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Ongoing safety measures and changes

As you will be aware, the Covid guidance has now changed and, as a school, we have easy access to expert advice from the South Gloucestershire public health team, who are able to help and support with any queries we have. It is important to remember that:

- Children should continue to attend school as normal, unless they have any of the three main symptoms (continuous cough/high temperature or loss of/change to sense of taste /smell), or if they test positive as a close contact
- If they don't have symptoms, they can come to school whilst awaiting the result of a test; they only need to isolate if this later comes back as positive
- School has an outbreak management plan, which it will work through if more than 5 people in school, who are likely to have come into close contact, test positive

Thank you all for your support with implementing these changes whilst we seek to ensure an appropriate balance between the safety of all and the continued education of the children.

Values focus

So far this term, we have been focusing on the value of kindness during our collective worship times. This has included how we can demonstrate kindness towards those facing a crisis, including those who have recently had to flee from Afghanistan as refugees.

In addition to this, Ms Bagnall has been working with children in Buzzards and Golden Eagles on developing a 'No Outsiders' way of thinking where we are looking to recognise and celebrate our diverse world. <https://no-outsiders.com/>

During October we will, once again, celebrate Black History Month where we will look at the lives of Black Bristolians, who have made a difference to those around them.

Harvest service

This will take place on **Friday 8th October at 2pm on the school field**. Unfortunately, we are unable to use the church this year due to numbers of adults permitted in the building as part of the current risk assessment in place at the church. Each class will be preparing something to share and we have been practising some whole school songs.

We will be collecting donations to send to the foodbank. Please see the attached list of suggested items. These will need to be brought to school on the morning of the harvest service and taken to your child's classroom.



Pupil premium funding – are you eligible?

Each child, who is in receipt of benefits-related free school meals, attracts additional funding to the school. We receive £1,345 for every eligible child and this is used in multiple ways to support your child, for example through additional class support, subsidised school trips, music lessons and other support to improve educational outcomes.

If you think you are eligible, applications must be submitted by the end of September for the school to qualify and receive this funding. If you have any questions please contact the school office or see: <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=yp4evwg7Duw#free>

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Both clubs are up and running. Please contact the school office to book a place.

Breakfast Club begins at 7.45am and costs £4 per session. After School Club runs from 3.15pm until 6pm Monday to Thursday each week and costs £8.50 per session.

Please note: our policy for both clubs is that booked sessions are chargeable unless one month's written notice is given.

Bags-2-School

Friends have organised the next Bags-2-School collection, which will take place on **Monday 11th October**. Leaflets will be sent out before the date. Please do fill up any suitable bags and return them to the bottom of the drive, in order to raise additional funds for our school through the PTA.

Resource for supporting families with discussing sex and relationships

The following resource has recently been shared with school:

<https://www.stopitnow.org.uk/home/media-centre/news/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-sex-and-relationships/>

The aim is to equip families to have conversations, which help children to understand what is okay for their age, what the law says, what harmful behaviours look like and what to do if something upsetting happens.

Parent council / feedback group

We are looking to set up a group of parents to meet together with a representative from school to discuss various aspects of school life. The idea is to gain constructive feedback about what is working well and to develop next steps for development. The group would meet up to 6 times per year for no longer than an hour during the school day. We are looking for 1 parent representative from each year group.

If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, please email the school office to let us know.



Parking and driving in the village

School has been asked to remind those picking up at the end of the day to be mindful of safety of pedestrians in the area. There is a particular issue on the bend, which leads around into the village – please avoid parking here if possible as it makes it hard for other road users to see people crossing.

Please be reminded that the speed limit in the village is 20mph.

Admissions

The secondary school application process is now open. If your child is in Year 6, please do make sure you apply by **31st October**. More information can be found at: <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUICdFLs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family#secondary>

We have had a lot of interest in spaces for Reception 2022. If you have a child who is due to start please apply online at: <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&familychannel=2-2&channel=family> If you know of anyone who may be interested in coming to Iron Acton, please encourage them to contact the school office; we will be holding individual showrounds over the next few months.

Term 1 dates for the diary

Event	Date and time	Information
Year 5/6 swimming begins	28.09.21	This will take place every week for 10 weeks.
Black History Month begins	01.10.21	
Harvest service	08.10.21 2pm	This will take place on the school field. We hope to invite all families to attend.
Robin Hood theatre visit	11.10.21	This will take place in the Iron Acton Parish Hall for all children.
Parent / teacher meetings	18.10.21 20.10.21	Appointment times will be shared nearer the time. Please do speak to your child's class teacher before this date if you have any questions or if you'd like to know more about how your child is doing at school.
Outdoor learning day	21.10.21	We aim to spend the whole day learning whilst outside.
Final day of Term 1	21.10.21 3.15pm	
INSET day	22.10.21	School will be closed for staff training.
First day of Term 2	01.11.21 8.55am	

Dates can also be found on our school website: <https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/news/>

