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Homework

We hope you are finding the new homework approach helpful. All children in Years 1 – 6 now have a blue book in which they will receive their homework and spellings for the week. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

We encourage you to continue to read with your child 5 times each week and to use the Times Tables Rockstars website. You should find their log in details inside the cover of the blue homework book.

Parent Pay Update

This system is now fully operating and will be used for all meals, Breakfast club and trips. It is a secure system, which helps to eradicate food waste by enabling you to order meals up to 3 weeks in advance and eliminates the need for paper permission slips.

We aim to stop taking cash by the end of October, if you have not signed up already you will have received a text to remind you. If you have any questions or queries please do come and see the office.

Changes to lunchtime

We recently invited a representative from School Health UK <http://schoolhealthuk.co.uk/> to carry out a complete audit of our lunchtime set up and provision. This was an incredibly useful exercise and has provided us with a range of ideas to transform lunchtimes. From Monday, the structure of lunchtime changed as follows:

12 – 12.25: Barn Owls and Falcons Class eat lunch in hall; Buzzards and Golden Eagles play on the field

12.25 – 12.35: All children play together on the field

12.35 – 1.00: Barn Owls and Falcons Class play on the field; Buzzards and Golden Eagles eat lunch in the hall

This set up means there are less children in the hall at the same time which reduces noise levels and provides a calmer environment. It encourages the social aspects of eating, allowing children to engage in conversation and work together to set up the table.

Any children who need longer than 25 minutes to eat are not rushed. They can stay in the hall until they finish. Children are no longer required to take their water bottles into the hall, nor do they need to bring in drinks in their packed lunches; enough school cups for all children are provided. Further changes will take place later in the term.

Iron Acton Film Club

Iron Acton Film Club is back! The new season starts on **Saturday 5th October 2019**. We will be showing **Mary Poppins Returns (certificate PG)** in Iron Acton Parish Hall. The film is free and there are refreshments available to buy. We ask that children under the age of 8 are accompanied by an adult.

Doors open at 3:15pm and the film starts at 3:30pm. We hope you can join us - Iron Acton Film Club

Harvest service

Our Harvest service will take place on Friday 11th October, 2pm at St James the Less Church in Iron Acton. All families are welcome to attend but please be aware that seating is limited. Each class has been preparing something to share including songs and poems so come along and join with us.

This year there will be no auction after the service. Friends will be holding a produce sale outside the church straight after the service instead. This will include any harvest related items, e.g. fresh fruit and veg, home baked bread, eggs, jams, chutneys, etc. Healthy cakes are also welcome but we will be avoiding cakes with a high sugar content.

We will also be supporting the Yate and Chipping Sodbury Foodbank. The top 10 items the foodbank are most in need of are: UHT milk, tinned fish, tinned fruit, sponge pudding, tinned custard, fruit juice, cooking sauce, jam, deodorant and shampoo. There will be a box on the playground in which any items can be placed on the morning of the harvest service.

Please note: any photographs taken at any of our services which include children other than your own must not be shared on social media. Thank you for your understanding.

Wellies

Children are beginning to wear wellies (or football boots) at lunchtime. We ask that all wellies be checked for size as soon as possible.

Mrs Pilgrim

You may have noticed that Mrs Pilgrim, who works as a teaching assistant with Golden Eagles Class, hasn't returned to school yet. Unfortunately, Mrs Pilgrim broke her ankle back in the summer and is still recovering. We hope she will return to school soon but in the meantime we wish her a speedy recovery.

Church Harvest service

The church Harvest service will take place on Sunday 13th October at 9.30. All families are welcome to attend.

INSET day

Reminder: our next INSET day will take place tomorrow. School will be closed to children.

The staff and governors will meet together to review our current vision and values. We will seek views of parents and children over the coming weeks.

During the afternoon we will be reviewing our reading curriculum.

Photographs

The school photographer will be visiting on Monday 7th October. This will include individual photos and sibling photos. Any preschool children can come to join in with photos from 8.30.

Art Week

From Monday 14th October to Friday 18th October, we will be holding an Art Week! The children will be creating different pieces around the theme of 'Light'. We will be holding an exhibition at the school on Friday 18th October from 2.30 – 4pm. Your child's/children's work will be available to look at in their classrooms. We look forward to seeing you there! Falcons, Buzzards and Golden Eagles will be working collaboratively on the Artworks

Message from Year 6 – Talent Show

Year 6s have organised a talent show. Falcons, Buzzards and Golden Eagles will be able to enter anytime next week and the entry will cost 50p for our chosen charity - Cancer Research. The talent show will take place on the 8th of November 2019. The children will also be allowed to bring some change of clothes if they are doing an entry to wear at the talent show. Feel free to ask Abigail H, Lily, Flynn, Rosie, Sophie and Iris for further information.