

WEEKLY REMINDER: 16TH DECEMBER – 20TH DECEMBER

Our value this term is Compassion.

DAY	WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK
MONDAY 16th	Interim Reports due out. ASC - Bibury Oaks
TUESDAY 17th PE Lessons	8am Early morning Sports Club Paid guitar/piano through Link Learning. ASC - Bibury Oaks All Welcome. 6pm. Bibury School & North Cerney School. The Christmas Story & Carols at Cirencester Baptist Church.
WEDNESDAY 18th	Menu today - Beef pasta or Baked Bean Hot Pot. Due to roast dinner on Thursday 19 th December. ASC - Bibury Oaks
THURSDAY 19th	Christmas Dinner. ASC - Bibury Oaks All Welcome. 2.30pm. Christmas Carol Service in Bibury Church. 3 pm Glamorose Cake van selling cakes.
FRIDAY 20th	There is no after school club on the last day of Christmas and Summer Term End of Term.

ADVANCED DIARY DATES				
Monday 6 th January	Term Starts.			
Monday 6 th January	Please ensure that you have ordered your child's hot dinners on Parentpay.			
Tuesday 7 th January	KS2 Swimming.			
Monday 13 th January	Kitchen Club Cookery Day.			
Monday 27 th January	Jonathon Jungle Roadshow.			
Friday 30 th January	KS2 Trip to the Steam Museum.			
Tuesday 4 th February	Last Swimming session.			
Friday 7 th February	School beat Officer talk - PC Davis - online relationships.			



You are invited to join us in our Christmas Celebrations.

Tuesday 17th December

The Christmas Story & Carols

at Cirencester Baptist Church with North Cerney School.

All Welcome. 6pm - 7pm.

Refreshments will be provided by NCSA, please bring cash.

Cirencester Baptist Church, Chesterton Lane, Cirencester, GL7 1YE

Children need to arrive at 5.40pm

Thursday 19th December Christmas Carol Service at Bibury Church. All Welcome. 2.30pm.

Afterwards, Glamorose Cakes will be selling cakes in their van.





ATTENDANCE – SCHOOL DAYS MISSED

Attendance in school is key to our children's learning. Since September 2024 there have been 178 morning or afternoon sessions missed. This is equivalent to 89 days of education. Please ensure that your child attends school. We have 24 children in school so the average per child is almost 3 days lost learning.

PARENTPAY SCHOOL DINNERS

We are implementing a new way to choose your childrens lunch options. As all of our parents use ParentPay to pay for hot lunches, after school clubs and trips, we are delighted to announce next terms new Caterlink Lunch Menu is now live on Parentpay.

This new feature allows all parents to pre-choose their childs meals for several weeks in advance. Those who pay for their school meals, can pay for their child's hot lunch meals they have chosen.

Those on free school meals, this is already recorded in ParentPay and no payment should be requested from ParentPay, once the hot lunch meal choices have been chosen.

As with all things new, we may experience a few little issues whilst everyone starts using the new system. However, we are hoping to continue using this new system and removing the paper copies of hot lunch menus going forward.

The hot lunch menu booking information guide for parents/carers, can be found here: https://parent-support.parentpaygroup.com/hc/en-gb/articles/4416633012625-How-to-book-meals-and-events#h_01HXH1HGY037X257M45RXTJXQB

PTA NEWS

Thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas Disco. We raised £105.

"Guess the Christmas Tree" forms, have been sent home with the children and need to be returned to the school office by Tuesday 17th December to be in with a chance of winning the Christmas hamper at the end of term. Entry is £2.



EASYFUNDRAISING

We are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them - at no extra cost to yourself! These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment. You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/bibury-c-of-e-

school/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

This year we will have a Christmas post box in school. Children are welcome to post their cards to other children and staff. The post box will be opened on the last day of term and the cards distributed for children to take home.

ACORNS CLASS FOREST SCHOOL

Every Wednesday, Acorns class go to Forest School. Please ensure that they have Wellies and a warm coat.

EARLY MORNING CLUB

Early Morning Club gives support to families by providing early morning childcare facility. The Club starts at 8:00am and finishes at 8:30am. Children can go onto the playground until 8.45am. Children have the opportunity to participate in a range of different activities at the start of the school day in a safe and friendly environment.

From January 2025, there will be a charge of £2 for this club. Children will need to be booked in before the day and payment must be made on ParentPay before attending.

Tuesday morning Sports Club will be free of charge - please book your child in.

KS2 SWIMMING

Swimming programme for KS2.

2025: 7/1, 14/1, 21/1, 28/1, 4/2

Your child will need:

- A packed lunch & water bottle
- Swimming costume/trunks
- Swimming hat
- Towel
- Goggles (if required)

Shorts & a t shirt to swim in.

KS1 will be in school so are able to order a hot lunch as normal.

PE LESSON AND MORNING SPORTS CLUB

PE lessons are on Tuesday and Friday.

Morning sports club is on Tuesday. After school sports club is on Friday.

Tuesday - KS1 Children can arrive in PE kit if they are attending morning sports club but they must bring in their uniform in a bag to be able to change into later in the day. KS2 can wear their PE kit all day Tuesday for swimming.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All clubs run until 4.15pm. Please collect your child promptly at 4.15pm. If you would like your child to attend a club, please let the office know. Payment to be made through ParentPay.

Day	Club	Cost
Monday	Bibury Oaks	£2.50
Tuesday	Bibury Oaks	£2.50
Wednesday	Bibury Oaks	£2.50
Thursday	Bibury Oaks	£2.50
Friday	Sports Club	Free

MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

We have noticed that children are bringing in non-prescribed medication in their school bags. Due to the ages of children in school, and the risk to other pupils, we ask that children do not bring this kind of medicine to school. In line with our policy, in exceptional circumstances please request a conversation with Mrs Pascoe.

Medicine that is prescribed needs to be in the original container and be signed in at the office.

We would like to highlight our First Aid Policy on our website for further information.

https://www.bibury.gloucs.sch.uk/web/policies/345554

"We will support pupils through this policy in managing prescribed medicines (e.g. antibiotics, inhalers) where appropriate following consultation and agreement with and written consent from, the parents and carers. We will in exceptional circumstances administer with support, non-prescribed medicines, but only with the direction of the Headteacher"

HOLIDAY FREE SCHOOL MEAL VOUCHERS

This Winter holiday period, Gloucestershire County Council will provide families in receipt of Free School Meals, who sign up to this offer, with vouchers to assist with food costs during the school holidays. The vouchers are funded through grant funding we have received, and they are separate to that of term time free school meals.

The scheme is for children in reception to year 11 who receive Pupil Premium (benefits-related) free school meals and attend a school in Gloucestershire. We are unable to consider college and sixth form students, nor children who receive infant free school meals (available to all children from reception to year 2) - they are not eligible for this scheme.

Families who have signed up to the scheme or who are already registered will receive a total of £15 per child.

To find out more about the scheme and to apply, parents can visit our <u>FAQs | Gloucestershire</u> <u>County Council</u>

Families who have signed up previously do not need to re-register for December 2024 holiday vouchers- they will already have been included. Families that have previously signed up will need to contact us with any changes to their circumstances (e.g. if the number of children eligible increases or decreases). To ensure we reach all those who are eligible, we are encouraging parents that have not previously signed up, to sign up as soon as they can.