

Dear Parents,

Firstly, as you are aware we have had Ofsted in school this week. Mrs Kydd and I would like to thank all of our children and you as their parents; they have been superstars this week. Thank you to those parents who completed the parent survey for Ofsted, your feedback was appreciated. We have found the process to be informative and we now have to wait for the report, which will take approximately a month, once we have this, we will share the contents with you.

Secondly, you may be aware from the media that one of the national teaching unions, the NEU, have announced that their members have voted to take industrial action. This action, commonly known as strike action, will be happening on four dates across February and March as follows:

- Wednesday 1 February
- Thursday 2 March
- Wednesday 15 March
- Thursday 16 March

While the impact of the strikes is not yet known, we have advise you of the dates so you can make contingency plans in case your child's class is impacted by the strike. Due to the nature of the rules around strike action, it is unlikely that we will be able to give you very much notice about any closed classes or changes to the usual school provision. We will communicate information to you as soon as we are able to.

Date	Activity
25 Jan	Choir perform at Young Voices Concert
17 Feb	FOGS Friendship Discos
17 Feb	Term 3 Ends
27 Feb	Term 4 Starts
28 Feb	Dental Screening (Selected Y6 only)
21&23 Mar	Height & Weight (Yr R & 6) / Vision Checks (Yr R)
31 March	Term 4 Ends: 2pm finish
17 April	Term 5 Starts
1 May	Bank Holiday
8 May	Extra Bank Holiday (King's Coronation)
w/c 8 May	<b>Year 6 SATS (all Year 6 children MUST attend)</b>
26 May	Term 5 Ends
5 June	Term 6 Starts
5-9 June	Y6 Residential to PGL Liddington
21 July	Term 6 Ends: 2pm finish
24 July	Inset Day
25 July	Inset Day
<b>New Event or Change of Date/Time</b>	
<b>FOGS Event</b>	

## REMINDERS

### Road Safety around the School Grounds

Please park carefully and drive slowly when parking near the school. Children should be supervised when they leave the school grounds. Please avoid leaving your engine running when you are waiting outside the school grounds. If you need to park in neighbouring streets, please be mindful not to block driveways or obstruct the pavements. Please do not drive into the staff car park, unless you have been given permission, at any time of the day.

### Lunch Boxes

A reminder that children are encouraged to bring a healthy lunch box. Fizzy drinks, chocolate bars or sweets should not be included in lunchboxes. Children can bring in crisps, chocolate covered biscuits or wafers. Please also do not include any nuts or nut based products, this include Nutella and Nutella branded products.

### Dinner Money

KS2 Parents - please ensure that dinner money remains in credit; we have a number of accounts in debt. Please visit your ParentPay accounts and make payments where necessary.

### Uniform

The correct uniform must be worn to school, this include school shoes. We have some good quality pre-loved uniform for sale, if you require some pieces of uniform.

### Lateness

We are continue to seeing children arrive late for school, if your child is late, they may miss out on being heard reading by an adult, miss the opportunity for interventions to help with their learning, miss information that helps them be ready for the day ahead. If you or your child are struggling with attendance in anyway please do contact the school and our Children and Family Support Worker will be more than happy to help.

### Book Donations

A big Thank You for all the book donations so far, we have received over 400 books, ranging from Early Years to Year 6, fiction to non-fiction, we have also had some books donated for our Parent Book Swap Trolley. Please keep them coming, every book helps.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS 	
MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE



We hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Lewis and Grangefield staff

## Friends of Grangefield (FOGS) Corner

Book tickets for our Friendship Disco at [www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc)

# FRIENDSHIP DISCO

**Friday 17th February 2023**

**EYFS & KS1:**  
4.00pm - 5.00pm

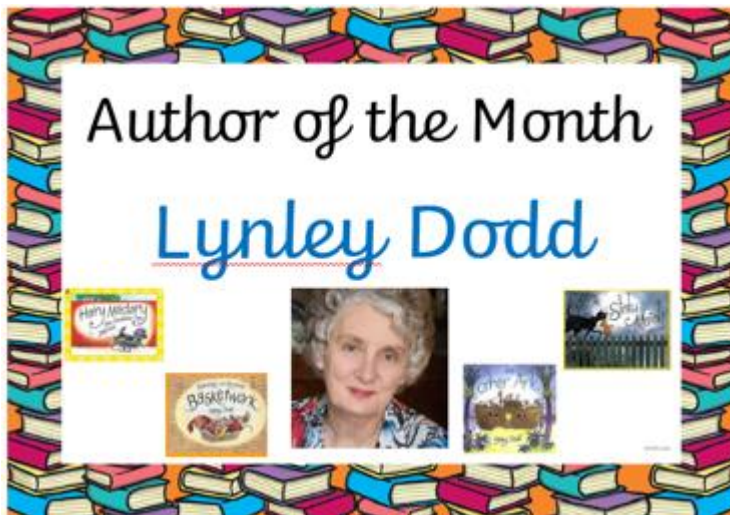
**KS2:**  
5.15pm - 6.15pm

**EYFS & KS1: £3.50 per ticket**  
**KS2 : £3.00 per ticket**

EYFS and KS1 ticket price includes a small bag of sweets. KS2 may bring change (no more than £1) to spend at the tuck shop. Book tickets at [www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/fogsbc) by midday on the 16th February.



