



We have had a great start to the school year and have enjoyed welcoming the new children and their families. All children have settled well in their new classes and have enjoyed starting to learn their new topics.

The website will be updated next week with the termly overviews for the year so you will know what your children are covering in each subject area each term. In addition to this over the coming weeks the long term plans and more information will be added to the curriculum areas which provides more detailed information.

During this hot weather we ask that all children bring in a sun hat and have sun lotion put on at home, please can you ensure that your sun lotion does not contain nut oil – if you are unsure, please do come and check.

Next week we have our meet the teachers information session on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm and 3:30pm, at these the teachers will share with you information about key dates and assessments that apply to your child's class as well as the main focus for their learning. This is for a class as a whole, individual parents evenings will be the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

Open Day for next year intake - if you know of any families looking for a school please can you let them know that our first open day of the year is Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October from 9:30-11:30am and they can register for this by emailing [admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk)

School books – your children will be bringing home a collection of old school books that are finished with at school. Not all children will have all books as we have to keep a variety of them for longer.

Community Grant from Dobbies – I had the pleasure of joining Mrs Kjellgren this morning at Dobbies spending the rest of our community grant. We filled cars with lots of amazing items that have been on our wish list and a few more besides. We will need some help in the weeks to come to plant lots of the items – I will put some dates together but I think we will wait until it is cooler and it has rained! I would like to say a huge thank to Mrs Kjellgren for all of the work she has put into gaining this grant – and spending it!

Homework – you should have all received a printed homework letter this week alongside the first set of homework. Homework is due in on a Monday. If children are unable to complete the homework at home there is provision for them to do so at lunchtime with a member of staff.

Football club – In addition to the other clubs there is going to be a football club on a Monday lunchtime run by Forest Green Rovers. Any KS2 child wanting to join will need to bring in trainers - please email [admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk) if your child would like to take part. The club will start on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September

Key Dates	
<b>18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	After school club start (apart from French club) lunchtime football club starts too.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	INSET
<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Harvest festival in the church
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Open Morning for new families
<b>Week of 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Parents Evening