



Warden Hill Primary School

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Friday 4th November

Coming Week

Welcome Back

Dear Parents,

We hope you all had a fabulous half term. The children have come back refreshed and ready for what is promising to be a very exciting (and busy) run up to Christmas. Talking of Christmas, the house choir competition practices are under way and the children are looking forward to singing them to you at the **PTA Christmas Food 'n' Drink Fayre on Friday 25th November** from 5:30pm—7:30pm. More information to follow.

Harvest Festival

Once again we would like to thank everyone who generously gave food donations to support the Cheltenham Foodbank, as well as those who were able to attend the assemblies - the children loved singing and performing their poems and songs. We had a lovely letter from the Foodbank detailing our contributions and what it will mean for the adults and children who use this service.

Harvest Festival 2016

I write to say a big thank you to the children and staff at your school who generously donated food to Cheltenham Foodbank this harvest.

Your donations added up to an impressive 353.07kg! This amount will go towards 28 food parcels for individuals or 12 food parcels for families. Each food parcel provides food for three days for adults and families who are currently unable to buy food for themselves. In the last six months, we have given food parcels to 726 adults and 271 children - a total of 997 people! As you can see, there are a lot of people in Cheltenham who need our help and support.

Thank you again for caring in such a practical way - it means the world to us and to the people we help.

Yours faithfully

Susan Sutton Cheltenham Foodbank

Mon	<i>Governors Business Meeting</i>
Tue	<i>4R Active Play</i> <i>Netball Match vs Springbank</i> <i>Governors Curriculum Meeting</i>
Wed	<i>9am Year Five Coffee Morning</i> <i>PTA Firework Display</i>
Thu	<i>9:15am-11:45am Open Morning for Reception 2017 Parents</i> <i>Football Match vs Bishops Cleeve</i>
Fri	<i>10:30am Remembrance Assembly</i> <i>Y6 Parents Invited</i> <i>4B Active Play</i> <i>2:45pm Merit Mark Assemblies</i>

Our thoughts go to the Loveridge family

A few years ago we were lucky to have Jazmyne Loveridge as one of our pupils. She is a lovely girl and really enjoyed being at Warden Hill School.

You may have heard the tragic news that her moth-

er passed away suddenly last week. Understandably the family are having a very difficult time and Jazmyne is struggling with the loss of her mum.

Our thoughts go to the family and if you feel you would

like to make a contribution to them at an impossibly sad time you can go to www.gofundme.com/to-help-pay-or-melissa-loveridges-f

Football Report - Champions of Cheltenham!

For the second time in three years our football team have won the most prestigious schools' football cup in the Cheltenham area and will progress to the county finals in a few weeks time.

Against very tough opposition and across two venues the team played through the qualifying rounds and reached the final unbeaten. In the knock-out phase they played brilliantly against **Bishop's Cleeve in the game of the tournament (winning 3:0) to get through to the final where they met St Mary's Prestbury.**

After a game in which they dominated the score remained 0:0 and even after extra time the two teams **could not be separated (some of Prestbury's defending was heroic!)**. So then to the dreaded penalties. Tommy, Charlie and Ryan took the responsibilities and we won 3:2!

The whole squad played superbly all afternoon and I know they will do Cheltenham proud in the county finals in December.



Open Morning - Thursday 10th November

There is one more opportunity for parents whose children are due to start school next September to come and visit.

There will be guided tours from the Year 6 children and questions answered by all the class teachers plus myself and Mrs Flocks.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this please let them know. There will **be a small reminder in this Saturday's Echo as well.**



A Poem about the Seasons
(written by 1B in Forest School)



It's Autumn now and the mornings are blowy and chilly but sunny.
On the trees the leaves are changing colour and falling off down to the ground,
whilst the flowers start to die.

The owls are fattening up on worms and collecting leaves and sticks for their homes.

It's Autumn now and we like to make piles of crunching leaves to jump in and to have S'mores and eat sweets.

At Halloween we like to dress up as bats and witches and make faces in pumpkins and watch fireworks explode.

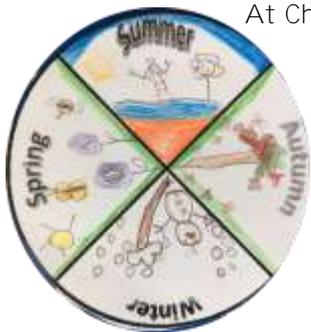
Soon it will be Winter and the mornings will have clouds and frost and snow.

The bare trees will stand covered in snow,
whilst petals fall off dead flowers.

Squirrels, hedgehogs, rabbits and foxes will hibernate.

