



### **Busy week ahead**

Monday – Clubs are running as usual.

Tuesday – There is a dress rehearsal for the mock trial and Bee netball for some after school.

Wednesday – A prior headteacher is visiting a KS2 theatre trip. **PACKED LUNCHES NEEDED FOR CLASS 2 and 3** We are due around 6 p.m. There will be a choir for KS1, **NO DANCE CLUB**

Thursday – Tag rugby for some, Mock trial – **PACKED LUNCHES NEEDED IF INVOLVED IN EITHER**, Church service at 2 p.m.

Friday – Easter egg hunt and end-of-term

### **Pick up information**

If somebody different is picking up your child, please inform Mrs Gray and Mrs Woodruffe via [head@down-ampney.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:head@down-ampney.gloucs.sch.uk) or [admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admin@downampney.gloucs.sch.uk) so they can inform the class teachers.

### **Parking at drop off and pick ups**

I know that drop-offs and pick-ups are busy; can I remind you to park considerately and be patient with others dropping off? Please do not park on the chevrons, blocking the school gate, blocking driveways or where you reduce the visibility to those pulling out of the village car park.

### **Contact details**

If you change your phone or any other contact details, please let us know; we often only find this out when trying to contact you when your child is ill.

### **Dance festival**

The children are doing well with the rehearsals for the dance festival, which takes place at Cheltenham Town Hall on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> April. There are two more rehearsals before the day on the 10<sup>th</sup> and **11<sup>th</sup> April** after school. Tickets for the event are on sale here. <https://cheltenhamtownhall.org.uk/event/spirit-of-the-games-dance-festival/>

### **Payments**

Thank you to everyone who has paid for the Malvern Theatre Trip, swimming and residential. Please do speak to me if you are unable to make these payments.

### **Helping out**

I would like to thank everybody who has helped with tip runs and painting the porch; it makes a big difference. The next task will be to move the gravel that has been donated, but I am waiting for a few dry days; I will keep you posted.

### **Safeguarding**

For the week's safeguarding update, I wanted to remind you that we are an Operation Encompass school; full details can be found in the accompanying letter and [on our website](#). In brief, it means that we work with local police forces to ensure that if a child is a witness to domestic violence and the police are called, then we should be alerted so that we can best support their child. It also means that we have trained staff who can help you if you are in this situation.

### **Recommended Read**

Mrs Russell enjoyed "The Friend Mission", written by Rosie Jones, the well-known comedian. The story is focused on Edie, who has cerebral palsy, and her growing friendship with the new girl at her school, Mia, who is deaf. It is a story about loving what makes you different and celebrating your and other's characteristics. This is one of the World Book Day Titles, and we have a copy in the library if you want to read it.

Key Dates
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19 <sup>th</sup> March	Bee Netball
20 <sup>th</sup> March	KS2 Theatre trip
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Mock Trial
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Tag rugby tournament
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Easter Service at Church at 2 p.m.
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt and End of Term 4
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Term 5 starts
9 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception parents' information session regarding EYFS profile 3 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming Gala Year 5/6
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming starts
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Dance Festival
7 <sup>th</sup> May	Quad Kids
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs
21 <sup>st</sup> May	Orienteering Y5/6
24 <sup>th</sup> May	End of Term 5
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term 6 starts
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Tables Check Y4
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Assessments Y1
11 <sup>th</sup> June	In the Net – internet safety play Year 4
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Leavers service at Gloucester Cathedral
15 <sup>th</sup> June	Small school fundraising event – proposed date change
17 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Careers week
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Rounders Year 5/6
24 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Residential for Class 3 (more details to follow)
26 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> June	Commonweal open days
Week of 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Crypt Open day
2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Farmors Open Day
6 <sup>th</sup> July	School Fete
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Schoolbeat visit for class 3
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2/3 multisports
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term for pupils – 1:15 p.m. finish
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET day