



The Pink Letter



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Dear Parents/Carers

27 September 2019

We all survived PGL! Well most of us, the only incident involved story time and a sleeping bag. We had a beautiful week and the sun shone whilst we completed our activities. We managed to pack lots into our day such as zip wire, Jacob 's ladder, climbing, trapeze, canoeing, the adventure course, hide and seek in the dark and many more. As usual, the children were extremely well behaved and were great company. Thank you to Mrs Apew, Mr Beech and Mrs Stevens for giving up their personal time to attend the trip, the children really appreciated it.

We welcome Miss Jones to the school who will be teaching in Year 1/2 alongside Miss Holden. Miss Jones is completing her PGCE with us which is run through the CETA (Cotswold Edge Teaching Alliance) group that we belong to. She will be here for the autumn and summer Term.

Belted Galloway received a visit from SWR this week, where they were told about secondary schools and the choices that lay ahead. While, as expected, the SWR representative promoted their own school, the main ethos of the meeting was that children should visit as many schools as they can to find the right school for them, which was such a welcome and important message.

Children are really enjoying the Immersion curriculum. Year 3/4 made some excellent quiz boxes using electrical circuits, Year 1/2 shared their mark making with parents and Year 5/6 will be sharing their learning about the Ancient Greeks with Governors (Kath Cross and David Learmont).

Shelia Brunton visited the school this week; she was a pupil here in 1939-1942. Shelia really enjoyed looking around the school and looking at all the photographs. Shelia read the Amberley book which contains entries from 1922. She enjoyed picking out all the memories and people that she remembered.

There will be no Craft Club next week due to Miss Holden supporting another school.

Whole School Attendance: 98.8%
Government Guidelines: 98%
School Target: 97%
Attendance of the Week: 100% Y1 Y2 and Y4 Y5 





GOLDEN BOOK AWARD 27/09/19

HEREFORD

Florence
Aubrey
George
Rose

FRIESIAN

Naunidh
Rachel
Alice

BELTED GALLOWAY

Aggie
Rory
Chloe
Nischay

MISSING T

Rory came home minus his Boden easy peasy tee from PGL.
It is named with his inked name stamp on its label.
Please bring into the school office should you have found it amongst the piles of PGL washing!

Many thanks

WHAT'S ON IN SCHOOL WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Monday	8:55am-9:25am Church-All Welcome No Piano Lessons with Mrs Glaser No 3:15pm-4:15pm Craft Club with Miss Holden
Tuesday	Guitar Lessons with Mrs Mills No Piano Lessons with Mrs Glaser Cello Lessons with Mrs Simpson 3:15pm-4:15pm Eco Club with Mr White Staff Meeting
Wednesday	2:45pm-3:15pm Open the Book Assembly
Thursday	3:15pm-4:15pm Y3/4/5/6 Rugby Club with Atlas Sport 3:15pm-4:15pm Netball Club with Mrs Smith 4:00pm-5:00pm Y7 Transition Club with Mr Beech
Friday	2:45pm-3:15pm Golden Book Assembly-All Welcome 3:15pm-4:15pm Y1/2 Dodgeball Club with Atlas Sport 3:15pm-4:15pm Young Voices Choir with Biddy (£1 per session-payable to the school) <u>Please note that After School Clubs finish at 4:15pm prompt</u>

FSM ENTITLEMANT

As the new academic year commences, I thought this would be good timing to remind parents/carers of the changes to the free school meals application process. Last year GCC launched an online portal for parents/carers to apply for their child/rens free school meals and to date GCC have received over 10,000 applications. GCC have recently conducted a survey with parents/carers that used the portal and the feedback was very encouraging and they were happy that there was this on-line facility. GCC therefore want to continue to encourage parents/carers to self service using the GCC on-line system.

GCC have a new dedicated email address for Free school meals which is freeschoolmeals@gloucestershire.gov.uk

PTA NEWS

The date for the AGM is the evening of October the 16th, this gives you all a chance to hear about the money we have raised throughout the year and how we manage to put this back into the school. Refreshments available. We'd love to see lots of you there!

We have some volunteers ready to go for next year, but we could still do with a few more! The more people we have the more the workload is spread out, so if you are at all interested in joining please let us know, we'd love to hear from you!!

The giving machine - Give For Free Every Time You Shop Online

The Giving Machine is an award winning charity set-up to give money to schools and charities. Their idea is a very simple one – when you buy something online via The Giving Machine, your purchase automatically generates a sales commission that is turned into a charitable donation. They work with over 2,000 online shops including Amazon, John Lewis, Marks & Spencer, Waitrose, Sainsbury's, Argos and eBay.

Amberley School is signed up as a cause with The Giving Machine – it is a great way to raise funds without it costing you a penny.

