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15th September

Dear Parents,

We have been delighted with the first two weeks of term. The teaching staff have set their usual high expectations for the children's learning & behaviour and have found a bit of time to sprinkle it with a sense of fun – our River Walk was epic! We have been impressed by the children's positive attitudes to the start of the year and long may it continue...

Next week, we will be sending you all the key dates for the year ahead. For now, here are a few announcements and reminders for this term:

Whole School/Pupil Information Form & Home School Agreement: Today!

These needed to be in today. So far we have had a 75% return. That means we don't know if 35% of the children have new medical needs, different parental contact numbers or addresses or a change in permissions. Please return these on Monday so we can keep you informed, and your children safe.

Whole School/Tuck Shop: Start of Term

There are a number of parents who have not paid for Tuck Shop this term. If you do not want your child to have Tuck Shop as a Friday treat, that is absolutely fine. Please could you let the office or class teacher know, so we don't keep sending you reminders!

Whole School/World Car Free Day: Friday 22nd September

As a school, we value both healthy living and caring for our environment, so we are excited about joining in with this global initiative. Next week we will be encouraging the children to enjoy a morning walk/ride/scoot to school, on Friday. More details in separate letter being sent out today.

Year 3 & 4/EPA Tennis Festival & Tournament: Tuesday 26th September, School Time

All children in Year 3 & 4 will attend this event between 9.30-11.30 at Bartholomew School. We ask that parents take them there in the morning (not coming into Standlake school first) and we will use a bus to bring the majority back. Four boys and Four girls will be asked to stay on for the tournament in the afternoon (between 12.00-2.00pm) and we will be asking parents if they are able to collect these children. More details will be sent out next week.

Whole School/Harvest Service: Monday 2nd October, 9.00am

The service will take place at St Giles church at 9am so parents can stay on after drop-off. All of the classes will be performing a song and some children will be doing readings.



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Year 3 to 6/EPA Cross Country Event: Monday 2nd October 3.45pm (yes, same day as Harvest!)
We will be encouraging as many children from Year 3 to Year 6 to attend this sports event. We will try to organise a bus to take the children there but ask that parents collect from Bartholomew at 4.45pm.

Whole School/Conker Competition: Tuesday 3rd October, 3.15-3.45pm
The Conker Competition will take place on the playground by the field, just as long as the conkers have started falling by then! If they haven't, a new date will be arranged.

Year 5 & 6/EPA Girls Football Tournament: Tuesday 10th October, 3.30-5.30pm
We will be taking a team of 6 girls to this tournament and asking parents to transport their child to and from the event.

Year 6/Junior Citizenship Day: Monday 16th October, School Time
A letter has gone out about this. If you have not received it, please contact the office.

Whole School/Standlake Superstars: Ongoing
You can still sign your children up for clubs, even though they term has started. The activities (and food!) are proving very popular and uptake has been significant. If you try to book on to the system and get a message that the session is full, email the office, let us know the sessions you would like and we will see if we can arrange extra staffing to accommodate your child.

Have a lovely weekend.

Andrew Denham