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Farewell to Miss Munford as she will be leaving us on the 17 December 2021

It is with a tear in our eyes, that we have to say a fond farewell to our lovely Miss Munford. She has been an integral part of the school team and great support in her pastoral role to parents and children throughout the school. I hope you will join us in wishing Miss Munford all the very best and good luck in her new job and for the future.



Message from the Headteacher

Welcome to the start of the festive season for all those who celebrate Christmas in our community. School is looking lovely with the children helping decorate the corridors and trees around school. We are certainly getting in the spirit and hearing the wonderful singing from Years 1 and 2 as they prepare to record their carol service is a tonic at the end of a busy term.



Reception intake September 2021

We are so eager to see all the parents who have joined us this year in school and sharing your child's classrooms and their learning with you is a top priority for the start of term. We are so frustrated and sorry that the restrictions have stopped us from opening the doors to you. I know you have heard me say it before, but we will have you on site as soon as we can. In January, you will notice that we are running after school visits for prospective parents - we will run the tours for our current parents in the week or so after even if this has to be after school and in small groups.

Thank you to all the children who took part in our Road Safety poster campaign - the winners will be announced in school next week. Keep an eye out for these posters outside of school in the coming weeks as they are made into signs for us to display.

I hope you enjoy reading a taste of our school for the past few weeks in this edition of our newsletter.

Mr L Pajak
Headteacher

All our policies are updated and are on the website.

Spotlight on Remembrance Day



Remembrance Day

All the children and staff, led by our services children, honoured the fallen by having a 2 minute silence outside.

Tom, a young gentleman from Crypt Grammar school, also join the service to play the Last Post and Rouse on his bugle. This made the service more memorable.

After the service, the services children and a child from each class, along with members of staff, then planted a poppy at the front of the school.

I felt very proud of all the children on this sombre occasion.

During the day, the children did lots of remembrance day activities to and talked about why we remember at this time of year.



Children in Need

WOW! What amazing support we have had today, raising funds for the NSPCC Children in Need Day. The children had a non school uniform day, some children dressed up in Pudsey style spots, wore Pudsey headbands and some in fancy dress. The children also had lots of fun with the Pudsey activities in class. Thanks you for all the donations sent in. You'll glad to hear, with you help we have managed to raise over £320.00.

THANK YOU

Reception - Royal ball



Swanfishers (or Kingfisher and Swan) were cordially invited to a Royal Ball this week. Having spent the past few weeks learning to greet like royalty and to dance with a partner, the children put on their most regal outfits and waltzed with elegance.

They concluded the festivities with a banquet of jam sandwiches, biscuits and squash.

What a royally enjoyable day!"

Odd Sock Day - Anti-Bullying week



All we needed to do was wear odd socks!

It was a great way to celebrate what makes us all unique at the start of our Anti-Bullying Week! All the children from the Key to Year 6 and staff were invited to wear odd socks. Classes spoke about our British Value-Individual liberty and what makes us special. We had the right to express ourselves through our socks and had some wonderful discussions around our similarities and differences and how we all should treat ourselves as equals. We then continued the week with 'one kind word' as our anti bullying week theme and completed various role plays, poster making, debates and games around this. This was a simple task for KPS as 'Kindness' is one of our core values.

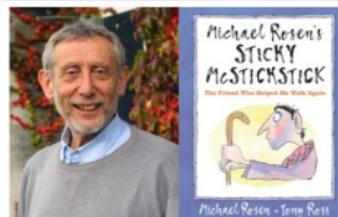
Michael Rosen, children's poet and author.

A special event with author and poet Michael Rosen for Read for Good Schools



On Thursday 18th September, pupils across the school were treated to a virtual interview and story session with the renowned children's poet and author, Michael Rosen. He read from his new book *Sticky McStickStick*, a heart-warming story based on his harrowing experience of recovering from Covid in hospital and regaining his strength. The children loved his natural humour and entertaining anecdotes and we look forward to experiencing some more of his wonderful books and poems in the future.