In the Winter we will want to run around in the snow and make snowmen and ice skate and have snowball fights.

At Christmas we will have parties and open presents and eat chocolates.

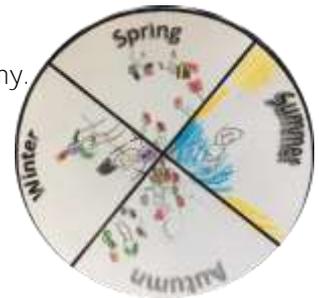


Next will come Spring mornings that are chilly but sunny.

The trees' leaves will burst out pale green
and the daffodils and primroses will start to bloom.

The squirrels will come out and search for food.

The birds will join in singing a dawn chorus.



In the Spring we will want to play football in the park, roller skate and cycle between the rain showers.

At Easter we will look for chocolate eggs on Easter egg hunts.

Then at last will come Summer mornings when the sun shines hot.

The trees will grow green leaves
and the flowers will be very pretty colours.

Some fish will jump out of the water in streams.

In the summer we will want to have ice creams, play in our paddling pools and wash cars in our swimming costumes.

On our summer holidays we will be with our families, packing, swimming in the sea and watching family films.



Football House Football



Extracts from Autobiographies currently being written by Year 6

Joe

Wow doesn't time fly by, already in year 6! It feels like it is only my second year of school?! Let's go back, back to the 25th of December- Christmas 2005 at Cheltenham General Hospital when a baby named Joe Edgeworth entered the wide world at 4:00 am. There would be a lot of challenges to overcome along the way because this is the first chapter of a huge book!

Evie

I can't believe it I'm year 6. Time is like sand, slipping through every crack you give it. Sitting in the classroom I remember what happened ten years ago. It was the 13 of August 2006. "Where is she?" I heard my mum croak. I guess she must have been worried about me. Dad was holding her hand trying to loosen the vice like grip mum had. That fatal day, Evie, entered the world.

ST. CHRISTOPHER'S PLAYGROUP

(Church hall, 1 Lincoln Avenue)

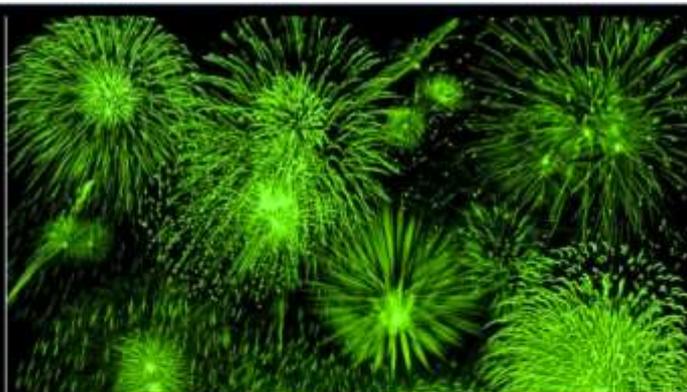
CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday 12th November

10am - 12noon

Featuring.....Christmas craft and gift stands, raffles, tombolas, white elephant stand, cake stand, face and nail painting, appearances from Cinderella and everyone's favourite Minion and much, much more!!

Admissions adults 3pp, Children go FREE



FIREWORK DISPLAY

Wednesday 9th November
Warden Hill Primary School

Gates open at 5.30pm * Display starts at 6.30pm

Food and drinks before the fireworks * Glow wands

Tickets MUST be purchased in advance
Adults £3.50 * Children £2.50 * Under 2's FREE

No parking in Durham Close * No sparklers * No pets
* No alcohol other than that bought at the bar!

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Pupil Success

Lily in Y2 completed the 1.5km junior race at the Bournemouth Marathon Festival.



Hollie in Y6 won a silver medal at South West Tumbling (Gymnastics) Championships

Inset Day - 31st October

The staff were in school on Monday this week completing training in a number of areas. This included a safeguarding and child protection update with an assessment on their understanding of the latest version of an important document called 'Keeping Children Safe in Education.'

We also spent time refining approaches to tracking children's progress through the core areas of the curriculum using our tracking system (School Pupil Tracker Online) and as a result of this you will see a different version of the Autumn report this year and we will be interested to hear what you think about it.

Christine in after School Club Thank you and good luck for the future

We would like to thank Mrs Christine Kelso-Stuart for all the work she has done with our After School Club. She is going to do a similar role closer to home. I am sure her new school will appreciate her every bits as much as we have.

Two very welcome visitors!

It was great to see Mrs Herbert and her daughter Sophie back in school today. Sophie is making amazing progress in recovering from the horrible coach crash in the summer. Still a long way to go but fantastic to see them both smiling. Well done Sophie!

