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NEWSLETTER 2

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It's conker time again! Please start to collect conkers for our competition after harvest festival on 13th October.

Please also bring in donations of non-perishable goods (tins, dried food, jars and bottles of sauces) for our annual collection for St.James' Priory from Monday 9th October ☺

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now four weeks into our new school year and over half-way through term 1. Ash class have settled in extremely well in their first full week and are demonstrating our school rules brilliantly by being **SAFE, READY and RESPECTFUL**.

Across the school it is a delight to see children engaged in their learning, hard at work or active in PE lessons. Children are also enjoying cricket coaching as part of our broad curriculum. In fact, our external sports clubs have proved a big success this term and the teacher-led after school clubs are more popular than ever. The visit to St Fagan's has given the children some wonderful ideas on the theme of time travel, which they are exploring in their writing this term. Birch class have had their pedestrian training, to keep them safe.



*Now that we are into Autumn, we move away from our summer uniform code and request that **ties are worn** by all children please. We also require **girls' hair to be tied back away from the face** and to remind you that **jewellery is not permitted**. Children should wear black shoes, not trainers or boots. On PE days, children are asked to wear **their yellow branded t-shirt**. Thank you for your co-operation with this. We appreciate that cost of living is an issue that can affect all of us. If you would like any support with uniform, please let us know. In addition, the PTFA run a pre-loved uniform stall, selling items at very low prices. The next sale is Friday 13th October, see dates below for details.*

Finally, we are really keen for parents and relatives to come in and read with our children. PLEASE do consider giving up a little time each week to do this, we can work around your busy day. If you are able to volunteer, please let the office know.

With many thanks,

Mr Mark Hilliam, Headteacher

There are still some children wearing uniform on PE days and vice-versa. At present, every class has cricket coaching on Mondays from Year 1 upwards. The usual PE days are:

Ash (Reception): Mondays and Thursdays

Elm (Year 1): Wednesdays* and Fridays

Maple (Year 2): Tuesdays and Wednesdays*

Willow (Year 3): Tuesdays* and Thursdays

Hazel (Year 4): Mondays and Fridays

Birch (Year 5): Tuesdays* and Thursdays

Oak (Year 6): Thursdays* (Double PE) *These lessons are taught by our professional PE coaches from Signature Sports

Parking around the school.

We have had further emails from some of the residents on Boscombe Crescent about parking on the double yellow lines. As previously mentioned, this is making it very difficult for them to access their driveways.

We have contacted our Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) to support us with the parking around the school.

Swimming:

Swimming will start on 4th October and is on Wednesdays. Year 6 will swim first, then Year 5, then Year 4. Details below. Please let us know if you can volunteer to accompany the class. Dates are:

Oak (Year 6): 4th, 11th and 18th October, 1st, 8th and 15th November, 3rd and 10th January

Birch (Year 5): 17th, 24th and 31st January, 7th February, 20th and 27th March, 17th and 24th April

Hazel (Year 4): 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd May, 3rd, 10th and 17th July



Dates for your diary – more dates will be added as they arise:

Tuesday	3 rd	October	Mathstermind 1, 2:30pm
Wednesday	4 th	October	Open day 1: 9:30am, 11am and 2pm
Wednesday	4 th	October	Swimming starts for Oak class (volunteers required please)
Friday	6 th	October	Tag Rugby taster day
Tuesday	10 th	October	Oak Class mass, in school hall (time tbc)
Wednesday	11 th	October	Open day 2: 9:30am, 11am and 2pm
Thursday	12 th	October	Commissioning of Chaplains, Clifton Cathedral, 11am
Friday	13 th	October	Harvest festival (food donations), followed by conker competition
Friday	13 th	October	PTFA pre-loved uniform sale after school
Tuesday	17 th	October	Parents evening 1, 3:40pm-6:30pm
Wednesday	18 th	October	Open day 3, 6pm
Thursday	19 th	October	Parents evening 2, 4pm-7pm
Friday	20 th	October	Buddy tea, Ash and Oak Classes, 2:45pm in dining hall
Monday	23 rd	October	HALF TERM
Monday	30 th	October	Oak class climate change workshop
Friday	10 th	November	Open day 4, 10am
Saturday	11 th	November	Open day 5, 10am
Tuesday	14 th	November	Governors virtual meeting with all new parents, 7:30pm
Wednesday	15 th	November	Birch Class mass in hall, 2:30pm (note change of date)
Saturday	18 th	November	Parish 'Countdown to Christmas' fair, in school, 12noon-3pm
Wednesday	29 th	November	PTFA Disco
Thursday	30 th	November	Governors virtual parents meeting 1, 7:30pm
Wednesday	6 th	December	KS1 Nativity, 2:30pm and 5:30pm
Wednesday	13 th	December	KS2 Christmas carol concert, 6pm in church
Thursday	14 th	December	Christmas mass, 9:30am in church
Friday	15 th	December	Last day of term 2
Monday	18 th	December	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Tuesday	2 nd	January	INSET day 3, school closed to pupils
Wednesday	3 rd	January	Children return to school
Monday	22 nd	January	Oak Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Tuesday	23 rd	January	Hazel Class mass, in school hall (time to be confirmed)
Tuesday	30 th	January	Mathstermind 2, 3:30pm
Friday	2 nd	February	Maple Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Friday	9 th	February	Last day of term 3
Monday	12 th	February	HALF TERM
Tuesday	27 th	February	Willow Class mass, in hall pm (details to follow)
Friday	8 th	March	Hazel Class assembly, pm (details to follow)
Tuesday	12 th	March	Spellathon 2, 2:30pm
Tuesday	19 th	March	Maple Class liturgy, in classroom, pm
Thursday	28 th	March	INSET day 4, school closed to pupils
Monday	1 st	April	EASTER HOLIDAY