 26th March 10am to 4pm **GL14 3AE**

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With thanks to Ruspidge & Soudley Parish Council for permission to use the Recreation Ground



Our Play Ranger activities take place outdoors in all weathers and are open access. This means there is no registration, children are free to come & go as they please.

Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by an adult.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

Play Gloucestershire

Transforming lives through the power of play www.playgloucestershire.org.uk





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Things you need to know about Play Gloucestershire

Play Gloucestershire - a registered charity - is the leading provider of free, outdoor, active play in the county. Our Activities are aimed at school aged children. Under 8's are welcome and should be accompanied by a parent or carer. We love it when the whole household joins us at our sessions.

Our Play Ranger activities are open access. This means there is no registration – children can leave the site at any time. Our Play Rangers will not stop them and may not know that they have left.

We encourage children to take responsibilities for their own actions. We think this is good for them. They will be encouraged to resolve disagreements amongst themselves. We will intervene if absolutely necessary.

Play Gloucestershire believe that children need and want to take risks when they play. Our Play Rangers aim to respond to these needs by offering children stimulating, challenging environments for exploring and developing their abilities. In doing this, we aim to manage the level of risk so that children are not exposed to unacceptable risks. Our experience tells us that whilst children play outdoors they are likely to have accidents. If this causes concern please come along and speak to us about it.

All our activities are outdoors and include den building, fires, arts and crafts, sports and a range of playful games. We encourage children to play freely and choose what they do. They do not have to do anything if they don't want to. Children will get wet, hot, cold, smelly and dirty and need to wear appropriate clothing and footwear. Better to wear old play clothes than ruin your best!

Our Play Rangers will provide drinking water at all sessions. We promote healthy eating and sometimes will provide free fruit.

We believe all children have the right to play. Please talk to us if your child needs additional mobility or other support to enjoy Play Rangers.

For further information:
Visit us at www.playgloucestershire.org.uk
Email info@playgloucestershire.org.uk
Phone 01452 505548
Play Gloucestershire is a registered charity (1126562)

THE DANGER ZONE!

Parking on zig-zag lines is dangerous and can incur a fine if you are caught!

Zig-zag lines are there for a reason; to allow good visibility for drivers to see pedestrians in high risk zones (ie on pedestrian crossings and outside of schools).

Please do not put the lives of our children at risk by parking on the zig-zag lines outside of the school, even for the shortest time.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Appointments during school hours

Please avoid arranging medical/dental appointments during the school day.

We do know this cannot always be helped, however, appointments at the end of the school day (from 2 pm onwards) are far less disruptive to your child's education than morning appointments please.

Pupils should be collected from school with just enough time to allow to get to the appointment on time and, if the school day has not ended, they should be returned to school immediately afterwards please.

You should also provide the school with a copy of your child's appointment letter for the attendance register.

Thank you for your continued support.

Weekly Reminders:

- Please ensure that Lunches are ordered on ParentPay by 8.30 am on the day they are required
- For the Health and Safety of the children, parents <u>must not</u> bring their children through the staff car park when dropping off or picking up from school.

Children may only be brought through the staff car park when the pedestrian gates to the playground are locked during the school day, and then children must be escorted through the car park to keep them safe.

Please remember to inform the school office by 9.30 am each day, if your child is going to be absent from school.

Thank you

What can you do to help?

Take an interest in your child's education.

- Ask them about their day and praise and encourage their achievements at school.
- If your child is missing school or is seemingly unhappy, you should discuss your concerns with your child.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of them missing school, but be on the alert for any particular reasons for non-attendance, such as bullying or problems with school work.

Contact the school as soon as possible when a concern is identified so that you can work with them to resolve any difficulties.

Be willing to engage with any support offered by the school or Gloucestershire County Council Support Services.

Make sure your child arrives at school on time for both the morning and afternoon sessions.

If your child is ill or absent for any other reason, contact the school on the first day of absence

Follow the school's procedures for notifying absence, and always let the school know of any days that your child is unable to attend.

Updated November 2020

It all adds up!

Attending school everyday gives your child the best chance of success.

Attending 4½ days a week = 4 weeks learning missed per year

Attending **4 days** a week = **8 weeks** learning missed per year

Attending 3½ days a week = 12 weeks learning missed per year

80% attendance adds up to missing 2 full years of education over their school life!

Can they afford to keep missing out?

Every Minute Counts!

Being late for school reduces learning time.

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of learning missed per year.

15 minutes late every day = 9 days of learning missed per year.

Arriving late can be very disruptive for your child, the teacher, and the other children in the class.

