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Thursday 1st April 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for Diary 2021

Thursday 1st April 2021 – End of Spring Term 4 – staggered times
 Monday 19th April 2021 – Start of Summer Term 5 – see gate times below

Attendance

Thank you for sending your children into school every day!
 Thank you to parents/carers for being vigilant: self-isolating and testing!
 Thank you to our pupils for their enthusiasm and smiles!



The Child Friendly Gloucestershire Team <https://childfriendlygloucestershire.com/> have organised a “Clap for our Children” today at 12 noon, across the county. We will be clapping for our children, when they leave the school gate at their staggered times. Staff will tell them before they leave why we are clapping for them. Please join in and show the children how much we appreciate and care for them.

“Clap for our Children” is for...

- Learning at home and at school – when and where they can.
- Adapting to the many changes and persevering.
- Building their resilience and being determined to succeed.
- As well as just being themselves!



Collection Times – Thursday 1st April 2021

Rec & KS1	KS2
Y2 1.15pm Milne Walk	Y3 1.15pm Village Rd
Y1 1.20pm Milne Walk	Y4 1.20pm Village Rd
Rec 1.30pm Milne Walk	Y5 1.25pm Village Rd
	Y6 1.30pm Village Rd

Remain vigilant

Please contact head@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk if your child or a member of your family become unwell or test positive for Covid-19 and you have to self-isolate in the Easter holiday period.

We can then let others know who may have been close contacts to self-isolate and prevent the spread of Coronavirus. At Christmas the “Test and Trace” service became overwhelmed, so this is

best practise for us, to be able to notify our school community, quickly. You can contact covidenquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk if you need to report a positive test outcome, but we would prefer the head teacher at school to be contacted ASAP. Similarly coming back into school, we need to know of any cases to protect others. Thank you in advance.

PEGI Ratings

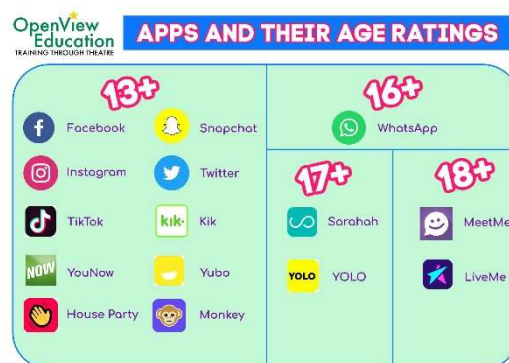
Please take a look at this useful website link, below. The PEGI ratings are legally enforceable for retailers and they are for the content of the game, not the skill level. Please always check which games your child is playing. Children can often be affected psychologically, by playing games intended for older age groups. Even if they say that they are not scared or will not use the bad language, they already have knowledge of it and it can not be erased from their mind. They are not old enough to be able to process some of the information on older age group games and films. There are great tips for adjusting parental controls so that you know what your child is accessing. Remember your child can use a game console to get online – who is talking to your child online?



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/gaming-whats-appropriate-for-your-child>

Online Safety

Please talk to your child about online safety so that they know they can tell you if they do have any issues. Parental controls give the ability to safeguard your child at home. We have been made aware of children creating their own accounts, but there are age limits. The police have shared that with more recent online activity, unfortunately, there have been increased incidents of grooming and inappropriate content. If you are aware that your child has an account please check the privacy settings and monitor their use. Be aware and be vigilant!



PC Beat Officer

The School's PC Beat Officer is currently working with the Year 6, completing a primary school programme with them that includes: online safety, cyber bullying and safety in the community.

Cyber bullying through gaming, online chat groups and messaging is considered to be "malicious communication" and at the age of 10, a child can be arrested and held to account for criminal activity. At school, we need to know if your child has been bullied in this way, so that we can support them and address the issues. The perpetrator needs to be held to account and taught that what they are doing is wrong and how to put things right, considering the feelings of others. Please can all parents/carers report any cyber or "online" bullying, by screen shooting the content (to provide evidence), initially to the class teacher, through the class home learning email or to admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk, if you need further support, please email head@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk. You can also call the school office on 01242 525616.



The NSPCC has some good information on their website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

Community Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to:



Sewaday for 40 Easter eggs, toys and other items. <https://sewaday.org/>

Jacque Boyer and the Dream Scheme for providing Year 6 with home activities and Easter eggs.

Thank you to the Pastoral Support Team for getting Easter eggs and other games/activities. All pupils will take home an Easter egg!

Happy Self Journal

<https://happyselfjournal.com/> for nearly 100 journals to promote daily positivity for children.



