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### End of term messages

Thank you to you all for your support over the first term of this academic year. We have managed to get through relatively unscathed without too many positive cases and it is due to the quick actions taken by parents when symptoms have arisen that has helped things to work more effectively. I am grateful to every member of staff for their continued hard work as we move forward and make up for any lost time over the past few years. It has been good to start doing the things we normally do once again – having the whole school together during play time and collective worship has been a highlight.

I'd like to thank everyone who was able to join us for our recent Harvest service. It was good to welcome so many of you to this important event in our school year. Thank you also for your donations to the foodbank – Mrs Parry was able to drop off several hundred items, which will go a long way in supporting those who need it most through the winter months.

We hope you have found it useful to meet with your child's class teachers this week. We are always very keen to make sure you are kept up to date, so please do come and speak to the teachers through the year if you have any questions or concerns. Likewise, teachers will be keen to speak to parents when possible, to keep you up to date.

School is closed to children this Friday due to staff training. We will be working on developing our approach to teaching science together across the Federation and we will be looking once again at the important issue of mental health. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 8.55am.**

Mike Riches, Headteacher

### Staff vacancies

We are currently looking to fill two posts at school. The first is a Teaching Assistant to support teaching and learning in Barn Owls Class (Reception) each morning of the week. The second is a lunchbreak supervisor to support at lunch times every day from 11.55am – 1.10pm. These posts can be combined if necessary. If you would like to know any more information, please speak to the school office.

The school is still without a crossing patrol. This is a post that is dealt with directly by the Local Authority. If this is a role that interests you, please speak to the school office.

### Staffing update

After half term, Ms Bagnall will return to her normal hours having recently returned from maternity leave. This means, **Golden Eagles** will be taught as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Ms Bagnall Mrs Pilgrim	Ms Bagnall Mrs Pilgrim	Ms Bagnall Mrs Pilgrim	Mrs Detzler Mrs Pilgrim	Mrs Detzler Mrs Pilgrim

Ms Bagnall will also be in school on a Friday carrying out her role as Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Jones will now be with the class for part of Thursday afternoon instead of Tuesday afternoon.

### Outdoor learning

Our first outdoor learning day of the year will take place on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### Friends updates

Click the link to register for this year's Halloween Trail, which takes place on **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/halloween-trail-tickets-189651100547>

The next Friends meeting will take place on **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm** in The Lamb Pub. All parents are invited to attend this meeting.

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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. In preparation for this event we will be holding a non-uniform day at school on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November**. In return for not wearing their uniform, we will be asking children to do two things. The first is to bring in an item for the tombola at the Christmas fair and the second is to bring in a donation for Children in Need. Ideas for prizes: bottle of wine, tin of beans, box of chocolates, soft toys, craft sets, stationery.

The Christmas Disco will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** at 6pm in the Parish Hall. More information to follow.

### Flu vaccination update

The NHS would usually have visited school by now to administer the annual flu vaccinations. Unfortunately, this has not yet happened as the vaccination teams are focusing their efforts on the Covid vaccination programme in secondary schools. Once we have a new date for flu vaccinations we will send out all the relevant information.

Please note: schools do not currently have any information about intended Covid vaccinations for primary aged children.

The church is holding a climate service which all are invited to attend.

## CLIMATE SERVICE

**Sunday 31 October**

**3pm**



**St Michael's Church**

**Winterbourne, BS36 1SE**



**Reflect on the state of our world**

**Pray for the world's leaders  
at the  
COP26 Climate Change Conference**

**Covid catch up funding**

The Government has now announced its next catch up funding initiative, which is being referred to as the National Tutoring Programme. The school will be receiving a small amount of money to provide 15 weeks of tutoring for a selected few children in Key Stage 2 over the academic year. If the school considers it necessary to work with your child in this way, you will be contacted by their class teacher early next term.

**Term 1 dates for the diary**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date and time</b>	<b>Information</b>
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 and to bring a tombola prize for the Christmas fair.
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	This will take place in the Parish Hall. Children will be invited to sing Christmas songs on the stage.
Individual and sibling photographs	06.12.21	Pre-school siblings are able to attend from 8.30am.
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	
Christmas crib service	24.12.21 4pm	To take place at St James' Church.
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/>

