



Monday is Make the rules day – please see next page for details!

School Fete

Thank you to everyone who supported the school at the very soggy school fete. It was amazing to see all of the fantastic stalls that the children had chosen to do and a real buzz around it being their school fete, a massive thanks to all the parents who supported the running of the stalls and made donations in order for it to be such a success. The school raised over £1000 – final figures will be shared at the PTA AGM later in the year. The church also received just over £500 for their split of the joint raffle and bottle stall.

Shuffle up days and staffing for next year

The children have loved having two days in their new classes and spending time planning ahead, creating class charters and producing some great work to ensure that the walls are not bare on our return in September. It was also a great chance for a few other children to join us that will be starting with us in September when it is likely that we will reach the dizzy heights of 56 children on roll. We shared with the children the staffing for next year which are:

Class 1 –

Miss Homan-Green class teacher

Mrs Wheeler class TA mornings

Miss Skinner – Monday/Tuesday and Mrs Paterson Wednesday-Friday

Class 2-

Miss Phipps class teacher

Mrs Walters class TA mornings

Miss Skinner additional support for science, Mrs Paterson interventions

Class 3 –

Mrs Gray Monday/Tuesday and Mrs Russell Wednesday-Friday class teacher

Mrs Paterson Monday/Tuesday mornings, Miss Skinner Wednesday -Friday mornings and additional support for science

In addition to this Mrs Walters will be covering teachers PPA time throughout the school and Mrs Gray will be teaching Class 1 and 2 one afternoon a week for additional release time for Miss Phipps and Miss Homan-Green.

PE and swimming

Next year PE will be split between Tuesday and Friday afternoons across the school for terms 1-4 and we have requested swimming again for term 5 and 6 (this has not yet been confirmed)

After school clubs for Term 1 – booking essential and places limited. They will start in Week 2

Monday – Multi-sports (Max 30) and Choir (Max 20)

Tuesday – Drama club (Max 30)

Wednesday – Eco-club (Max 30)

Thursday – Construction club (Max 15)

Friday – Sports club KS2 only (Max 16)

Make the rules day – Monday 15th July

Monday 15 th July	Expectations from September
Non-uniform	Mon/Wed/Thur - Full uniform - grey/black bottoms, white polo and school sweatshirt or cardy (or plain green) and school shoes. Tue/Fri - PE kit is black bottoms, green or white tshirt and school sweatshirt of cardy (or plain green) and trainers
Trainers can be worn	Trainers can only be worn on PE days, school shoes will need to be worn on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays alongside full uniform.
Squash in drinks bottles	Water only in drinks bottles
Unhealthy break time snacks	Fruit or Veg for break time snack
Chocolate in lunch boxes	Lunch boxes that are healthy (small treatsize bars are ok)
Wild hair, nail varnish and temporary tattoos are fine.	Usual hairstyles with long hair tied back for PE, practical science and swimming.
OPTIONAL late start for tired football fans! (breakfast club will still be open as usual from 7:45am) School gates will be open as usual – if you are after that please go to the office. All children need to be in school for 9:30am or will be marked as late after this point.	Gates open from 8:30-8:40am and registration closes at 8:45am.

If you need reminding about the uniform policy it can be read here - <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/SchoolUniformPolicyDec23.pdf>

Tesco vouchers

Our application to Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our Wellbeing project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores, do not forget to start collecting the blue tokens. These are available in Cirencester Extra, Cirencester Metro and Chesterton Express stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week in July 2024 until the end of September 2024.

Academisation

This week I meet with the lawyer that is handling the academisation and also the governance officer for Corinium Education Trust so things are happening in the background towards academisation.

Talent show

On the last day of term there will be a talent show after the leavers assessbly, many children have now signed up for this. Following this there will be open classrooms where you can look at your childrens work and chat to your child's current and future teachers.

School reports

School reports and statutory assessment information will be coming out shortly and teachers will be available on the 19th after the talent show to chat to, alternatively if you would like a 1:1 appointment to discuss the report or anything else with the class teacher then this can be accomodated in the last week of term.

Healthy Living Award

We are delighted to have heard we have been successful in receiving our healthy living award. We will also be submitting our Eco Award, sports mark and REaction award this week. All of these reflect the great work the school has done this year. Next year we are also aiming for our ARTsmark – more details to follow.

WE FINISH AT 1:15PM on FRIDAY AND THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB – All children need to be collected at 1:15pm

Key Dates	
15th July	Make the rules day
19th July	Last day of term for pupils – 1:15 p.m. finish Year 6 leavers service and talent show @ 9:30am ALL PARENTS WELCOME – open classrooms with work to look at and teachers to talk to.
22nd July	INSET day
2nd September	First day of term
4th October	INSET day
7th October	INSET day
25th October	End of term 1
4th November	Term 2 starts
20th December	End of Term 2
6th January	INSET day
7th January	Term 3 starts
14th February	End of Term 3
24th February	Term 4 starts
28th March	INSET day
11th April	End of Term 4
28th April	Term 5 starts
5th May	Bank Holiday
23rd May	End of Term 5
2nd June	Term 6 starts
18th July	End of Term 6
21st July	INSET day