Good afternoon,

It was a genuine pleasure to see so many of you at both the Meet The Teacher events and our cake sale this week. Thank you for taking the time to come in and see us - we look forward to hosting an increasing number of opportunities for parents and carers to come into school.

Please read on for key updates.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes, Mr Spencer & The Tadpole Team

| Date | What? | Who? | Additional info |
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| Tuesday 3rd October | Swimming | Y3 | |
| Friday 6th October | School Photos | ALL | In school |
| Monday 9th -13th October | Y6 Residential | Y6 | |
| Tuesday 10th October | Harvest Worship - Parents of Year 1 & 2 invited | KS1 (Year 1 & Year 2) | Join us at 9.00am - 9.20am in the Main Hall |
| Tuesday 10th October | NO Swimming | Y3 | |
| Tuesday 17th October | Swimming | Y3 | |
| Wednesday 18th October | Last day of Term 1 | ALL | Finish at normal time, Lilypad after school club still open after school as usual |
| Monday 30th October | INSET - school closed | ALL | |
| Tuesday 31st October | First day of Term 2 | ALL | |
| Tuesday 31st October | Swimming | Y3 | |
| Thursday 2 November | Flu Vaccination provisional date | YR - Y6 only | More details to follow on how to sign your child up |
| Thursday 2nd November | Parent Consultations 1 | ALL | Details on how to book a slot to follow |

| Tuesday 7th November | Parent Consultations 2 | ALL | Details on how to book a slot to follow |
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Harvest Donations

Over the past few years we have enjoyed collecting donations as part of our Harvest Celebration for the **Swindon Food Collective** who collect and (re)distribute donated non-perishable food and non food items to those in need. They help individuals and families that are finding it hard to feed themselves for a variety of reasons such as low wages, low income, family crisis, delayed benefit payments, redundancy, bereavement or sickness and currently operate 11 Food Distribution Centres in and around Swindon.

HARVEST DONATIONS - WHAT WE NEED MOST THIS YEAR- Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following: *Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea; Small Bags of Sugar; Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"*

PLEASE NOTE: We have plentiful supplies of pasta, baked beans and shower gel so none are needed.

If you wish to donate please send your child in with an item from Monday 2nd October- Monday 9th October.

Eco-Committee - calling all Eco-Warriors

Last year we had a lot to celebrate with Eco Committee: we achieved our Green Flag Award, hosted three recycling events and increased the biodiversity of our school (amongst other amazing things!).

If you would like to be part of the Eco Committee this year, we are looking for a few new members. You would need to be organised, knowledgeable about the environment, willing to talk to other groups of children about our actions and projects and keen to make a difference.

To apply, please write or present a book review of an eco themed book, explaining why you think the message is important, how it made you feel and any ideas it has given you. Send or bring your book review applications to Mrs Holloway by **Friday 6th October**. Thank you.

Book donations

Thank you for the donations that have been received this week, we are still looking for more donations of books if you have any please drop off at the school office. Thank you

This year we are looking to expand the variety of books that we offer the children in school. With that in mind, we would like to ask that if you are having a clear out we would love to give your old books a new home.

We are looking for **shorter chapter books** or non-fiction books in particular. All books must be in a good condition and where possible, appropriate for children in Year 3-6.

Bake Sale (Young Carers)

We're delighted to let you know that, thanks to the generosity of our local community, we raised exactly **£200** for our Young Carers. Thank you for supporting this event.

Closing of side gate - NEST project

The side gate has been closed for 2 weeks now due to ongoing site work on our new NEST area. Thank you for being patient whilst this work is being completed.

Due to an unavoidable delay in the delivery of a new skylight, the site work will continue for the next week. We hope this will only be for one week.

Community News

Please see attached flyer advertising Badminton Coaching and the Lego Brick show at The Steam Museum





