



**Parking**

In the interests of safety, we encourage all parents who need to drive their children to school to park at the village hall and walk to the back gate along the pedestrian walkway. The main road can become very busy and since the parking restrictions have been altered, vehicles have been causing a hazard at the front. Visibility on the road is significantly reduced if cars park close to the entrance or outside of the lay-by area.

The back gate is open at the beginning and end of the day and will be opened at the end of clubs. When we have extra activities on at school, we will be opening the gate so that access is easier, for example it will be opened 10 minutes before the start of the harvest festival next week.



**Pencil Cases**

Some children have started to bring their own stationery into school in pencil cases. During lessons, all the stationery that pupils need is provided. We are happy for pencil cases to be brought into school for personal use at break-times and lunchtimes, however children must take responsibility for their own things. In some classes, the pencil cases have become a distraction and are disrupting lessons. Please be aware that if your child's pencil case does become a distraction, s/he will be asked not to bring it into school.

**Harvest**

A warm invite to all members of the school community to our Harvest Service on Friday 12th October at 2pm. We look forward to seeing friends and family for the first celebration of the school year. As part of the harvest celebrations we will be collecting food for the North Cotswolds Foodbank. You can check their website to see which items they need and which are well-stocked:



<https://northcotswold.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-food/>

**Parents' Evening**

A reminder to book your chosen slot for parents evening using the V.L.E. by Friday the 12th October. Any parents who have not organised their appointment will be given any remaining time-slots.

**Clubs**

No clubs will be running the week beginning the 15th October due to the Book Fair and Parents' Evenings.

**ASPIRE Day: Mindfulness**

Today, we had our first special ASPIRE Day with a focus on mindfulness. Children worked in their house groups rather than their classes and visited each teacher during the course of the day. All of the tasks were linked to Mindfulness and how to find inner calm. Ask your child which activity they enjoyed the most! Have a look on Facebook and twitter to see some of the photographs from today.



**Violin Lessons**

If anybody in Beech Class would still like to hire a violin please ring Gloucestershire Music direct on Tel: 01452 330300.



**Change 4 Life**

We will be participating in the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP) again this year. This involves the annual measurement of all children in Reception and Year 6. Reception children will also have a vision screening - please click [here](#) for more information. Dates to be confirmed.



**Pumpkin Recycling**

Attached is some information from Andigestion regarding the pumpkin recycling scheme. They are also running a 'colouring-in' competition for Key Stage 1 children and a 'spot the difference' competition for Key Stage 2 - something for a rainy afternoon during half term maybe! There is a £15 book voucher for the lucky winner. All entries to be returned to Sarah Wheeler, Account Director, Leapfrog Public Relations Limited, B7 Elmbridge Court, Cheltenham Road East, Gloucester GL3 1JZ before the closing date of Wednesday 31st October. Keep an eye out for our pumpkin recycling bin which will be in school soon.

**Hamper Scamper:**

Attached is a flyer from Hamper Scamper, a charity that provides food and gifts for some of the most disadvantaged children, young people, families and vulnerable adults across Gloucestershire, detailing their volunteering opportunities or ways you can help this fantastic charity. We will also be collecting donations in our special Hamper Scamper box from November - further details to follow.

**REMINDERS:**

**PE Kits**

Can you ensure that your child has their PE kit in school at all times please. The kit should consist of the following:

- Red T-shirt
- Black shorts/skort
- Trainers or plimsolls

For cold weather children can wear plain black jogging bottoms/leggings and a plain sweatshirt (school sweatshirt can be worn\*). *\*often once warmed up this gets removed very quickly!*

Please ensure all items are clearly named so they can be returned should they be misplaced!

Also, please remember that the above PE kit is our uniform for PE lessons and children should not be wearing other sportswear, which we have started to see creep in.

**Book Bags**

We still have a few Permission letters that have not been returned to the office. Could you please check book bags and encourage your child to hand them in asap.



**Dogs**

Please can we remind anybody that walks a dog to school that it is secured safely to the fence and is kept well away from the car park and pedestrians. Many thanks.

**PTFA Bingo Night**

The PTFA will be holding a Bingo Night on Friday 12th October. £5 per family - see attached poster from them for further information.

**Legoland Discovery Centre, Birmingham**

We have some leaflets (which include money off vouchers) in the office for anybody that would like to come and collect one.



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**THIS WEEK'S ASPIRE AWARD WINNERS:**



**ASPIRE POINT TOTALS:**

<b>Bluebell</b>	<b>Buttercup</b>
<b>136</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Rose</b>	<b>Thistle</b>
<b>135</b>	<b>117</b>
<b>Whole School Total</b>	
<b>511</b>	