



This week we have seen many bulbs and saplings planted in our school grounds – many thanks to all of the helpers with this. I really appreciate the support shown when we have these tasks to do. At the PTA AGM last week it was shared what a great year they had and plans were shared for the year ahead and donation pledges were made towards trips, books and experience days.

With December just around the corner I thought it was time to share more information about the end of term and Christmas!

On Tuesday 19th December we are going to the Barn Theatre to watch 'Treasure Island' and then walking to the Salvation Army Hall for a Christmas party. The school will be closed on this day to allow for all staff to attend the theatre and party. We are therefore asking for parents to arrange for their children to be dropped off at the Barn Theatre at 10am and collected from the Abbey Grounds Carpark at 2:45pm. There will not be any before or after school club on this day. If this causes any problems then please speak to me and we will try and find a solution. I am very sad that I will not be able to join the school on this trip as one of my sons is having an operation in Bristol. I have one of the few staff cars with insurance to transport children so our ability to offer transport is severely restricted. **We would be grateful if the £10 payment for this trip could be made ASAP.**

No more French club this term – I am sorry to announce that there will not be anymore French club this term.

Teacher led clubs - football, choir, construction, science book club will all end on Friday 8th December, this is due to a number of sporting events the following week and the Christmas in the Community event.

There is no after school club for the last week of term Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th or Thursday 21st due to staff training, school trip and early finish times. Again if this causes huge issues please speak to us regarding any support we can offer. Breakfast club will run that week apart from on Tuesday 19th December when we are asking for children to be dropped into Cirencester for 10am.

Wednesday 20th December is our annual Christmas jumper day and our Christmas lunch – you will have been sent a separate email this week requesting you to make choices and payments by **Tuesday 5th December**. If you have any problems with this then please contact Mrs Woodruffe.

Chess club at Meysey Hampton

Meysey Hampton school have kindly opened up their chess club to anyone from Down Ampney in Years 2-6 to join a Chess club that they are hosting which is run by <https://www.uptonchessschool.com/about-us> The club will run on a Tuesday from 3:15-4:15pm at a cost of £4:50 a week and is payable in advance. The club starts on January 16th. If anyone is keen to join please can you let Mrs Woodruffe know by Thursday of this week – places are limited. We will allow children to be collected at 3pm in order to get there for the start of the club.

Swimming and Residential payments.

In order to help you with budgeting for these payments and in order to help us as a school with the cashflow of making deposits and coach bookings we would encourage you to start to make payments towards both swimming and the residential. You will find these in the parentmail shop.

Donations wanted please

We are looking for donations of toilet roll inners, plastic plant pots, shoeboxes, books and any Christmas gifts for our raffle hampers. Please leave any donations in the porch.

Corinium Musuem Opportunity

We have once again been approached by the Corinium museum with a great opportunity. They are keen to film us with a variety of their school loan boxes to promote them to other schools, in exchange we get to have to use the loan boxes to support our learning. If you do not want your child to be a part of this then please let Mrs Gray know.

Young Voices

Thank you to everyone who has paid for the coach – there are a couple of payments outstanding – we would be grateful if these can be made by Tuesday so that we can then move onto allocating the tickets.

<https://yvmusicroom.com/parentRegisterReferral?code=MzUxNy8xNjk1OTg3Nzgw>

If you would like to order a YV24 Concert video there is currently a discount code '**PREORDER**' please use this link yv24film.co.uk The cost is currently £9.99 (usually £12.99).

Mosque and cathedral trip – January 15th

All children in class 2 and 3 will be joining children from Ampney Crucis to visit the Mosque in Gloucester before joining many other schools at the Cathedral for the annual Christingle service. Costs of this and timings will be sent out closer to the time.

Oracy competition

We have once again entered the oracy competition this year. We will be holding the heats in the new year but it would be great if the children could start to think about which topic they would like to speak about.

Key Dates	
28 th November	Open evening 4-6pm
28 th November	YR and Y6 height and weight checks
28 th November	Governors FGB meeting at 6pm
1 st December	PTA Santa trail starts
7 th December	End of teach led clubs for term 2
11 th December	PE leadership skipping
12 th December	Boccia after school
19 th December	Treasure Island and Christmas party – drop off at Barn Theatre at 10am, collection from Abbey Grounds carpark at 2:30pm
20 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
21 st December	Nativity at 1:30pm at the Village Hall – EARLY collection time to be confirmed
22 nd December	INSET day
8 th January	Term 3 starts
15 th January	Mosque and Cathedral Christingle visit
9 th February	End of Term 3

19th February	Term 4 starts
11th March	KNEX challenge day KS2 – paid for by PTA
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
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