



## Whole school approach to Home learning

As a staff, we are currently in the process of reviewing and updating our whole school approach to home learning. The main aim of home learning is to practise, revise, reinforce and consolidate skills, concepts and knowledge previously learnt in class with a focus on the key areas of reading, maths, phonics/spelling.

Over the next four to five weeks, we will trial a new approach and then ask parents and pupils for feedback.

### Reading:

Reception: Reading and sharing books (5x a week; 10 minutes a night)

Year 1/2: Reading and discuss with an adult (5x a week; 15 minutes a night)

Year 3/4: Read to an adult or independently then discuss (5x a week; 20 minutes a night)

Year 5/6: Read to an adult or independently then discuss (5x a week; 20 minutes a night)

### Maths:

Pupils in Year 2 – 6 will be bringing home a letter with login details for an online platform called 'Timestables Rockstars'. We have this platform on trial for the next month so will look forward to hearing how it engages the children with learning their multiplication tables and associated facts.

Additionally, we will be trialling another online platform called Mathletics for Key Stage 2. Further login details and information will follow. This platform focuses on all aspects of the maths curriculum.) Pupils will be set specific tasks by their class teacher to complete each week.

We will no longer be setting pupils and parents extended home learning projects. However, if you child wants to complete their own independent learning/ research etc, they are more than welcome to bring it in to share.

We have researched questions that you might want to use when discussing school with your child. It would be interesting to hear if they were useful for prompting any conversation.

- What were you able to explain to others today?
- What did you learn from others today?
- What challenged you today?
- Is there anything that you could teach us at home?
- What were you most proud of today?
- What learning is coming next?
- Explain to me...



## Harvest

Thank you if you were able to join us last week for our Harvest festival in the church. It was lovely to see so many of you supporting the children and the school. All your kind donations have been given to the North Bristol & South Glos Food Bank.

On Monday, we welcomed David Frampton in to lead our whole school worship. David will be coming in to school every Monday. This week we have continued to focus on our value of Thankfulness, especially being thankful for God's creation.

*Praise the Lord.*

*Praise the Lord from the heavens;*

*Praise him in the heights above.*

*Praise him, all his angels;*

*Praise him, all his heavenly hosts*

**Psalm 148:1-2**

## School Admissions

### Primary

If you know of any children who are due to start school in September 2024, please let them know about our open sessions:-

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 9.15am to 10.15am**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm to 2.30pm**

### Secondary

Open sessions are ongoing currently. Please check with your local schools for information.

The application process for places is now open. Read South Gloucestershire Council's web pages and admission guides by following the links below:

- The deadline for secondary school applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023. [Find out more](#)
- The deadline for primary, infant & junior applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024. [Find out more](#)

## Wellies

Please ensure that your child has a pair of wellies in school every day. We would like the children to be able to access the school field as much as possible during breaks throughout the school year.



## Football

After the success of the Women's World cup this summer, we thought you might like to hear about this local derby on offer - Forest Green Rovers and Bristol Rovers Women's teams are both top of the table and are playing each other at the New Lawn, Nailsworth this Sunday at 2pm. U18's are free and adult tickets are just £5.

Tickets are available to purchase [online](#).



## Tea at Tortworth Lake

Please support the PTFA on Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> as they raise funds by selling tea & cake at Tortworth Lake. It's a really beautiful walk & the lake will be open from 10am to 5pm.

## School Meals

Our restricted menu will continue for one more week – ie one main option (see menu for what this daily option is – next week will be Week 1 <https://www.standrewsschoolcromhall.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Autumn-2023-Lunch-Menu.pdf> ) & a jacket potato plus salad, bread, cheese, tuna, beans.

We are hopeful that we will be able to provide the full menu from the following week but we will keep you updated as soon as we can.

## Pre-Loved Uniform; Pop-up shop

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

On the school playground from 3pm onwards



Need a top- up of school uniform? Have or know someone joining us in Reception next year?

The PTFA will be selling a wide range of pre-loved uniform on the playground from 3pm on 6<sup>th</sup> October. There will be suggested prices but we will equally be very happy with a donation.

If you can't make the sale would want to enquire about purchasing/accessing any of the uniform that we have in stock, please feel free to email me [andreaicken@hotmail.com](mailto:andreaicken@hotmail.com) or direct message me (Andrea Helyar) on the school PTFA Facebook group.

We are passionate that school uniform should be accessible to all and more than happy to help any of our families.