

## Parent Information – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Harvest Festival Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October** - Normally at this time of year we have a whole school celebration of harvest festival, and although we can't invite parents inside the building, we still want to make it special. The children will all participate in an on-line harvest assembly from their classrooms, and they will be creating special artwork which will be photographed and displayed on the school website. We will also be having a collection of tinned food items for the local food bank. We are asking parents/carers to bring donations and leave them outside the Sneyd Wood Road entrance or the bottom main entrance door **in the morning on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. There will be boxes outside the entrances for you to leave items in. Please do not send items into class with the children, and please continue to observe social distancing! We are arranging for the Food Bank to come and collect your generous donations later on in the day.

**Books for Bugs Virtual Book Fair** - You can order your books up until midnight on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October. All orders will then be dispatched and we will send them home with the children after being suitably quarantined.

**School Photographs** – Please go online to order prints – all the information you need is on the proof sheet which your child brought home.

**Please return your Data Collection sheets** Please check that the information is correct, make any necessary changes on the sheet, sign the bottom (even if there are no changes) and return it to school. Please note that you do not need to tell us about the address change for the local doctor's surgeries – we have been able to do an update for them all on the system!

**Xmas4schools** – You have until 6<sup>th</sup> November to return your child's artwork and order form to school.

**Nits** – although we would hope that our efforts to socially distance will prevent the spread of nits in school, they are still about, so please do check your children's hair regularly and treat if necessary.

**Cycle Safety and Parking** – We have had reports of children cycling to school who are not wearing helmets, and who are not being careful at junctions and when crossing roads. If your child cycles to school alone, please have a conversation with them about road safety. Also, please be careful how you park if you have to drive to school to drop off or collect children. In particular, please do not park on the zig zag markings at the Buckshaft Entrance or anywhere else where the pavements are very narrow – pedestrians need to be able to get past with pushchairs.

**Free School Meals** - the school would encourage all parents who think they might be entitled to benefits-based free school meals to make an application. Office staff will be very happy to help anyone who needs help with this. We are aware that very sadly, some parents may have lost their jobs due to the pandemic, and families in receipt of Income Support, Income-Based Job Seekers Allowance, and other benefits such as Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit, with household earnings are below certain levels may be eligible. Although you do not have to pay for school meals for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, if you apply and are eligible for free school meals then the school receives an additional sum of money which we can use to support your child's education and to pay for trips and activities for your child. To check if you are eligible go to <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-transport-and-free-school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals/>

### **Activities in School next week:**

Sparrow Class – Forest School on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October (last session)

Nightingale Class – Forest School on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October (last session)

Jay Class – Allotment on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October

Harvest Festival – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October – please bring donations of tinned food in the morning.

### **Sports Clubs**

**Monday** – Football Year 5 & 6 **Collect afterwards from Buckshaft Gate**

**Tuesday** – Football Year 3 & 4 **Collect afterwards from Buckshaft Gate**

**Wednesday** – Football Year 1 & 2 **Collect afterwards from Sneyd Wood Road**

**Thursday** – Multi-Sports Year 3 & 4 **Collect afterwards from Sneyd Wood Road**

**Friday** – Multi-Sports Year 1 & 2 **Collect afterwards from Sneyd Wood Road**

### **Homework Clubs**

Tuesday – Lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4) **Collect from Buckshaft Gate**

Wednesday – Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6) **Collect from Buckshaft Gate**

Wednesday – KS1 (Years 1 & 2) **Collect from Sneyd Wood Road**

### **Year 6 pupils**

This is just a reminder for parents that it is necessary to apply for secondary school places before 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. If you need any help with this, please give the school office a ring.

### **School Application Process for entry to EYFS in September 2021**

The application process for places at primary school next year will start in November. This is for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2017. The County Council will send application paperwork to family homes in early November, and applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If anyone is expecting to receive an application pack and it has not arrived by the end of November please contact the County Council, or let the school office know and we will pass on your information.

Sadly, we will not be able to hold open days or evenings this year, but we will be preparing a video tour and additional information which will be available on the school website in November. Staff will also be very happy to make telephone appointments to speak to prospective parents.

Please pass this information on to anyone you know who has a child due to start school next year. We will send out lots of reminders!

## **Flu Immunisation**

Immunisations will be done at school on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Today we are sending home paper copies of the consent form to all the children who have asthma and others who have requested them. Once completed please return these forms to your child's class. If there are any more parents who would like a paper copy of the consent form, please let the office know.

Please use the online system to sign up for a flu immunisation for your child. The link is <https://immsconsentforms.glos-care.nhs.uk/GCSFluVac/FluConsent>