<https://vimeo.com/646951094/8f8cfe2d27>



Hello!
Here's the link to the Michael Rosen event.
[MICHAEL ROSEN EVENT](https://vimeo.com/646951094/8f8cfe2d27) (opens in a new window)

Diary Dates

January 2022

3rd: Bank Holiday

4th: Inset Day

5th: School re-opens

5th: School tour 2022 at 4pm & 5pm*

6th: School tour 2022 at 4pm & 5pm*

15th: Closing date for school applications

Please be advised that this is only a rough outline of the year ahead. More dates will be added throughout year and some events may be subject to change due to COVID

Term Dates:

Term 1: Thurs 2nd Sept – Fri 22nd Oct, 2021

Term 2: Mon 1st Nov – Fri 17th Dec 2021

Term 3: Tue 4th Jan - Fri 18th Feb 2022

Term 4: Mon 28th Feb – Fri 8th April 2022

Term 5: Mon 25th April – Fri 27th May 2022

Term 6: Mon 6th June – Thurs 21st July 2022

Inset Days:

2nd & 3rd September 2021

1st November 2021

4th January 2022

28 February 2022

*SCHOOL TOURS 2022

School tours for prospective parents
will be taking place on

Wednesday 5th January 2022 - 4pm & 5pm

and

Thursday 6th January 2022 - 4pm & 5pm

If you would like to book a place
please email the school office
admin@kingsway.gloucs.sch.uk

If you are unable to attend these dates
please contact us for a time that is suitable.

COVID RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING

COVID Information

We are dealing with a high number of children currently off school with various illness / symptoms. We also have a lot of children off awaiting PCR test results.

If your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms:

High Temp
Cough
Loss of taste / smell
Sore throat
Headache



Please book a PCR test and remain at home. Lateral flow tests can be used in primary aged children but **NOT** when displaying children.

If tested positive for the Omicron version then the whole household must get a PCR test and isolate .

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/measures-against-omicron-variant-come-into-effect-30-november-2021>

You should follow the guidance on the <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus> and on <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do>

Office Reminders/Information

- ◆ **ParentPay Accounts** - Please ensure that your child's account is in credit **before** booking in for breakfast club and school dinners.
- ◆ **Medication** - A medication form needs to be completed if medicines need to be administered on the parent/carers behalf. The form can be obtained from the school office or via the school website: <https://kingswayprimary.org.uk/school-forms/> - Parental agreement to administer medicine
- ◆ **School policies** - All our policies are updated and are on the website. If you require a paper copy of the information that is contained on our website, it can be requested via the school office and is free of charge.

School Applications

Closing date for school
applications is
15th January 2022

16 Days of Action.

The 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence is an annual international campaign that starts on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December, Human Rights Day.

<https://16dayscampaign.org/>

Reach out.

If you are ever worried that you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse please reach out for support. You can call the National Domestic Abuse Helpline on 0808 2000 247, GDASS on 01452 726 570, or speak with any member of staff at school. In an emergency please call the police on 999.

New FLARE app from Gloucestershire Constabulary.

'Flare' is a Safer Gloucestershire app, created for women and girls, to anonymously share their experiences of how and where they've felt unsafe. It's anonymous, quick, free to use and can connect you to support and advice in Gloucestershire.

To download the app or for more information please visit <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/police-forces/gloucestershire-constabulary/areas/gloucestershire/services/flare-app/flare-app/>

Hollie Guard
In danger? A simple tap or shake activates Hollie Guard.

Free to download and free to use
Multiple functionalities and alarm profiles to suit your situation.
Add your own emergency contacts who will receive a notification when an alert is raised.

Your location and audio/video evidence will automatically be sent to your emergency contacts who can take action to help you quickly.

Upgrade to Hollie Guard Extra for a small monthly fee.
Hollie Guard Extra provides an enhanced level of monitoring.
Alerts will be sent to a specialised 24 hour monitored centre.
Upgrade at any time via the app.

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Pant Guard

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Functionalities

- Journey**
Journey ensures safe travel by providing real-time updates as users move between two places.
- Meeting**
Meetings allow users to identify when they are going to a meeting with a risk factor. An alert is automatically created.
- Man Down**
For users in situations where injury or personal immobilisation is a possibility by flagging sudden deceleration, non-movement & impact.
- Reports**
Reports allow users to record and geotag incidents within the app. All reports will get saved to the users account, not on the device.
- Duress Pin**
If the user is forced to deactivate their Alert, they can use an emergency duress pin, which will escalate the alert as more severe.
- Alert Profiles**
Users can pick the alarm profile appropriate for their situation. Stealth silently raises an alert, whereas deterrent activates flash and alarm.

About Us
Hollie Guard was developed by the Hollie Gazzard Trust to help people stay safe. The app was created in honour of Hollie. It is the definitive safety app fully endorsed by many police forces across the country.
www.holliegazzard.org

Hollie Guard Extra provides an enhanced level of monitoring.
Hollie Guard Business is a package ideal for keeping your employees safe.

