



There has been a buzz of learning around the school this week with new subject content exciting all children's curiosity. We were very fortunate to have a visit from a Geography professor from Cambridge University, who lead a lesson last week on 'what makes a country?'. Photos of this can be found along with others on our facebook page.

It was great to see so many of you at the meet the teacher event yesterday, the slides from the presentations will be added to the website this week.

During this unsettled weather can you please ensure that children have both sun hats and rain coats in school daily. We do try to ensure that we are outside for break and lunchtimes as much as possible.

We have started to collect some pre-loved uniform that we have put in a box in the porch – if you are able to make a donation for any items this will go to the PTA.

A few reminders –

- We are a NUT free school, please can you check the healthy snacks and contents of your child's lunchbox for any items that contain nut. Many chocolate spreads also contain nuts.
- Please ensure that all children's clothes are named
- Please come in through the gates to collect your children at the end of the school day rather than waiting outside the school gates or in the carpark (unless you have a dog with you).

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 3rd October from 9:30-11:30am and they can register for this by emailing admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk

Year 6 parents – you should now be aware either via the letter sent home with your child this week or via your local authority that you need to select a secondary school by the end of October. Many schools have open days and evenings over the coming weeks, if you are taking your children to any of these please do let us know so that we can code their absence accordingly.

On Sunday 1st October we have been invited to take part in the Harvest festival at the church at 10am. I would be very grateful if you could let us know whether your child will be able to join us for this service as we are starting to learn some songs and write some poems for the service. The key stage 2 children will be taking part in an experience harvest event in the church on Wednesday 27th September. We will once again be collecting items for the food bank and there is a box in the porch for you to add any donations before this date.

We were delighted to receive our Eco Award with distinction this year and we are already working towards maintaining this next year. One of our first visits is for our Eco Ambassadors to join the staff at the De Vere Hotel for a lake litter pick on Friday 6th October.

Careers Week – we are looking to run a careers week later in the school year. If you feel that you could take part in this by talking to the children about your job we would love to hear from you.

Parent governor – we will have a vacancy for a parent governor later this year as Chris Nott’s second term of office comes to an end. We would like to say a huge thank you to Chris for his years of service and support. If you are interested in becoming a school governor please come and speak to me or contact chair@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk for more information.

Key Dates	
18th September	After school clubs start (apart from French club) lunchtime football club starts too.
28th / 29th September	INSET
1st October	Harvest festival in the church
3rd October	Open Morning for new families
Week of 23rd October	Parents Evening
24th- 26th June	Residential for class 3 (more details to follow)