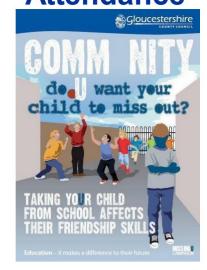


90%

80%

70%

School Attendance



Information for Parents and Carers



Why is it important for children not to miss school?

Children only get one chance at school, and your child's chances of a successful future may be affected by not attending regularly. If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- Miss out on the social side of school life. Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up. Employers want to recruit people who are reliable. Setting good attendance patterns from an early age will also help your child later on in life.

What might the impact of poor attendance be on your child?

Research shows children who are not regularly attending school are:

- More likely to become involved in, or be a victim of crime and anti-social behavior.
- More likely to fall behind due to the strong link between attendance and achieving good results.
- Less likely to achieve 5 good GCSEs (grades 9-5) compared with those with less than 8 days absence.
- More likely to have increased levels of anxiety due to inconsistencies and uncertainty in their routine.
- More likely to have reduced self esteem due to finding learning increasingly hard having missed out on key information.

What does the law say?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full-time education.

Once your child is registered at a school you are responsible for making sure he or she attends regularly.

What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?

If your child fails to attend regularly - even if they miss school without you knowing - the Local Authority (LA) may take legal action against you.

Schools will notify you if your child's attendance level is a concern and look to work with you to put in place steps to improve it. If attendance continues to require improvement then schools will look to initiate an Attendance Improvement Meeting (AIM).

The AIM is the start of the legal process. It is important you engage with the process and work with the support provided to meet the agreed targets. These targets will be reviewed and progress evaluated at a review meeting. If satisfactory progress is made then targets will either be considered met or adjusted until attendance if satisfactory. If progress is not made then you may be referred to the LA for legal intervention.

You run the risk of being issued with a Penalty Notice or being prosecuted in court. If this happens:

- Parents can be fined up to £2,500 or imprisoned for failing to ensure that their child attends school regularly
- Magistrates can also impose a Parenting Order, which means that the parent has to attend a counselling and guidance programme, usually a parenting class.

When is absence authorised?

There may be times when your child has to miss school because they are unwell. If your child becomes ill you should notify the school immediately and follow the school's absence procedures.

Children may have to attend a medical or dental appointment in school time. However, you should, whenever possible, try to make routine appointments such as dental check-ups during the school holidays or after school hours. Schools have the right to request medical evidence to validate absences for medical reasons.

If you think you might need to take your child out of school, discuss the reasons with the school as soon as possible. Absence must be requested as far in advance as possible. Absences will only be authorised by the school in exceptional circumstances.

Examples of absence that may be considered as exceptional circumstances include family bereavement or taking part in an agreed religious observance. The decision on whether to authorise absence is made at the headteacher's discretion.

For more information

For more information you can contact the Local Authority's Education Inclusion Service at:

Phone: 01452 427274

Email: Attendance@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Website: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning





Although term time leave request forms are available from the office, this does not mean that holidays are authorized or the request will be granted. Please read the below regarding penalties:



Request for a leave of absence during term time

Parents should be aware that the law does not grant parents an automatic right to take their child out of school during term time. The Department for Education allows a Headteacher the discretion to consider authorising a leave of absence in term time only in "exceptional circumstances".

You may consider that a holiday will be educational but your child will still miss out on the teaching and learning that their peers will receive whilst your child is away. Children returning from a leave of absence during term time are also unprepared for the lessons which build on the teaching they have missed and arrangements need to be made for individual children to catch up on missed work. Disruption to the continuity of teaching and learning is something we all have a responsibility to avoid.

If requesting a leave of absence you will need to complete the form on the reverse of this notice, setting out the reasons. If the holiday is not considered to be an exceptional circumstance it will not be agreed. If you nevertheless take your child out of school for the leave of absence this <u>will be recorded as unauthorised leave</u>.

In the case of an unauthorised leave of absence the headteacher may request that the Local Authority issue a Fixed Penalty Notice without further warning to the parent.

Please note that such a penalty is issued to <u>each</u> parent for <u>each</u> child taken out of school.

A Penalty Notice is a fine of £60 if paid within the first 21 days which increases to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days.

Thereafter, if the penalty remains unpaid this may lead to prosecution through the Magistrates' Court.

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Check to see if your child is eligible using the confidential online portal available on our website www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Your child's school receives extra funding for each eligible child registered.

If you do not have internet access speak to your child's school.



You may also be able to get extra support for free milk, reduced contributions for school trips and uniform grants – check with your school.