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E-SCOOTERS

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



WITH THE GROWTH IN POPULARITY OF ELECTRIC OR E-SCOOTERS IT CAN BE CONFUSING TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE LAW IS IN RELATION TO THEIR USE. IN ADDITION THERE IS A GOVERNMENT TRIAL TAKING PLACE IN MANY TOWNS AND CITIES WITH DIFFERENT RULES TO FOLLOW SO BEFORE PURCHASING OR USING AN E-SCOOTER YOU NEED TO FAMILIARISE YOURSELF WITH WHAT YOU CAN AND CAN'T DO.

THIS GUIDE SHOULD OUTLINE THE KEY THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW TO MAKE SURE YOU USE YOUR E-SCOOTER LEGALLY.

Privately owned e-scooters

- ▶ They can only be ridden on private land with the permission of the land owner.
- ▶ E-scooters are classed as a motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Act 1988 but as they cannot be insured, registered for road use and do not comply with any of the requirements under the Road Traffic Act they are not able to be ridden on a public road, pavement or public place.
- ▶ E Scooters are 'Powered Transporters' and fall within the definition of a motor vehicle for the purposes of the Road Traffic Act 1988. They cannot be registered for road use with DVLA or insured by private individuals.
- ▶ They are not able to be ridden on roads, cycle paths, pavements, bridleways or other public places legally.
- ▶ Anyone using a private e-scooter on a road or public place is committing a number of road traffic offences which carry penalties.

The penalties

- ▶ A fine of £300 and up to six points on your driving licence if you have one.
- ▶ The E Scooter can also be seized under S. 165A Road Traffic Act 1988 as it will have no insurance or S 59 Police Reform Act 2002 if it is being used in a way that causes harassment, alarm or distress.

Trial rental e-scooters

There are also a number of UK Government trials underway to pilot the use of rental e-scooters in some towns and cities. The rules surrounding these are different to the ones that relate to private e-scooters.

These scooters are not toys and should not be used by children or given to children to use.

- ▶ They can only be used within the area designated by the rental company.
- ▶ You must have a driving licence with a category Q (this is included within categories P, AM, A or B).
- ▶ You must register with the rental company and have rented the vehicle correctly.
- ▶ They must be ridden following in accordance with the relevant Road Traffic legislation and the guidance of the rental company.
- ▶ If anyone is found to be riding one of these e-scooters in a way that contravenes the law they are liable to be reported and may have points on their licence.
- ▶ You are strongly advised to wear a helmet when using an e-scooter as they can travel up to speeds of 15.5 mph.

www.gloucestershire.police.uk



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- ★ 12 chances to win up to £5,000
- ★ PLUS! A special prize draw worth £2,500 for all PTAs selling 120 tickets or more!



BUY TICKETS

Don't delay – buy your tickets today!

It is illegal for anyone under 16 years of age to purchase or sell raffle tickets. Anyone under 16 years of age who buys a ticket for the Big PTA Christmas Raffle will immediately forfeit the right to any prize. Closing date 12th Dec 2021. A raffle is a form of gambling. If you, or someone you know, needs information and/or help with a problem gambling, please call GamCare on 0845 6000 133 or visit www.gamcare.org.uk

#HAF2021



Holiday Activity and Food Programme

What?

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF), funded by DfE, is returning this December for children aged 5-16 years eligible for free school meals.

When?

The programme will be running for 4 days from 20th - 23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December.

To stay up to date on all things HAF, email us at:

HAFParentEnquiries@gloucestershire.gov.uk

to join our newsletter where we will have updates, insights, recipes and crafts from November.

What is available?

We will be offering a variety of face-to-face activities with your local providers:

- ✓ exciting activity packs for all ages
- ✓ an opportunity to claim your own winter food hamper to enjoy over the holidays
- ✓ tickets to local events and more!

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf



Holiday Activity Programme

What?

Using grant funding, this year we are extending our holiday activity programme for December to all children in Gloucestershire.

Open to children of any age, this makes sure all children can access holiday activities locally.

When?

The HAF programme will be running for 4 days from 20th -23rd December.

How?

You will be able to sign up to our Children Activities Booking Site (CABS) from November.

Activities will be available to book from 1 December. You will be able to book any activities marked HAF in the title.

What will be available?

- ✓ Face to face activities for children to socialise and play
- ✓ Ticketed activity schemes to your favourite venues
- ✓ A large online video activity library and more!
- ✓ A potential free meal at your local activities
(Please contact providers directly for more details on this).

To find out more and stay up to date, you can follow us on social media @GlosCC or visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/haf

