

November Newsletter

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Road Safety

With the darker evenings fast approaching, now is a good time for all of us to remind the children about road safety. The roads around the school continue to provide us with a challenge as there is no specific crossing for our children (despite having asked for one on many occasions), however the rules around road safety apply equally wherever you are as it is important children have an increasing awareness as they grow older. If you have older children with mobile devices, it is also worth a conversation about them not being too engaged with their phone as they are walking or crossing a road as it can be a huge distraction- children often think they are too old to be taught about road safety, however devices are a significant cause of injury on the roads.



On a similar note, enjoy any firework displays you are attending but do take care. One piece of advice going around on social media is to stick sparklers into a carrot to enhance the grip for a child and prevent it getting hot- maybe a good idea?

Have your contact details changed? Please update them on the Arbor App or let the office know.

Halloween Disco and PSA

Our PSA yet again worked really hard to provide a great disco for the children. These events take a lot of organising and hard work, so it is credit to them for making sure the children had such a good time. The event helped raise funds for the school as well as simply being a lot of fun for the children.

They are holding their AGM in school on 21st November at 3.30pm- this is a great opportunity for you to come along and meet up, bring any ideas you have and offer anything you are able to give. These events only happen when there is an active community, so please pop in.

Photographer

The school photographer is in on 11th November to take individual photos including any siblings in school. If you would like a photo of your child with a younger sibling who is not yet in school you can come to the hall from 8.10 that morning to have these taken.

Best smiles please!

Bike Shelter update

You will have seen that the bike shelter is still in situ, albeit broken. We have paused it being removed completely just to explore more options, so please bear with us. It may be the case that we can retain some of the existing structure and replace other parts, but this is a work in progress and taking a bit of time to resolve.

For the time being, please continue to park bikes outside the gates and we will update you as soon as possible. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Children in Need

We are excited to announce that on Friday, 15th November, we will be raising money for Children in Need. We encourage all children to come dressed in something yellow or a superhero outfit to show their support, with a donation that we can pass to the charity.



Foodbank

We are able to issue food bank vouchers in school- you do not need to be in receipt of free school meals to receive them, they are purely there to support you through tough times. Please ask at the office if you need help, or see any member of the senior team who will be happy to take any requests.

Remembrance

We have poppies and other items from the Royal British Legion available from the office.



Swimming

Year 4 start swimming next week, with information having already been sent out to families- apologies for changing the start date, the pool notified us of a closure due to maintenance. Some families have questioned alternatives to swimming- this is a mandatory subject and so is compulsory for children to attend, and there is no option to opt out. The charges are for us to try to recover the costs of the transport, whilst we pay for the instructors. We actually pay for two instructors and not one, as we really want the children to earn how to swim, for their own enjoyment as well as safety.

Dates

Many of the dates are available on the calendar section of the website, however a summary of key dates can be found below. For some events, such as parent events and school trips, more information will be sent out separately:

November

Poppies available

5th Term 2 begins

7th Reception tour for 2025

11th Anti-bullying week

11th School photographer

13th Year 2 Chepstow trip

15th Children in Need

18th Flu immunisations

21st Book Fair in school

22nd Year 2 Medieval Day

28th Reception Space Dome

29th Yr 4 Bristol Museum Trip