Donations have been received from The Ernest Cook Trust £4,000 and The Gloucestershire Society £1,600, to be spent on technology.

GCHQ and the No Child Left Behind teams have donated 7 laptops.

Feed Cheltenham have provided families with supermarket vouchers for over a year now.



These charities and organisations have made a real difference to our pupils – we salute you!

FSM Vouchers

Gloucestershire County Council have organised for the Easter Holidays “Home Cooking Kits” with recipes and videos to show you how to cook dishes, as well as the vouchers being sent out in the second week.

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/holiday-free-school-meals>

If you have previously registered they will automatically send them to you. If you are new to Free School Meals then you need to apply. Please see previous emails sent out about this.

Return to School Gate times from Monday 19th April:

	Gate/Entry time	Gate/Leave
Reception	8.45am Milne Walk	3.00pm Milne Walk
Year 1	8.50am Milne Walk	2.55pm Milne Walk
Year 2	9.00am Milne Walk	2.45pm Milne Walk
Year 3	8.45am Village Road	2.45pm Village Road
Year 4	8.50am Village Road	2.50pm Village Road
Year 5	8.55am Village Road	2.55pm Village Road
Year 6	9.00am Village Road	3.00pm Village Road

EASTER HOLIDAY HUNGER HELP

Please share this information with colleagues and partners so we can help as many people as possible across Cheltenham during this season.

For more information or to ask how to give help or get help then please email Sarah sarah@familyspace.org.uk



We are providing food parcels to local families who receive a referral slip from any local school, Citizen's Advice Bureau or other support agencies.

St Margaret's Hall, Coniston rd, GL51 3NU.

Every Tuesday 10 am - 12 noon.

Call Andrea on 07811 715695, or Roger on 01242 231458



If you need a food parcel please contact Cheltenham Foodbank on 01242 570080.

Parcel collections:

St Pauls Church - Friday 11-3

C3 Church The Pavillion - Friday 10-2

Elim Church - Wednesday 11-3

Salvation Army Church - Monday 11-3

(Closed on bank holidays)

Food donations to the Cheltenham Foodbank on Thursday 9.30-3pm

foodbank@cheltenhamelim.org



#FeedCheltenham

#FeedCheltenham can provide supermarket or pantry vouchers to help the families you support through these tough times. They are mainly intended for those who are not currently in receiving free school meal vouchers or parcels.

To apply for #FeedCheltenham vouchers contact: sarah@familyspace.org.uk



Springbank Pantry

Membership is open to anyone in Springbank and the surrounding area who is on a low income and struggling to pay bills.

Our pantry aims to help your money stretch that little bit further. Membership is £3.50 per week and for this you can choose items with an average total value of £15, plus free fruit and veg and bread.

Booking form can be found on the Springbank Community Group FB page, @SpringbankCG



CCP Community Pantry

Our opening hours for Town Centre Pantry are the same in the Easter holidays as usual, except for Good Friday when we are closed.

Open Weds, Thurs & Fri 9am-3pm (excluding bank holidays)

Current or new members can visit to collect shopping or nominate a person on their behalf. If you are shielding or have any queries, please contact Sarah on 07395 789667 or email foodshare@ccp.org.uk

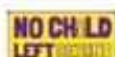
Donations - If you would like to donate please contact Sarah on 07395789667 to confirm a convenient time



Open Thursday 10.30-3.30 serving Whaddon, Lynworth and Priors.

To refer yourself or others phone 01242 777777 or email

manager@cornerstonecentre.org.uk



Covid-19 Symptoms

If any child or family member has the Covid-19 symptoms, please continue to test if they have:
a high temperature, hot to the touch on chest or back -
no need to measure temperature
a new, continuous cough
a loss, or change in sense of smell or taste

Getting a Test and Self-Isolating

If your child or any member of the household is showing any symptoms call 119 or visit the 119 website to book to attend a GCC mobile testing site or get a home testing kit. Please self-isolate the household until the test results are negative or for 10 days or until well.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/>

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/covid-19-information-and-advice/mobile-testing-unit-locations/>

You can order Lateral Flow or Rapid Antigen Tests for your child and family to do, however this is your choice and responsibility. If the result is positive you have to book a Covid test through 119 and self-isolate the household and support bubble. If two voids, with no control line, a Covid test must be booked. <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>



Here is the latest guidance including the "Rule of 6" for outdoor meets: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

We hope that you get to enjoy some family time together, this has been a busy term.

Stay safe everyone!

With kindest regards from Miss Kirsti Ashman and the HWPS Team.

