



Monday 3rd October 2016



Have you booked

Holiday Club for Half Term?



A quick reminder that once again this year, we have a longer than usual half term break with the children finishing on 18th October. We have a staff training day on 19th October where we will be learning all about Purple Mash, an exciting new online resource that can be used in the classroom and at home. The half term then runs from the 20th October - 28th October and we return to school on 31st October. Holiday Club will run from 24th – 27th October.



Our Harvest celebration will be held at St. Mary's church at 9.30 on 14th October. Everyone is welcome to come along and join us. Once again this year, we will be collecting items for the Stroud Food Bank who have requested the following items –

Instant Mash	Tinned Carrots	Tinned Ham	Biscuits	Pasta Sauce
Deodorants	Shampoo	Tinned Fruit	UHT Milk	Coffee

Please send donations in with your child(ren) on the morning of the 14th. Thank you.



As Summer is now definitely behind us, please ensure that when we return after the half term your child(ren) is wearing the appropriate Winter uniform –

GIRLS	BOYS
Grey skirt/culottes/pinafore	Grey/black trousers
Bottle green cardigan/jumper – optional school fleece for outdoor wear	Bottle green jumper – optional school fleece for outdoor wear
White shirt	White shirt
School tie	School tie
Green/grey/white tights/socks	Grey/white socks

Black school shoes should be worn (no trainers please)

Clip-on school ties are available from our uniform supplier, Brigade. Please contact the office should you need any information.



Last year we invited the parents of our Reception/Little Jesters class into school to allow them to see how the children were settling in. We did this via a webcam in the classroom and as it was such a success, we plan to do the same again on November 4th between 9.15am & 10.15am. If you are able to come along and join us for a coffee and a little insight into what your children do in the classroom, we would love to see you.



Thursday 6th October is pupil Census day. Every school has to complete this Census and it is used amongst other things to set our budget for the coming year. One area of this funding is the Universal Infant Free School Meals and our funding for this will be calculated based on the number of children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who have a school dinner on this day. Please encourage your child(ren) to have a school dinner and help us maximise our funding. Thank you.



We would like to remind you that PE Kits should be in school at all times. The office staff have plenty to do without having to phone parents to bring in forgotten kits. Children attending after school sports clubs, will no longer be allowed to go home in their kit as this seems to be one of the main causes of no kit on their peg. Please help us by ensuring that PE kit is brought back into school after washing etc.



The winter months are fast approaching and with it the colds and flu germs. Marybrook medical practice is coming into school on Tuesday 17th October at 1.15pm to vaccinate our Y1, Y2 and Y3 children who are registered with them. It is a nasal spray vaccine that can be given to all children including those with asthma. If your child is eligible but you have any specific questions regarding more complex health issues that relate to your child, then please get in touch with the practice nurse. Parents may come along to the vaccine session and then take their child home if they wish, although the practice nurse assures me there are no side effects to the vaccine. Please complete the slip and return to school by 7th October as we need to notify the nurse of numbers. Reception children are also eligible for the vaccination, however this will be administered at the surgery. Please contact them direct to make an appointment.



A polite reminder to parents that when dropping your children at school, they should be left at the door. The mornings are an extremely busy time and there is simply not enough space in the corridors for parents to accompany children to their class. If you have a message that you need to give to the teacher, please do so via whoever is on the door or by popping into the office. They will make sure that your message is passed on.



We are currently looking to recruit a Midday Supervisor to work on a casual basis, as and when needed. As well as helping out in the dinner hall, you will be expected to supervise the children on the playground / field and in the classrooms during wet play. You will need to be physically fit as the role includes setting out and putting away tables and chairs. If you are interested, application forms can be collected from the school office or downloaded from our website.

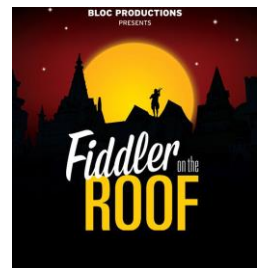


Once again, may we remind you that ParentPay accounts **must** be kept in credit at all times. If your account is in arrears, please make sure that you send your child in with a packed lunch until such time that the account is in credit. Thank you.



On the same note, please make sure that all outstanding Explores invoices are paid ASAP. If you are unsure of your balance or need copies of any invoices, please contact the office.

And finally, we are very proud to say that Saul in Year 6 will be performing in Fiddler on the Roof at the Bristol Hippodrome between 4th and 8th October. There are still tickets available and Saul would love it if you went along to support him. For more information, please see the flyer accompanying this newsletter.



Best regards

Debbi Marklove and staff

DIARY DATES

- October 7th – Stomp Performance & Parent Information Evening 6.30 – 8.00pm
- October 12th – Class 1 Phonics morning
- October 14th – Harvest Celebration St Mary's Church 9.30 am
- October 17th - Reception Class Webcam & Coffee Morning 9.15 – 10.15am
- October 19th – INSET DAY
- October 20th - Half Term
- October 31st – Return to School
- November 7th – Individual & Siblings Photographs
- November 7th – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 7.30pm
- November 9th – Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
- December 15th – Christmas Lunch
- December 16th – End of Term

I would like my child in Year 1 / 2 / 3 (please circle) to have the Flu vaccination administered in school by the practice nurse from Marybrook Medical Centre, Berkeley.

Child's name.....

I will / not be accompanying my child (please delete)

I will / will not be taking my child home afterwards (please delete)

Signed.....Parent/Guardian