



PTA DISCO Friday 13th October

Avon and Malvern – 5.30–6.30

Cotswold and Severn and Year 6 leavers – 6.45–7.45pm



Harvest

Later this month we will celebrate our Harvest festival at Church. We would ask that children bring a small donation to help the work of Caring

Hands in the Vale.

Toiletries, household goods and tins or packets of food would be great.

Please make sure that your child is able to independently carry their offering from school to church.

WOW – Science slot in assembly

On Monday we asked, 'Do birds sleep?' As part of answering this question we watched a video of starling murmuration as they prepared for roosting. We were so mesmerised and amazed by this phenomena that it caused us all to say 'WOW!'

Take a look at the video link below and watch the sparrows dance in beautiful synchronisation - it's better than any human air show!



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zjMsvzOsHw>



Non-uniform day

Thank you for bringing a bottle in to support the work of the PTA



Thought of the Week:

A verse from the Bible, from the book of James chapter 3 and verse 17:

“But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure and full of quiet gentleness. Then it is peace-loving and courteous. It allows discussion and is willing to yield to others; it is full of mercy and good deeds. It is wholehearted and straightforward and sincere”.

A BIG thank you!

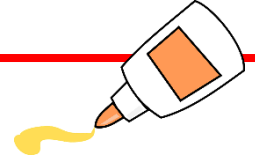
A BIG thank you to our PTA for organising such an amazing afternoon last Friday. Everyone had a great time running around and getting covered in colourful powder. The weather was kind to us and we are grateful for the kindness of our volunteers, who got completely colourful too!

ROAD SAFETY

Please remember that the roads around school can get quite busy so make sure your child uses the pavement and doesn't walk in the road. Walking on the pavement is a good habit to have!



This Week in Avon Class - Junk Modelling



This term in DT, reception children have been junk modelling! Thank you so much to all of the families who donated their 'junk' so that we could make these fantastic models. The children explored how to attach items together and how to cut different materials.

Avon class has been decorated with monsters, dinosaurs, boats, cars and much more!



Darcey's Health and Well-being Box

Here are Darcey's tips for the week:



- 1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month
- 2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)
- 3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you
- 4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list
- 5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good
- 6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better
- 7 Look for the good in people around you today

Hedge planting with the Parish Council


Save the date - 2nd December – time to be confirmed. Bring your parents to help plant a hedge.



A message from your ECO Ministry Team

Ollie, Alba and Amber say,
"Follow this easy tip to help the environment"



Website: We now have a new  website and you can access it using the usual website address. It is still being worked on but we hope it will be more user-friendly.



Green Fingers

We are looking for help from those of you with green fingers. We would love some help to look after our planters around school. If you, or someone you know have the time, energy or inclination we would be very happy to welcome you to school, your volunteering would be subject to a satisfactory DBS check.

Celebration Assembly

It was good to have so many of you with us again this morning to share in our Celebration assembly. You are always welcome.

Artist of the Week:

Cotswold class are studying the work of William Morris this term. Here is a piece of his work – I love the symmetrical nature of it.



Music of the Week:

This week we've been listening to the Sinfonia from Handel's Messiah - it's like the introduction or overture to the piece.

You can follow the link to this piece of music on Youtube –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S6DLEmwaOnM>

Please only use YouTube with your parents' supervision and permission.



Childnet – Information for parents about online issues : <https://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/>

SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- 13.10.23 – PTA Disco – Avon and Malvern – 5.30-6.30
Cotswold and Severn and year 6 leavers – 6.45-7.45pm.
- 20.10.23 – Harvest Festival at church.
Tea and Talk at school.
- 25.10.23 – Walk in Wednesday.
- 27.10.23 – School finishes at 3.15pm for half term holiday.
- HALF TERM – Monday 30th October – Friday 3rd November**
- 09.11.23 – Open Morning for prospective parents – 9.30-11.30.
- 23.11.23 – Flu nasal spray.
- 01.12.23 – PTA Christmas Fayre – 5.30 – 7.30pm
- 02.12.23 – Hedge Planting with the Parish Council
- 04.12.23 - Last swimming session.
- 06.12.23 – Music Concert.
- 13.12.23 and 14.12.23 – KS1 nativity play – 5.30pm
- 21.12.23 – Christmas Service and Christmas party at school
(parents are very welcome at Church).
- 21.12.23 -TERM ENDS FOR CHILDREN**
- 22.12.23 Staff Training Day**
- 08.01.24 - TERM STARTS**
- 09.02.23 - Staff Training Day**
- HALF TERM - Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February**
- 22.03.24 - TERM ENDS**



Reader Helpers



If you can spare an hour or so to come and listen to children read please speak to a member of staff. You will then be provided with all the required safeguarding forms to complete.

PTA DIARY DATES


- 13.10.23 – PTA Disco - Avon and Malvern – 5.30-6.30
Cotswold and Severn and year 6 leavers – 6.45-7.45pm
- 10.11.23 – **Non-Uniform day** (chocolate item)
- 27.11.23 – Wreath Making Evening
- 01.12..23 – **Non-Uniform day** (cake)
- 01.12.23 – PTA Christmas Fayre
- 01.12.23 - Cake



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REMINDERS



 **RECYCLING** - We have a recycling drop-off point in our entrance area – you can bring your pens, batteries and empty crisp packets.



Water bottles - Children should bring a water bottle with them each day.

If your child would like juice at lunch time, please send another bottle.

ONLY WATER IN CLASS.






HATS & COATS in SCHOOL Please make sure that your child has a hat and coat in school every day regardless of the weather in the morning.



REMINDER – SCHOOL MEALS

School meals must be ordered on ParentPay by Thursday of the week before. **ANY ORDERS LATER THAN THAT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.**

Awards This Week:

 **Viv Bear - Mack**
 **Cheer Bear – Esme B**
 **Sports Award – (next week)**

Golden Apples:

Avon – Thomas & Martha
Malvern – Henry Hi & Edey
Cotswold – Annabelle & Ava
Severn – Isla D & Mason



Stars of the Week

 **Avon – Isaac** 
 **Malvern - Bonnie** 
 **Cotswold – Oliver D** 
 **Severn – Dimana** 

Birthdays

This week, we celebrate the birthdays of Cole & Ellie B.

Father God, today we celebrate the birthdays of Cole and Ellie and we say thank you that they are part of our school family. We pray that they may grow in wisdom and grace; give dignity and respect to others and that they may know your hope and joy every day.

Strengthen and bless them on their birthday and every day throughout the next year. Amen.

Housepoints

1st - **Rubies** with 310 housepoints

2nd - **Emeralds** with 289 housepoints

3rd - **Sapphires** with 274 housepoints

Attendance

Avon – 95.5% **Malvern – 99.6%**

Cotswold – 94.7% **Severn – 95.5%**

Overall – 96.4% 