



This week started with a group of children attending a quicksticks tournament and has ended with a lovely afternoon filled with play, joy and singing and a sprinkle of Lizzie Bean reminding us all how great we are! Each class have also enjoyed a variety of activities and lessons throughout the week including Pumpkin smashing in Class 1, a library morning in Class 2 and a programming day in Class 3.

B.E.S.T. Belonging Empowering and Succeeding Together

Today we celebrated our new motto of Belonging, Empowering and Succeeding Together – being the BEST we can be every day with children receiving the end of term awards and certificates. These are awarded for one child in each class, and an extra child across the school who has demonstrated our vision and values throughout the term. More information about our Vision and Values can be found on the website.

Bikeability

Please remember that children in class 3 will need their bikes and helmets in school each day in week 1 ready for their bikeability course.

Bags for Schools

Your child should have brought home a bag for school ready for the collection on **Monday 6th November**. If you are having a sort out before the holidays then feel free to drop them off next Friday 27th October, or if you are passing during half term then the school will be open on Wednesday 1st November for drop off or on the morning on November 6th. You do not need to use the official bags but please take note of what can be donated.

Common Exception Words

At parents evening this week each teacher shared with you (or added to their bookbags after the appointments) the common exception words that your children still need to learn. These are not an additional homework that needs completing by a certain date, rather an update for you to focus on when you get chance.

Book Bag – half term tidy!

If you get chance over half term we would be very grateful if you could go through your child's bookbag to ensure that any old notes and works of art are removed. It would also be great if you can check at home for any books that need returning to school.

PTA AGM

The PTA AGM is on Tuesday 14th November at 6pm

Parents evenings

Thank you to everybody who attended the Parents evening this week. If you were unable to attend then please do contact us as the start of next term to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Non- uniform day

Friday 17th November children are allowed to come to school in non-uniform. We are asking for donations to the Christmas in the community event and there will also be a collection for Children in Need. Children are asked to come in clothes suitable for the weather and to do PE in.

Term 2 after school clubs – please email admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk to book

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Monday – after school Forest Green Rovers will be running a football club open to all year groups until 4:15pm for the first 5 weeks of term

Tuesday – construction club open to class 1 and 2

Wednesday – choir open to all and a science book review club (applications to Mrs Russell)

Thursday – French club

Key Dates	
6th – 10th November	Class 3 bikeability
9th November	Year 2 Stroud book festival visit
10th November	Small group of children in Years 4-6 Stroud book festival visit
15th November	Open morning 9:30-11:30am
17th November	Non-uniform day for Children in Need / Nasal Flu vaccines
20th November	Penathlon
21st November	Schoolbeat officer visiting class 3
21st November	Sportshall athletics
22nd November	Netball friendly against Ampney Crucis
23rd November	Open morning 9:30-11:30am
28th November	Open evening 4-6pm
19th December	Panto
21st December	Nativity at 1:30pm
22nd December	INSET day
8th January	Term 3 starts
9th February	End of Term 3
19th February	Term 4 starts
22nd March	End of Term 4
8th April	Term 5 starts
12th April	Swimming starts
13th – 16th May	Y6 SATs
24th May	End of Term 5
3rd June	Term 6 starts
3rd – 14th June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10th – 14th June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
12th June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
17th – 21st June	Careers week
22nd June	Small school fundraising event

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24th- 26th June	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
6th July	School Fete
10th July	Schoolbeat visit for class 3
11th – 12th July	Deer Park School Induction days
19th July	Last day of term for pupils
22nd July	INSET day