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Harvest

Our Harvest service will take place on the school field **today at 2pm**. You are invited to come along and join us to find out what the children have been learning over recent weeks. Please bring a chair. Donations for the Yate and Chipping Sodbury Foodbank can be placed on the table on the school playground.

A Harvest service will also take place at church in Iron Acton **this Sunday at 10am**. All are welcome.

Parent teacher meetings

You will receive your appointment time by text/email by Wednesday 13th October. Please note the following points:

- When you arrive at school, please use the gate onto the playground; the front door will not be open.
- All teachers will be based in their classrooms.
- Your child's books will be available to look at before and after your appointment. For children in Barn Owls & Falcons these will be in the space between the two classrooms. For children in Buzzards & Golden Eagles these will be in the hall.
- Please go to your child's classroom at the start of your appointment time.

This is an essential opportunity for you to find out more about how your child is getting on in school. If you are unable to attend your appointment, please do make arrangements to speak to your child's class teacher at another time.

Friends updates

Bags to School need to be returned on **Monday 11th October**. They will be collected from the bottom of the hill. This is a really easy way to raise vital funds for the school, so please do get involved if you can.

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 4th December** in the Parish Hall. All families are invited to attend and support the event. The children will be practising a set of Christmas songs to share; times to be confirmed.

Next INSET day

Our next INSET day will take place on **Friday 22nd October**. This means the final day of term will be on **Thursday 21st October**.

Please note: the final day of the academic year will now be **Thursday 21st July**. This has changed in lieu of the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.



Outdoor learning

Our first outdoor learning day of the year will take place on **Thursday 21st October**. The aim is for all learning to take place outside as we believe this is incredibly important for children's learning, as well as their physical and mental health. If it is particularly wet or cold, this will be adapted. All children will need a change of shoes / wellies and a coat in school that day.

It is important that all children have wellies or a change of shoes in school every day as the field is now getting muddy.

Reception – Year 6 buddies

Each of our new Reception children have been paired up with one of our Year 6 children. The aim of this work is to develop important skills such as confidence and independence as well as responsibility for our oldest children. The children have spent time getting to know each other through play based activities and reading; this week they worked together to make apple crumble, too. You can find some photos on the news section of our website: <https://www.ironactonprimaryschool.co.uk/reception-year-6-buddies/>

Parent council / feedback group – support needed

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 between 3 and 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.

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
Theatre visit – Robin Hood	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 to be confirmed by 13 th October.
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	
Children in Need	12.11.21	Children are invited to wear non-school uniform for the day to raise money for Children in Need.
Family service	14.11.21 10am	All families are welcome to attend.
Anti-bullying week	15.11.21	Children will engage in activities to help them understand how to respond if they or someone they know is being bullied.
INSET day	22.11.21	School will be closed for staff training.
Christmas Fair	04.12.21	A fundraising event organised by Friends in partnership with St James' Church. Children will be invited to sing Christmas songs on the stage. Timings to be confirmed.
Individual and sibling photographs	06.12.21	Pre-school siblings are also able to attend.
Nativity services	07.12.21, 6.00pm 08.12.21, 1.30pm	
Christmas lunch	08.12.21	
Christingle service	10.12.21	
Church Christingle service	12.12.21 4.00pm	
Last day of Term 2	17.12.21 3.15pm	
First day of Term 3	04.01.22 8.55am	

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