With everyone gearing up for Christmas shopping, now seems the perfect time to make a plea:

If you have not already signed up to The Giving Machine, **PLEASE DO IT NOW!**

Signing up is easy to do



NAME:

CLASS:

WEEKS	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MENU 2 Week Beginning: 9 th Sept 30 th Sept 21 st Oct £2.30 per meal (If applicable) Please tick one option and return to class teacher by Thursday	MAIN Pasta Carbonara With Ham & White Sauce, & Broccoli & Peas *Δ	MAIN Salami & Pesto Pizza Slice With Salad *Δ	MAIN Chicken Korma Curry With Rice *Δ	MAIN Lamb Tagine (Stew) With Couscous *	MAIN Salmon Fish Cake With Greens Ketchup & Mayo Available *◇
	MAIN (V) Jacket Potato With BBQ Baked Beans & Optional Cheese Δ	MAIN (V) Mediterranean Vegetable Stew (Ratatouille) With Rice & Optional Cheese Δ	MAIN (V) Veggie Lasagne With Seasonal Greens *Δ	MAIN (V) Margherita Pizza Slice Served With Salad *Δ	MAIN (V) Macaroni Cheese Served With Peas & Sweetcorn *Δ
	DESSERT Marmalade Cookie *	DESSERT Blueberry Yoghurt Δ	DESSERT Raspberry Jelly	DESSERT Lemon & Lime Cookies *	DESSERT Chocolate Cake *◇

WATER AND A SELECTION OF FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES ARE ALSO AVAILABLE DAILY

* CONTAINS WHEAT / (v) DENOTES VEGETARIAN / ◇ CONTAINS EGG / Δ CONTAINS DAIRY



Messy Planet



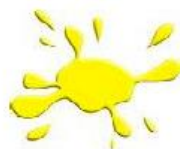
Tuesday 8th October
Amberley Church - 3.15 until 4.45pm

The Messy Church team looks forward to welcoming you with a drink and biscuits followed by crafts and activities. There will be an informal celebration and a picnic to refuel after all the fun!

Join us for crafts, games and edible activities!

Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer

We look forward to seeing you



Make Amberley School Carbon Neutral!

We will be preparing bee friendly plants and decorating cakes at Messy Planet on 8th October, which will be available for sale at school on Wednesday October 9th. Please buy some! All monies raised will go towards purchasing a carbon offset.

Last year Amberley School used 17,901 kWh of electricity and 131,270 kWh of gas emitting **32.19 tonnes of CO₂**.

Ultimately we all need to transition to carbon free sources of energy, but for the moment we can achieve carbon neutrality by buying carbon offsets.

Messy Church and Eco Club would like to purchase carbon offsets for the 32.19 tonnes of CO₂ emitted by Amberley School last year. The company we are using is <https://climatecare.org/about-us/about-climate-care/>. Their carbon offset scheme is highly regulated and guarantees CO₂ is removed from the atmosphere by clean cooking, renewable energy and tree planting projects. By purchasing £181.15 of carbon credits from climate care, we will be removing the 32.19 tonnes of CO₂ Amberley School produced last year. We will also improve the lives of the local communities overseas benefitting from the offset schemes.

Carbon offsets can also be purchased for flights and car use. If you are interested, please go to the website and click on their carbon calculator.

Youth Group on Monday!

Youth Group will be on this Monday the 30th of September, from 4 til 6pm in the Parish Room.

For children from Year 5 and upwards into Secondary School, and will have activities suited to their age range.

We have Emily back and she has some *around the world* games for some active fun for all to enjoy!

Looking forward to seeing you, from Claire and The Team
Claire - Tel 01453 835864 or krazyclaire@btinternet.com
Emily - Tel 07414018508 or Emily.Twigg@psalms.uk.net

ECO-CLUB UPDATE

PARENTS - Your ECO CLUB needs you!

Dear Parents,

We're delighted that more and more of you are getting involved with Eco Club, and offering to help in a variety of ways - THANK YOU! It really makes such a big difference to the children who are keen to learn about the environment, and work with those they look up to on ways to be kind to the planet.

It also makes the sessions easier to co-ordinate such that all ages can get the most from the club.

As an example of what we do, this week we -

- Discussed '**The Green Dot**' recycling symbol and how it doesn't mean the packaging it is applied to is recyclable!
- Talked about '**Wish-cycling**'
- Teamed up to complete a quiz about some of the unexpected places to find plastics in our everyday lives.
- Shared stories of exciting animal sightings and eco-friendly deeds we'd each done over the Summer break. #LeaveNoFootPrints
- Reminded ourselves (and taught new members) what '**The Greenhouse Effect**' is, why it's important to know about, and what we can do to reduce the ways we contribute to '**Global Warming**' and '**Climate Change**'.
- Had a brainstorming session on what the children would like to do in future Eco-club sessions (see below).
- At the end of the session children who didn't need to leave on time also had a close encounter with Baby Mountain Gorillas via Virtual Reality.

If you have any time at all, we'd love to hear from you, and parents are always invited even if it's a last-minute decision on the day (Eco-club runs for an hour after school on Tuesdays).

Please get in touch, or pop in to see us! The kids would love to see you.

WE'RE MAKING A FILM - Would you like to join in?

One of the ideas the children are keen to work on at future Eco-Club sessions is making an eco-film together. There is a wide range of skillsets, interests (and enough passion to sink a battleship), so this should be fun! If you or your child would like to join in please email me at

naturesracers@gmail.com

We'll start planning the film and roles next week...

MESSY-PLANET

We're delighted that MESSY CHURCH will be focussing on environmental topics on October the 9th, and Eco-Club are very much looking forward to joining in with all the fun activities that the very hard-working MESSY CHURCH team have planned for everyone. Seeing behind the scenes as to what goes into preparing for these sessions has been eye opening, and we hope the MESSY PLANET event will be well supported by the school community.