

Dates for your diary

23rd – 27th Oct	Half term
Weds 1st Nov	Parents' evening
Thurs 2nd Nov	Parents' evening
Tues 7th Nov	Parents' Forum 9am & 7pm (see below)
Fri 10th Nov	Remembrance service. All welcome (see below) Flu Vaccinations
Weds 15th Nov	School Photographer
Fri 17th Nov	Children in Need Day (see below)
Mon 20th Nov	Open afternoon for Reception 2024
Fri 1st Dec	Christingle Service
Mon 11th Dec	R/KS1 Nativity 2pm
Tues 12th Dec	R/KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Wed 13th Dec	KS2 Carol Service 9.15am & 6pm in church Christmas Lunch
Thurs 14th Dec	Christmas parties
Fri 15th Dec	Santa Dash (see below) & Last day of Term 2
Tues 2nd Jan '24	Start of Term 3 INSET DAY



Awards

As we mentioned in our last newsletter, every class has a learner of the week and a role model of the week.

This week's role models of the week are Frankie (Y2), Molly (Y4) & Ronnie (Y5)

This week's learners of the week are Luca (Y2), Isla (Y3) & Eloise (Y6)

Last week's recipient of the Headteacher's special award was Maya (Y6) & this week it is Isla (Y3).

Well done all!

Parents' evenings

Just a reminder to sign up for parents' evenings on Arbor

Wednesday 1st November **3.30pm to 5.50pm** **In person appointments**

Thursday 2nd November **4pm to 5.50pm** **On line appointments**

Please note that appointments for Reception children are on Weds 1st only.

Collective Worship – Thankfulness

This week's theme has been 'Count your blessings.' Linked to 1 Thessalonians 5.18 'Be thankful in all circumstances.'

Sport



Tag Rugby

Last Friday a number of our Year 3 children went to Thornbury RFC to compete in a Tag rugby festival for local primary schools. For our children, it was the first time they had played competitively against other schools. From the start of the afternoon to the end, all of our players worked together and improved as a team, showing not only scoring some excellent tries in attack but some super work in defence too! I was very proud of the way they represented the school and gave their best. Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along and support the team.

Cross- country

This Saturday we are looking forward to the first Cross- country fixture for KS2 pupils at Dursley Rugby Club. I am sure the children will all enjoy this opportunity.



Just a couple of reminders.....

- Please be considerate to our neighbours when parking outside school. Access to the farm and church is required at all times.
- We expect all children to be in school **before** the gate closes at 8.45am. Lessons start promptly and children arriving late is very disruptive to the class.
- If you would like to book your child into Breakfast or After School Club, please do so the week before. We have to arrange enough staffing and are unable to do so at the last minute.
- All children should have a coat and wellies in school every day. The children play on the school field in all weathers!

Parents' Forum

The next Parents' forum with the Headteacher, Chair and other Governors will be held at 9am and 7pm on Tuesday 7th November. The PTFA will also be joining us to share their fundraising and event plans for the year. We very much look forward to seeing you at one of the meetings.



Children In Need

Are you up for the bearpees challenge? As a school we are going to aim to complete over 1000 bearpees during the week of Children in Need (13 – 17 November) in school time. If your child wants to be sponsored to complete a total of bearpees over the course of the week either in or out of school (or both!), there are sponsorship forms available on:

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/primary-school/bearpees/>

Click on the link below to find out how to complete a bearpee.

<https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/fundraising/introducing-pudsey-bearpees/learn-how-to-bearpee/>

The PTFA will be holding a cake sale after school on the Friday (17th November) and ask for parents/ carers to send in cake donations. Pupils will be allowed to wear non- school uniform on the day for a donation of £1.

We will also be selling Children in Need merchandise in school after half term.

Fundraising Santa Dash – family fun run on the school field.

On the last day of term two, before we break up for the Christmas holidays, we will be holding a santa dash. This will be a great way to end the term, whilst raising money for den building equipment as part of outdoor learning for the children of our school.

Pupils and parents/ carers will be able to wear Christmas jumpers and santa hats and then run/walk a course around the field. After the dash there will be:

- hot chocolate and mince pies
- gingerbread decorating
- christmas crafts
- teddy tombola
- chocolate tombola
- lucky dip
- a hamper raffle.

All pupils will receive a medal for completing the dash at the end of the afternoon.

The PTFA have asked for donations for the hamper raffle – further details will be sent out next term.

COMPETITION

Children are invited to design a symbol or emblem that represents their house, to be used as part of a display in school. If your child would like to design one for their house, please can they create it on A4 paper and then return to school by no later than 1st November.



Remembrance Day

Our Remembrance Service will be on Friday 10th November at 10.45am in the Spiritual Garden (weather permitting). Everyone is welcome.

We will be selling Royal British Legion merchandise and poppies after half term.



Enrichment Clubs

We are pleased to be able to offer a few Enrichment Clubs next term:

Tag Rugby Club for KS2

Mondays, 3.15pm to 4.15pm with Mr Pike. 18 places

Children will need to bring kit to school to get changed into and bring trainers (and studded boots if they have them)

The aim of the club will be to develop a team to play competitive fixtures against other schools. If your child is interested in joining the club and they are offered a place, there will be the expectation that they will be committed and attend each week unless they inform us with a reason why they can't attend.

Outdoor Club for KS2

Tuesdays, 3.15pm to 4.15pm with Mrs Moore

Children will need warm clothing, waterproofs, wellies & maybe a change of trousers.

Mindfulness Club

Wednesday lunchtime with Mrs Milverton

Calming music, drawing/colouring activities, aimed at those children that find lunch time a bit overwhelming.

Clubs will all run on the following weeks only:

w/c 20th November, 27th November, 4th December & 11th December.

Please book all clubs on Arbor.