



## Harvest Festival

It was so good that so many of you joined us for the Harvest Service this morning.

Thank you to our Year fives for leading our service, you did so well and we are so proud of you. The singing was so amazing and really lifted our spirits as we met together!

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity demonstrated through your giving to the work of Caring Hands in the Vale.



*Thank you to those parents who came to Tea and Talk this morning. It was nice to catch up.*

## Parents Evening Details

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November –**

Avon and Malvern Class – 3.30-6.30pm

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November -**

Cotswold Class – 3.30-6pm

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November -**

Avon, Malvern, Cotswold and Severn classes – 3.30-6.30pm

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November**

Severn Class – 3.30-6.30pm

All meetings will be face to face but Miss Aucock is offering part of both sessions as Zoom.

We are trialling a new way of signing up for parents' evening slots. It will be a self-serve system and we are going retro and it will be a paper list sign up.

Sign-up sheets will be put up outside the office on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October and will remain up for the rest of that week.

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

Please remember to order lunches for after half term (6<sup>th</sup> November) by this Thursday.



Unfortunately, Blackminster kitchen still has an electrical fault. If you have ordered hot lunches for your child for next week, they will be provided with a jacket potato with filling of their choice and fruit or yoghurt.

Please get in touch with the office if your child would prefer a sandwich to a jacket potato.



## This Week in Cotswold Class...

This half term, Cotswold class have been finding out about William Morris and his print designs. They sketched 'still life' flowers and leaves as the stimulus for their own William Morris inspired designs. The children transferred their favourite design onto polystyrene ready for using as their printing template. The children each produced an individual piece of art and a class collaborative too. The results were fabulous and will be displayed in the corridor for everyone to admire and appreciate.



## Darcey's Health and Well-being Box



Here are Darcey's tips for the week from 'Action for Happiness' - 'Optimistic October' calendar.

16  
Put down your  
to-do list and  
do something  
fun or uplifting

17  
Take a small  
step towards a  
positive change  
you want to see  
in society

18  
Set hopeful  
but realistic  
goals for the  
days ahead

19  
Identify one  
of your positive  
qualities that  
will be helpful  
in the future

20  
Find joy in  
tackling a task  
you've put off  
for some time

## YOUTH CLUB

YOUTH CLUB @  
THE VILLAGE HALL  
7PM-9PM - £2 ENTRY  
YEAR 5 UPWARDS



## Thought of the Week:

Here's a lovely quote for Harvest:

*"Things great have small beginnings. Every downpour is just a raindrop; every fire is just a spark; every harvest is just a seed; every journey is just a step because without that step there will be no journey; without that raindrop there can be no shower; without that seed there can be no harvest."* William Wilberforce



# Artist of the Week:

## Harvest by Anna Kolevo



# A Message From Your ECO Ministry Team



## HEADLICE



Once a week, take a peek – let's fight head lice together. <https://www.onceaweektakeapeek.com>

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

## Music of the Week:

This week we've been listening to the 'Moonlight Sonata' by Beethoven.

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=EyT9f6ntYGM>

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



## SCHOOL DIARY DATES

- 25.10.23 – Walk in Wednesday.
- 27.10.23 – School finishes at 3.15pm for half term holiday.
- HALF TERM – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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


- 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



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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:

  
**We will celebrate this week's Stars of the Week in our celebration assembly next week.**

### Attendance

Avon -89.6%      Malvern -97.6%  
Cotswold -100%      Severn -95%



**Overall-95.7%**

### Birthdays

This week, we celebrate the birthday of Phoebe.

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

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

