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END OF TERM – This term will end Friday 22nd October. The school will be closed on Monday 1st November for an inset training day. We will return to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

PTA BBQ and NON UNIFORM DAY – Reminder - our Back to School BBQ is tomorrow! Tickets on sale after school. £4 adult and £3 children - includes burger or hotdog and a drink. Licensed bar, sweet sale and music. Bring your chairs and picnic blankets! Children may also wear non-uniform on the day for a donation of £1.



Upcoming events are the Spooky Disco on Wednesday 20th October - Years R, 1 and 2, 4pm – 5pm. Years 3-6, 5pm - 6pm. Bingo night – adult only - 11th November. Further information to follow.

A huge, huge thank you to Cafe Mocha on Union Street, Tesco and Asda for donating food. Lots of employers offer matched funding for charity events, so if you are eligible and able to volunteer at the event, we can raise even more funds for our school. The PTA are already funding the farm visit, book bags for Reception children and cooking costs this term.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER - The photographer will be in school next Monday 11th October for individual portraits. Pre-school children may be photographed with their siblings, please come to the school office at 8.45am for this. Please ensure your child comes to school with correct uniform including a red sweatshirt preferably with a logo or cardigan. Please do not send children in green hair accessories as it doesn't come out on the green screen.

FREE TASTER SESSION - Children in Years 3-6 enjoyed the taster session last week. This sports club will be available to book in our after school club list next term as alternative sports.



GYMNASTICS – PARROTS – Children in Parrots class will take part in gymnastics coaching at Bristol Gymnastics Centre from 21st October for 5 weeks. Letters have been sent home today. Please pay on Parentpay and return the consent slip to the office. Thank you.

YEAR 4 – Children in Year 4 have been learning about the effect certain liquids can have on our teeth by experimenting with boiled eggs, as the shell is a similar material to enamel. Shown are the results of orange juice, coke, coke zero and water!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – In an effort to be more ‘eco’, our future after school club forms will be emailed out with the newsletter at the end of each term. If you would like to book your child on a free club, please text us – spaces will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please do not text us before the form has been issued as the clubs may change each term. Paid for clubs will still be available on Parentpay as previously.

PARENTS EVENINGS - These will take place between 3:30pm and 6pm next Monday 11th October and Tuesday 12th October. Slots have been text out. You may choose to come in or have a phone call – please let the office know your choice.

If you have chosen a phone appointment, please be available 10 mins before and after your allotted time to allow for appointments in school that may run over. Thank you.

OPEN DAYS FOR RECEPTION 2022 – Our open days for the new Reception intake next year are:

9th November 2021 – 2pm

3rd December 2021 – 9.30am

NUTS - Please could we ask all parents to check their children’s lunch boxes for nuts. Many healthy snacks such as Tracker bars contain nuts. These can cause allergies amongst some of our children and can result in serious illnesses and more. We are a nut free school.

HARVEST – Thank you for your kind donations to our Harvest assembly. The Counterslip foodbank were very grateful.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – As in previous years we would like to take part in Operation Christmas Child. This involves filling and wrapping a shoebox to send as a Christmas present to needy children in other countries. It may be the only Christmas present the children will receive, some may be very ill or live in war torn countries.

We are able to provide pre-printed labels and boxes this year which are 40p each and available from the school office.

Please help us to achieve a target of 60 shoe boxes.



Boxes will need to be in school by **Monday 8th November**. For details of what to include etc please go to the charity website: <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox/>

DUE TO CUSTOMS REGULATIONS TOOTHPASTE, SWEETS, LOTIONS AND LIQUIDS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED.

YEAR 6 – As part of their project on World War II, children in Year 6 have been building air raid shelters in Design and Technology.



PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

Last week's children are:

ROBINS - Albie has been praised – Molly has received the showcase award

PUFFINS: Nell has been praised – Daisy has received the showcase award

PENGUINS: Isaac has been praised – Romey has received the showcase award

PARROTS: Isabelle has been praised – Xero has received the showcase award

SWANS: Max has been praised – Gracie-May has received the showcase award

SWALLOWS: William T has been praised – Lacieann has received the showcase award

KESTRELS: Sydney has been praised – Stanley has received the showcase award

KINGFISHERS: Gedas has been praised – Evie D has received the showcase award