



Book festival visit and Theatre trip

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter we have secured tickets all children in KS2 to travel to Malvern Theatre to watch 'a boy at the back of the classroom' on March 20th. We will be travelling by coach leaving school at lunchtime and we should be back at school before 6pm. We will send out an email and set up a payment - we are asking for £10 per child as the PTA have offered to fund the coach and we have managed to get a discount on the tickets. The children are all very excited about this event. We are as always very lucky to have such a supportive PTA who help to fund these events. This will be the last KS2 trip for this year.

Deadline TUESDAY to let me know if you would like free tickets for the Book Festival on March 8th

We have also been offered free tickets to a school book festival in Cirencester on Friday March 8th – this is an INSET day and the school staff have training on this day. If your child would like to attend this event then please email head@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk and I will try to arrange for governors or supply staff to accompany them. You would need to be able to arrange transport to and from the Barn Theatre, for class 1 it will be 9:30-10:30 and for class 2 and 3 it will be from 1-2pm.

What are you children learning in school?

A little reminder that if you are keen to know what your children are learning in school then you can always check the website to see the termly overviews. <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/term-overview/> In addition to this we are holding a variety of parents Information this term These are for parents in Reception, Y1 and Y2. Each session will be held at 3pm and repeated at 4:45pm. Please email admin@ to book a place.

Tuesday 27th Feb after school Y2 SATs information evening

Tuesday 12th March after school Y1 PSC information evening

Tuesday 9th April EYFSP information evening - Reception parents

You can also find the slides for previous information sessions here - <https://www.downampneyprimaryschool.co.uk/helpyourchildren/>

Children with Special Educational Needs

If your child has additional needs, then how we are meeting these will have been discussed with their class teacher at parents evening. You should also have received a reviewed and new copy of their MyPlan to sign – please return these to school as soon as you are able. If you require any additional information or have any concerns about your child do not hesitate to contact Mrs Gray who is also the SENCO to arrange a meeting.

After school clubs

Current - after school clubs are as follow:

Monday – Yoga/mindfulness and SATs club for Y6

Tuesday – games club and SATs club for Y6

Wednesday – choir/music club and SATs club for Y6

Thursday – Spanish club and netball club (which is at Kingshill school).

Safeguarding update

As mentioned in last weeks update you will soon be receiving an acceptable use policy and parents code of conduct to read and sign which were highlighted in our recent safeguarding review. You may have also noticed a police presence at some drop of and pick ups – this is again part of a wider project we are doing regarding school safety. I will be attending a county wide emergency lockdown procedure course on Tuesday and I will send out details following this on how we will be running a lockdown drill at Down Ampney. The school beat officer is back in school on Wednesday 6th March to work with class 3.

Dance festival – April 16th

If your child is keen to take part in this years dance festival then we will be running sessions on 6th, 13th and 20th March and the 10th April after school to rehearse and the event is on Tuesday 16th April at Cheltenham Town Hall from 6:30-7:30pm.

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The children will need to commit to all four after school sessions and be able to be collected after the festival from Cheltenham. If your child would like to take part please email head@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk Please can you let me know as soon as possible as we obviously need a group to make this work.

PTA

There was a PTA meeting held this week and they have lots of very exciting things planned for the year ahead. More details will follow including how you can support these and the many ways they have supported us.

Easter Eggs

We are once again going to end this term with an Easter Egg hunt, if your child cannot have a Freddo egg then please let me know so that we can sort an alternative between us.

Finance

I am aware that finances are tight for all of us, this is the same for schools as I am sure you will have seen in the news. It would be helpful if you could stay up to date with residential payments and pre-pay for swimming too. If you are having difficulties with these payments I would be grateful if you can let me know so that I can budget accordingly.

TERM dates

Please see attached the term dates for next year, following comments from parents we have set the INSETS at the start of October either side of a weekend in the hope that you might be able to have a long weekend away!

Key Dates	
26 th February	Cross country year 3 – Year 6
27 th February	Y2 parents information session regarding SATS 3pm and 4:45pm
7 th March	World Book Day – We are travelling to Southrop school to meet an author! School uniform to be worn
8 th March	INSET – school closed to pupils
11 th March	KNEX challenge day KS2 – paid for by PTA
11 th March	Year 3 and 4 Multisports
12 th March	Y1 parents information session regarding phonics screening check 3pm and 4:45pm
14 th March	Panathlon
19 th March	Bee Netball
21 st March	Mock Trail – note change of day!
21 st March	Easter Service at Church 2pm
22 nd March	End of Term 4
8 th April	Term 5 starts
9 th April	Reception parents information session regarding early years foundation stage profile 3pm and 4:45pm
10 th April	Swimming Gala Year 5/6
12 th April	Swimming starts
16 th April	Dance Festival
7 th May	Quad Kids
13 th – 16 th May	Y6 SATs
24 th May	End of Term 5

3rd June	Term 6 starts
3rd – 14th June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10th – 14th June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
11th June	In the Net – internet safety play Year 4
12th June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
17th – 21st June	Careers week
18th June	Rounders Year 5/6
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