



The whole school visited the church this week to take part in experience harvest - a rotation of activities including looking at harvest from the sea and land. The children had the chance to weave, made clay coasters, looked at crops and planted cress. Thank you to all of the ladies that made the day possible and to Mrs Dearsley for co-ordinating the team of volunteers. We were delighted that Alison Lock the Bishop's Visitor joined us for the morning of activity.

Harvest

On Sunday 1st October we have been invited to take part in the Harvest festival at the church at 10am we hope to see many of you there

School clubs

All clubs will be running this week including FRENCH club on Thursday. The list for each club is now closed for the term, we ask that if your child has joined a club that you let us know in advance if they have decided to no longer attend or are unable to make it one week.

Open Days

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

Young voices update

For those attending Young Voices, your children can now access YV music room, a link will be shared with you in a separate email. This is to allow them to rehearse at home in addition to the in school rehearsals.

As all parents have now had a week to reserve the first round of spare seats on the coach we can release more seats at a cost of £20. Please can you email Mrs Woodruffe and let her know if you would like a seat on the coach. This will mean that you can travel with us and have some time in London before the concert in the evening.

Preloved Uniform

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.

Music lessons

We are pleased to let you know that Brass Band Club will be starting on a Friday lunchtime on 20th October. The club will begin by learning to play trumpets and later on in the year, will progress to other brass band instruments. If your child is interested, please email the office by 13th October so that we can ensure enough instruments are provided.

Year of reading

This year we are joining with other schools in the area to take part in the 'year of reading project' which involves various projects throughout the year to raise the profile of reading. This term all children from year 2-6 will be involved in a literature festival event funded by this project.

Corinium Musuem project

We have been invited to take part in a project where the children will be recorded and photographs taken that will be displayed in the museum over half term. If you do not want your child to be part of this project please let me know by Wednesday.

Key Dates	
1 st October	Harvest festival in the church
3 rd October	Open Morning for new families
6 th October	Eco- ambassadors lake litter pick at De Vere hotel
9 th October	Year 3 trip to Literature festival – drop off at 8:15am at Deer Park School
9 th October	Sports leader workshop at Kingshill
11 th October	Football tournament after school
11 th October	PTA meeting
11 th October	Open Morning for new families
17 th October	Netball tournament after school
23 rd October	Quick sticks tournament after school
Week of 23 rd October	Parents Evening
20 th October	Brass band club starts
27 th October	End of term 1
6 th – 10 th November	Class 3 bikeability
19 th December	Panto
21 st December	Nativity at 1:30pm
24 th - 26 th June	Residential for class 3 (more details to follow)