



### **New school leadership**

Today our new student leadership team gained their badges and led the school in an amazing morning of planning and co-operation to ensure that Down Ampney School continues to be the BEST it can be every day. It is so very important that children's views are gained to ensure that our plans for their future are shaped by them.

The Eco Council, led by captains Ava and Dan have decided that after the school receiving its Eco Award with Distinction again this year that they would focus on supporting the church to receive its Eco award and looking at caring for God's creation.

The Sports Council, led by captains Charlie and Lucy are determined that Down Ampney will reach the heights of Platinum sports mark award having received the gold for a number of years now.

The Worship Council, led by Anaya talked about the Church calendar and how we can reflect this on our worship table. They also talked about which charities we can support throughout the year.

The School Council, led by Isabel and Arno looked at the school calendar to see what they could plan in terms of trips, sleepovers and other exciting events. They also talked about working with the community and PTA and what makes Down Ampney special and how we can share what we do with others.

Each house was supported by the newly appointed house captains to ensure that all of the children from Reception to Year 6 had their voices heard. House captains for the year are Thames – Qhuinn, Vaughan – Evie, Tempar – Fraser, Dakota – Zea.

### **Class 3 Trip – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October**

Please remember that children in class 3 are on a trip on Tuesday, they need to be dressed for the weather including a coat. Children may wear trainers as it might be muddy. We are aiming to be back at school for the end of the school day. All children will need a packed lunch.

Reception 2025 places

Dates for the open days have now been set. They are Thursday October 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am – 11:30am. Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup> 9 – 11am and Thursday October 24<sup>th</sup> 4-6pm. If you know anyone that would like to attend, then do share the information.

### **Cereal boxes needed**

Class 3 are completing an art unit on Graphic Design and are in need of some cereal boxes please. Please ensure that these boxes are not for cereals that contained nuts.

### Data Sheets

On Monday your child will be bringing home their data sheets which contain important information including contact details that we hold for you. Please can you check these details carefully, make any changes and return them to school signed and dated.

### Naming Uniform

We would be very grateful if you could name all uniform, this helps us ensure that it gets returned to the correct child.

### Secondary Open Events

A message from Farmors:

Our open events are fast approaching, please find below links and information regarding all on offer to help you decide the next stage of your child's academic journey.

Open Evening - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 4-7pm.

Our popular open evening is open to all and there is no need to book! Just come along and join in with all the activities in the various departments, sit in on one of the talks from Mr Evans, Headteacher, sample food from our Canteen or take a tour with one of our Y11 Prefects. All welcome.

Open Day Tours - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

These tours are open to Y6 pupils only, to book a timeslot, please follow the link below to our website.

<https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/life-at-farmors/open-events>

### Supporting the school

There are several ways to support the school. You may sign up to the Asda cashpot, and/or put blue coins in the slots as part of Tesco Stronger Starts programme in the Cirencester stores. You can also donate old clothes to our clothes bank in the village carpark or buy us a gift from the Amazon wish list. If you would prefer to support the school in a practical way, we are always keen to have volunteers to hear readers, help with other activities or keep on top of our forest school. We also have a strong PTA that will be sending information about their activities for the year and how to get involved soon.

### Key Dates

17 <sup>th</sup> September	Class 3 Anglo Saxon Trip
17 <sup>th</sup> September	Governors Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Katherine Rundell Webinar
24 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu Vaccines
24 <sup>th</sup> September	School beat officer
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Deer Park Open Evening
4 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day no school for children
7 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET day no school for children

## Week 2 Update

9 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening
10 <sup>th</sup> October	Anglo Saxon webinar
16 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Spirituality Day
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival at 1:30pm
25 <sup>th</sup> October	Last day of Term 1