

Welcome back to you all. It has been lovely to see all the children back and smiling. I'm proud of how well they have adjusted already to the new routines and settled into their new classes. The drop off and collection procedures have become a lot smoother and calmer with each day, thank you all for your support and patience.

School Events

I'm sure you are aware, but school events this term will need to look slightly different. We are keen for the children to still have rounded experiences, as this is also a key part of school life, developing their social and emotional development - confidence and self-esteem in particular. Therefore, we will be considering ways in which wider school events can take place, in different forms, whilst protecting and maintaining the bubbles and following the government guidance.

We will continue to review how we are able to conduct events, noting that guidance may change over the coming weeks and months. As a result, we have taken the decision to report on events and arrangements throughout the term, as we are not in a position to guarantee arrangements and dates for the course of the year as we normally would.

Infant Festival Harvest

As we are unable to have all the infants together in the hall and parents gathering within the building, we are going to compile a harvest festival video of infant class contributions, and will share the link for viewing with parents. The link will be sent to parents of those participating and only viewable through the link and will not be searchable to the public.

Permissions: Parents sign for permission for pupils to have photos and recordings in school (e.g. for school purposes); we hold this information on file. Please contact us if your preferences have changed/ you do not wish for your child to be recorded or have photos as part of schoolwork or performances.

It is highly important that parents do not share images or videos from school of other people's children on social media sites/platforms – thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

PE

A reminder that we are asking for the children to come into school in their PE kit on their PE day. PE days are as follows:

Commencing week beginning Monday 7th September:

Monday	All Year 5s
Tuesday	Year 4 Starling and all Year 3s
Wednesday	All Year 2s and Year 4 Raven
Thursday	Year 1 Puffin, Year 6 Owl
Friday	Year 1 Penguin, Year 6 Eagle

*Reception parents will be notified when physical activity sessions commence.

Children should wear the following kit:

House coloured T-shirt

Plain black/blue joggers or shorts

School jumper/cardigan

Trainers

Children should still wear a coat to school for break/ lunchtime.

Homework and Reading

For information, please find attached a copy of the homework timetable for all year groups for 2020-2021.

We have also included a letter from the English team detailing an update on our approach to reading and some useful information on how we use different question types to develop children's comprehension skills. If you have any questions about your child's homework or reading, please speak with your child's class teacher.

Baby News!

A huge congratulations to Mrs Sherbourne who gave birth at the end of July to a healthy, baby boy named Aldo.

Support for Mrs Hipkins needed!

Mrs Hipkins (Key Stage 2 TA) was due to run the London Marathon this year, however due to Covid-19, it has been postponed and then postponed again. She is now going to run 2 marathons: the London Marathon in Oct 2021 and a virtual London Marathon on 4th Oct this year (2020), which she will be running around Gloucester. Her route will take her past The Rose Tree Farm, Waterwells Primary Academy and off down Goosebay Drive, roughly between 11-11:20am. If you are free on Sunday 4th October around this time, any cheers of support and encouragement to keep her going would be very much appreciated!

Key dates and school events - Autumn Term

Date	School Event
Wednesday 2 nd September	Back school - First day of Autumn term 1
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 1 – School Nurse Visit – Vision (Eyesight) Screening check Children's eyesight will be tested in school. This is a catch up session, as it would normally have taken place in the summer term of Reception. Year 1 only – additional NHS letter attached.
Friday 9th October	Non-uniform day - £1 donation (raising funds for the children's BEST shop rewards). <u>Your child can put this into the donation pot in their class.</u>
Wednesday 30 th September	Individual photos for Pre-school & Reception children
Thursday 8 th October	Individual photos Years 1-6 – Taking place during school time. *There will be no sibling/family group photos this year.
October	Infant Harvest Festival A video version will be produced and a link for viewing messaged to infant parents.
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day of Autumn term 1
HALF TERM	Friday 23rd Oct – Monday 2nd Nov (inclusive)
Tuesday 3 rd November	Back school - First day of Autumn term 2
Friday 13th November	Children In Need (Donation £1) <u>Your child can put this into the donation pot in their class.</u>
Week beginning: 16 th November	Anti-bullying week, theme 'United against Bullying'
Week beginning: 16 th November	Road Safety week, theme 'No need to Speed'
December	Christmas celebration/performance – arrangements to be confirmed at a later date subject to government guidance and restrictions.
Friday 18 th December	Last day of Autumn Term 2
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	Saturday 19th December – Monday 4th January (inclusive)

The last day of this term is Thursday 22nd October