



Week 7 Update

Sporting Events

We have a variety of external sporting events throughout the year that we take a selection of children to. While we hope that all children seize this opportunity, we are aware that sometimes they might not wish to or that it does not fit with other commitments. If this is the case, please let us know as soon as possible by declining the place so we can offer it to others. Seeing the inter-school sporting events kick off this week with Bee Netball was great.

Are you having a sort-out?

Last week, your child brought home a Bags4School bag, which takes place on Friday, October 25; this is for any extra sort-out you might be having. Donations can be made year-round in our clothes bin in the village car park. We ask that you bring in items for this no earlier than Thursday, October 24. Donations of used school uniforms, wellies, and coats can be made after half term.

Harvest festival

We are holding our annual harvest festival on Friday, October 25. This year, we are having this at the church starting at 1:30 p.m.; all are welcome. We will again be collecting items for the food bank. To see what the food bank needs the most, please visit <https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>. There is a box on the porch for donations. Children will walk back to school to be collected at the usual time.

Christmas Cards

If your child did a Christmas card design, then they will have come home with a sample today. Please ensure that you order by October 31 online so that your orders can be delivered to school.

Spirituality Day – Wednesday Class 3

On Wednesday, children in class 3 travel to Hatherop to participate in an inter-school spirituality day. This will be a chance for them to come together to celebrate being a part of a Church school community and a time to reflect. Letters will be sent via Parent Mail regarding this.

Friday 25th October

There is no after-school club or wraparound care on this day; children will be returned from the harvest festival at the church and must be collected at 3:15 p.m. You can join us at the church for the harvest festival at 1:30 p.m. Collections for the food bank can be dropped off on the porch anytime.

Term 2 clubs - update

Due to the Christmas Craft Club's popularity and the music club's low numbers, we have decided to run the Christmas Craft Club on Tuesdays and Thursdays next term to accommodate everybody who has applied. Can you please let Mrs Woodruffe know which day you can make it? Do not worry if you are keen on the Music club; it will run in term 3 when there is no choir club.

Next term, we will be holding the following clubs:

Monday – Choir, which is open to all with no maximum number

Tuesday – Christmas Craft Club any year group maximum 20 children

Wednesday – Champions of Antarctica Geography club Y2-6, maximum 12 children

Thursday – Christmas Craft Club any year group maximum 20 children



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Friday – there will not be any clubs in term two due to Friday House Bake Offs

If your child wants to join these clubs, please email Mrs Woodruffe.

House Bake Offs

The house captains are keen to run events throughout the year, and the first of these are the house bake-offs. We challenge all children to bake a cake, biscuits, tray bake, or savoury treats each Friday in November. The treats will be judged during the day and sold after school to raise funds for other house events. If your child is unsure which house they are in, just ask. Siblings are in the same house.

November 8 – Templar, November 15th Thames, November 22nd Vaughn, November 29th Dakota. As always, we ask that there are no nuts in any of the bakes. We hope that this is a fun event that all can join in.

Pantomime and wraparound care payments

We remain on track for our conversion to join a trust in January. As explained last week, we need to force an early end to the financial year. Thank you to everyone who has also paid for the Pantomime. We are looking to close those payments soon, so we would be grateful if you could give this your attention this week. For **breakfast and after-school payments**, we are asking if all payments for term two can be made **by December 1**. Financially, we need to force a year-end on December 31, and our new accounts will start as an academy on January 1. If you pay for wraparound care using Child tax credits, we will contact you about what needs to happen.

We will let you know our plans for swimming as soon as these are confirmed.

Parents Meetings

It was lovely to see you all at parents' meetings over the last two weeks. Our next complete set of parent meetings is in the spring but watch out for the parents' information sessions that we will be running soon.

Poppies

They are now on sale on the porch.

Key Dates – for the entire year, see the website

<https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/calendar/>

October 19	Open Morning for September 25 intake
October 23	Spirituality Day Class 3
October 24	Open Evening for September 25 intake
October 25	Harvest Festival at 1:30 p.m.
October 25	No after-school wraparound club or sports club
October 25	Last day of Term 1
October 25	Rag Bag Donation Day
November 4	Bring in donations of second-hand uniform
November 7	Class 3 Stroud book festival – lifts will be needed to and from Deer Park
November 8	Year 1 and 2 3 Stroud book festival – lifts will be needed to and from Deer Park
November 8	Bake Off Templar
November 11	Second-hand clothes sale on the porch



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November 12	PTA AGM
November 15	Bake Off Thames
November 22	Bake Off Vaughn
November 29	Bake Off Dakota
December 5	Experience Advert – Class 2
December 5	Christmas movie night
December 12	Christmas in the Community event
December 18	Carols in the church at 2 p.m.
December 19	Pantomime
December 20	Nativity Play