



Dear Parents and Carers,

Opal Bingo

OPAL BINGO is as an exciting way that the children (and the wider community) can engage in collecting new resources for play. (Trash for treasure).

Each class has a slightly different bingo sheet. There are some items that are easy to find and can be found free in nature and some which will require lots of asking around and using friends/ family contacts. There is a star item for each class which if they manage will be rewarded with a home clothes day for that class.

The first class to complete the bingo sheet or have the most items ticked off will win an extra playtime or beach session.

We greatly appreciate the support you give in helping to provide resources for play, it really does help make for wonderful play times! We have been amazed by the items that have already come in. Thank you for your help with this new initiative.

Parking and Traffic

I have had a number of meetings and conversations regarding parking and traffic close to the school. I imagine that, like me, you have noticed that there has been an increase in cars on Symn Lane in recent times. There are times when I have witnessed some near misses involving our children and other pedestrians and we are all becoming concerned with their safety.

We have also had a number of communications from neighbours who have commented on the parking of a minority of parents at drop off and pick up times.

I am in the process of investigating what we can do as a school to make the roads around school as safe as possible for the children. Something that we can all do in the meantime is only drive your children to school if it is essential. If you live close to the school, we would encourage you to walk or cycle whenever possible. Commuting from Cheltenham myself, I appreciate that travelling by car is the only transport option for many of us. However, I would ask that we all avoid driving too close to school where the children are crossing the road and being careful whenever we travel.

Oracy

I have always been in awe of good public speakers. I am sure that you have all noticed that, like many of us, I am often a little nervous when talking in front of a large group and this is something that we all want our children to be great at. As such, we are working hard at school to ensure that children have plenty of opportunities to practice speaking in front of others. This might be to a small group in class or to the whole school in the hall. Some of our Milepost 3 children have been presenting their learning during collective worship and have shown the other children brilliant examples of how to orate. We look forward to seeing how children's oracy will develop over time.



Staff Update

At the end of this term, we said goodbye to Whitley Richards, who has been a fantastic member of the Blue Coat team. Whitley has worked across the school as both a Teaching Assistant and a Higher Level Teaching Assistant, supporting pupils with great care, enthusiasm and dedication. She will be greatly missed by staff and pupils alike and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

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