## Grangefield's Author of the Month



This month the author we are learning about is Lynley Dodd. Lynley Dodd was born in New Zealand in 1941. Dodd an only child was born in Rotorua. Dodd lived with her parents in Kaingaroa Forest, near Taupo. She was educated at Iwitahi School and Tauranga College. Dodd graduated from the Elam School of Art in Auckland with a diploma in Fine Arts.

She is best known for her "Hairy Maclary and Friends" series, and its follow-ups, all of which feature animals with rhyming names and have sold over five million copies worldwide.

## Community Events



**A NEW SKATEPARK IS COMING TO BISHOP'S CLEEVE CHELTENHAM ROAD**

**& WE'D LIKE YOUR INPUT**



**WHERE** ONLINE  
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**WHEN** FROM NOW UNTIL 1ST FEB 2023



# LOTS for TOTS



**CHILDREN'S NEARLY NEW SALE**  
at St Phillip and St James Church  
Grafton Road, Cheltenham GL50 2DD

Find great quality second hand baby and toddler clothes, equipment, toys and more...all at bargain prices.  
RAFFLE top prize a brand new coffee machine. REFRESHMENTS Tea, coffee and homemade cakes.  
Enter TREASURE HUNT for £1 and win a prize.

**PLEASE BRING CASH FOR PURCHASES!**

**Book a pitch for £10**  
and turn your pre-loved items into cash.  
visit [www.linfund.org/current-events](http://www.linfund.org/current-events)  
Option to donate any UNSOLD ITEMS left at the end to LINC charity shop.

**Saturday**  
28 January 2023  
10am-12pm

**ENTRY £1 on the door**  
**CHILDREN FREE**



The Leukaemia & Intensive Chemotherapy Fund  
Registered Charity number: 1078183

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## Holiday Camps



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**DATES:** MONDAY 28TH - FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY

**TIMES:** 9.00AM-3.30PM\* \*Early drop & late collection available

**GIRLS ONLY FOOTBALL CAMP!!!!**



**THURSDAY 23RD AND FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY**  
9.00 - 3.30PM @ BACCARRAS SPORTS CENTRE

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**CONTROL**  
**BRAKING**  
**STEERING**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**LIFE SKILL**  
**AWARENESS**  
**SAFETY**

Our coaches will teach your child how to go from gliding to riding in a **safe environment**.

SESSIONS INVOLVE:

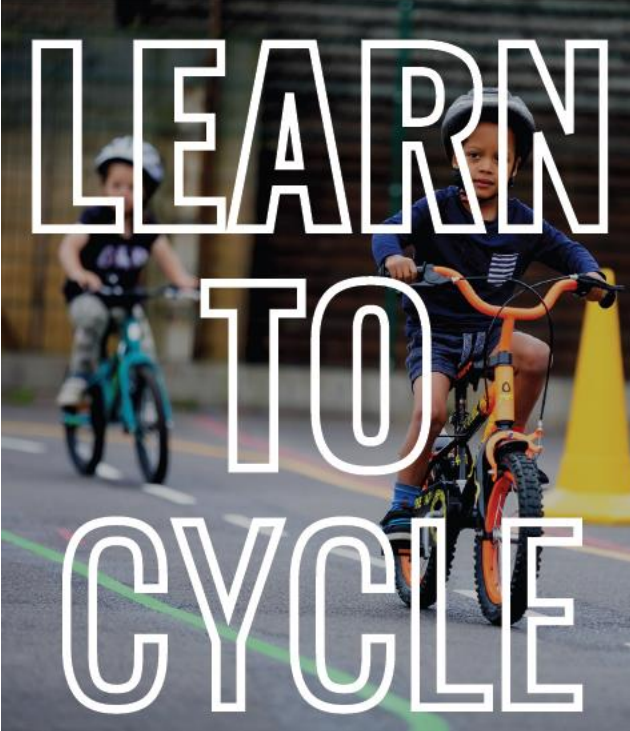
- Controlled fundamental movements: balancing, spatial awareness, motor skills.
- Getting on and off a bike safely.
- Propelling and steering a balance bike.
- Gliding & braking.
- Transitioning to pedal bike.
- Confidently riding a pedal bike.



6 Lessons  
Ages 3-7  
Equipment can be provided

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# LEARN TO CYCLE



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"They have both enjoyed this immensely. Thank you what a great team you are. We've booked the holiday club for a couple of days too which I'm sure they'll love."