



Parking at Drop off and pick up

I am aware that drop off and pick up times are congested however we can help with situation by doing the following.

In the morning – PLEASE can you make use of the carpark and walk your child round to the front of the school, this will reduce the number of cars parking along the road and the build of traffic going past school and allow children to cross more safely.

In the afternoon – PLEASE split parking based on the time you are arriving between the carpark and the front of school. If you are arriving close to 3:15 or just after, then park at the front of school and walk around so that others can leave the carpark.

Thank you for your support with this, hopefully this will ensure the safety of the children and ensure that we are least disruptive to our neighbours.

Friday 25th October

There is no after school club or wraparound care on this day, children will be walked back from the harvest festival at the church and will need to be collected at 3:15pm. You are more than welcome to join us at the church for the harvest festival on this day at 1:30pm. Collections for the food bank can be dropped off to the porch at any time.

Term 2 clubs

Next term we will be holding the following clubs:

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

Tuesday – Music club Y2-Y6 maximum 16 children

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

Thursday – Christmas Craft Club any year group maximum 20 children

Friday – there will not be any clubs in term 2 due to Friday House Bake offs

If your child would like 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. For these we are challenging 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 then sold after school to raise funds for other house events. If your child is unsure which house they are in then just ask. Siblings are in the same house.

November 8th – Templar, November 15th Thames, November 22nd Vaughan, 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.

Having a sort out?

Last week your child brought home a Bags4School bag which is on Friday October 25th, 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 24th October.

Week 6 Update

Straight after half term we are asking for any donations of old school uniform, winter coats and wellies. Half term is a great chance to have a sort out and pass on items that you no longer need. We are delighted that Ally Richards has taken on our second-hand uniform donations and will be setting these up on a clothes rail from Monday November 11th in the porch.

Academisation update

Just to keep you in the loop we are progressing behind the scenes with the academisation process, and we are still aiming to convert on January 1st. Mrs Gray and Mrs Woodruffe are in weekly meetings regarding the technical and financial aspects and the staff are very excited to be joining with other staff across the trust for events such as reading CPD and subject lead clusters. The children are also benefitting through more funding trips via the year of reading project.

There are however a few things that I am asking for your support with, firstly with **pantomime payments**, it would be very useful if these could be made by the **end of October**. Secondly with **breakfast and after school payments** we are asking if all payments for term 2 could be made **by December 1st**. Financially we need to force a year end on December 31st and then our new accounts will start as an academy on January 1st. If you pay for wraparound care using Child tax credits, we will be in touch about what needs to happen.

You can imagine, a little like a house sale we are having to contact all suppliers and contractors and change details as we will legally be classed as a new school with a new DfE number. We really appreciate your support with this.

In order to prevent the transfer of monies we are not setting up early payment for swimming or other trips until we convert in January. If the conversion is delayed then we will have to rethink this, I will keep you informed.

Nativity Play

The nativity play starring the children in class 1 will be held at the village hall on Friday 20th December at 1:30pm, when this is finished then all children will be able to be collected, we will have an idea of timings closer to the event, but it is likely to be at around 2:30pm. I am however looking for help that morning at 8am to put up the stage and again at 2:30pm to put it down. If you are able to help then I would be very grateful. I am also needing 3 camel costumes if you happen to have one or see any appear in the shops!

Year of reading

Through our Year of Reading project we have been granted tickets again this autumn for a number of Stroud book festival events. Children in Year 1 and 2 will be travelling to Stroud on Friday 8th November to see James Carter author of Bears, Bugs and Beasties Galore!. Children in class 2 will have an online zoom with the author of Time Travellers. Children in class 3 will be travelling to Stroud on Thursday 7th November to see Louie Stowell the author of Loki! For these events we have fully funded tickets and transport to and from Cirencester Deer Park school, but we will need children to be collected from school and for parents to sort (where possible) lifts to and from Deer Park in order to make use of the offer. Exact times and permission slips will be shared as soon as I have them.

Week 6 Update

Harvest festival

We are holding our annual harvest festival on Friday October 25th, this year we are holding this at the church starting at 1:30pm, all are welcome. We will again be collecting items for the foodbank. To see what the foodbank are most in need of please click here - <https://cirencester.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/> We will put a box in the porch for you to bring things in when you next pop to the shops.

Parents Meetings

It has been great to see so many of you this week at parents' meetings, the next set of meetings is on Wednesday 16th October. If you have not yet made an appointment or were unable to attend the one you made, please contact Mrs Woodruffe to make another one.

Poppies

Are now on sale in the porch.

Road Closures

Possible road closures due over the next few weeks, please keep an eye out for these via the Down Ampney Online Facebook.

Key Dates – for the full year see the website

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

16 th October	Parents evening class 2 and 3
16 th October	Bee Netball
17 th October	Open Morning for September 25 intake
19 th October	Open Morning for September 25 intake
23 rd October	Spirituality Day Class 3
24 th October	Open Evening for September 25 intake
25 th October	Harvest Festival at 1:30pm
25 th October	No after school wraparound club or sports club
25 th October	Last day of Term 1
4 th November	Bring in donations of second hand uniform
7 th November	Class 3 Stroud book festival – lifts will be needed to and from Deer Park
8 th November	Year 1 and 2 3 Stroud book festival – lifts will be needed to and from Deer Park
8 th November	Bake Off Templar
11 th November	Second hand clothes sale in the porch
12 th November	PTA AGM
15 th November	Bake Off Thames
22 nd November	Bake Off Vaughn
29 th November	Bake Off Dakota
5 th December	Christmas movie night
12 th December	Christmas in the community event
18 th December	Carols in the church 2pm
19 th December	Pantomime
20 th December	Nativity Play