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Dear Parents / Carers

Mrs Harper

Sadly, Mrs Harper will be leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new role as Admin Assistant at Downland School. Mrs Harper has been a real asset to the school and has helped and supported countless children during their time at Heddington. She will be greatly missed and I'm sure you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck for the future. The Governors and I are currently working to seek a replacement Teaching Assistant.

PE Kits

Physical Education is an important part of the National Curriculum and it is essential that children have the appropriate clothing to be able to participate. We have noticed that some children are not bringing in their kits or they are inappropriate. Our dress code for PE can be found on the school website. From next term, if children don't have the correct clothing we will send a letter home.

Harvest Festival

Many thanks to all the children and families who were able to come along to our Harvest Festival Service last weekend. As one villager said; 'The little children performed so well in church on Sunday. I do hope the children all enjoyed it - we certainly did!'

Music Lessons

I am delighted to tell you that I have managed to find a new music teacher to start teaching guitar and piano after half term. Andrew Hurst performed at the Sporades Concert in the summer term and was fantastic. He will be coming in on Wednesday to take a school assembly to demonstrate the piano and guitar to the children. If you would like your child to start learning or continue lessons, please get in touch with him. A brief introduction from him is below. He will be available on the playground on Wednesday morning if you would like to meet him. His charges are £10 for 20 minutes or £15 for 30 minutes. Lessons will take place on Wednesdays and Fridays.

'Dear Parents, I'm happy to have been invited by Mr Martin to join the school in enriching the talents and abilities of students in both guitar and piano. I was lucky to have studied both of these from age 12 at the Royal College of Music along with my general schooling and then full time for a further five years, dedicating my time to teaching and performing in varying degrees over the subsequent decades. I can offer a wide variety of experience with teaching and learning styles and particularly enjoy finding the motivations behind my students. I look forward to hearing and seeing the talents of Heddington. If you wish to discuss starting music lessons with me, my contact details are ahurst.aveburymusic@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.'

Marlins Trip to Steam - By Freddie W

Last week, Marlins Class visited the Steam Museum for a World War 2 Evacuation Day. We had an amazing time learning about what life must have been like for a child during the war and how they must have felt if they were evacuated. It was one of the best school trips that I have been on.

Life Education Bus - By Brooke R

Last Friday, we had our annual visit from the Life Education Bus. This year, we learnt all about drugs and which were good for us and which were bad. It was really interesting and taught us a lot about the dangers of using drugs.

Data Collection Forms

We still have a few data collection forms and home school agreements outstanding. Please ensure that these are returned by the end of next week.

PTA

Meeting on Tuesday 15th October at 2.45pm to discuss the end of term disco. If you are interested in helping at the event, please speak to myself, Clare or Esin. The PTA will be having an end of term disco on Friday 18th October from 3.15 - 4.30pm. Tickets will be available on the playground after school from Monday to Thursday for £2.50 per child, which will include a hot dog, healthy snack and drinks. We are looking for helpers for the event. Please speak to Clare Colvin for more information. Many thanks to Lataca for sponsoring this event and providing much of the food.

Flu Immunisations

Please remember to sign your child up for the flu immunisation - it takes seconds to complete.

<https://schoolimms.virgincare.co.uk/flu/2019/wilts>

Governors

The Governors will be having six Governor Days over the course of the year. These are opportunities for them to come in and see the school in action, whilst watching lessons, looking at books and talking to teachers and pupils. The first Governor Day is on Thursday 10th October. Congratulations and thanks to Emily Hawes for volunteering to become one of our Parent Governors. The other slot will be filled shortly and we will be in touch with further information.

Challenging Behaviour Course

Does your child sometimes display challenging behaviour? You really aren't alone! There is no book written for parenting that fits all; however, this course really might help. Would you like to develop some new parenting skills that can help?

The RISE centre has agreed to run a four week course at school covering:

- Managing Intense Feelings;
- Problems with Sleeping and Eating;
- Hot Spots and Triggers;
- Calming Strategies;
- and much more.

Discover techniques and tips on how to deal with children's feelings and support positive behaviour. Starts on Monday 11th November from 9 - 11am in Heddington Village Hall.

Applying for a School Place

The deadline for applying for a Secondary School place is looming. Please take the time to have a look around different schools which may suit and ensure that your application is with the Local Authority by 31st October. The deadline for Primary School admissions is 15th January. Please remember that, even if you already have a child at Heddington, you will still need to apply for a place for their sibling. Please come and see me for more information. The application forms for admissions can be found [here](#).

Dates for the Diary

I have put in as many dates as possible for the next two terms. Please make a note of them in your diaries so you know when different events are taking place.

I will always try to be available at the start and end of the school day. If you would rather arrange a more formal meeting, please don't hesitate to make an appointment.

Kind regards

Ashley Martin

Dates for the Diary

<u>Event</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Marlin's Residential Talk	Monday 7 th October	3.15pm
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Young Voices Talk	Wednesday 9 th October	4.15pm
Marlins Singing Festival at Kingsbury Green	Friday 11 th October	During School Day
PTA Meeting	Tuesday 15 th October	2.45pm
Year 6 Height, Weight & Vision Checks	Wednesday 16 th October	During School Day
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 18 th October	All Day
Kingswood Deposit Deadline	Friday 18 th October	3.15pm
End of Term 1	Friday 18 th October	3.15pm
End of Term Disco	Friday 18 th October	3.15 - 4.30pm
Term 2 Starts	Monday 4 th November	8.45am
Marlins Visit to Bible Exhibition in Calne Free Church	Monday 4 th November	During School Day
Flu Immunisations for all Pupils	Friday 8 th November	During School Day
Anti-Bullying Week	WB 11 th November	All Week
Challenging Behaviour Course Starts	Monday 11 th November	9 - 11am
Children in Need	Friday 15 th November	TBC
HADS Performance	20 th - 23 rd November	Evenings
Marlins Visit to Calne Heritage Centre	Monday 25 th November	During School Day
Nativity Performance Day	Tuesday 10 th December	TBC
Whole School Trip to Pantomime	Wednesday 18 th December	TBC
End of Term 2	Friday 20 th December	3.15pm