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Dear Parent/Carer,

Although we've only just completed our first month of the new school year, already the summer holidays feel like a distant memory; Halloween is just around the corner and HomeSense at Greenbridge have probably started playing Christmas music! But here at Ruskin it's been a busy month: this week, Year 3 are gearing up to a visit to Cotswold Farm Park as part of their farming Big Idea and Year 4 have been finding out if the truth really is out there by looking at UFOs and crop circles. At the other end of the school, Year 5 have started off their swimming campaign and have also been studying and writing their own poems. As for Year 6, there's some pretty high-brow stuff going on as they delve deeper into some of the great works of Shakespeare. So here's to another fantastic month of learning, see you on the playground!

Warm regards,

Mr Beadnell

"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Benjamin Franklin

Dates for Term 1:

Monday 2nd October

Morfa Bay Meeting (Year 6 parents) 5:30

Tuesday 3rd October to

Friday 6th October

Book Fair (3:15)

Tuesday 10th and

Wednesday 11th October

Parents' Evenings

Wednesday 11th October

CS Lewis Community Lunch (11:30)

Friday 13th October

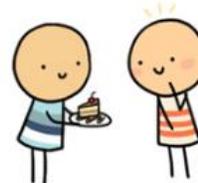
Mary Anning Class Assembly
Friends 'Spooky Halloween Sale!'

Wednesday 18th October

Last day of term (finish at 3:10)

Term 1's Value:
Kindness

make someone's day.



Roald Dahl Day: What a Fizzwiggler!



It was great to see so many children dressed up as their favourite Roald Dahl characters in honour of Roald Dahl Day on 13th September. There were some wonderfully innovative costumes. I especially liked the inflatable blueberry outfit for Violet Bulregarde and some of the home-made BFG ears. The whole school joined together to celebrate the work of one the most famous children's authors in history and the enthusiasm for the written word was evident everywhere I looked. Thanks to all our wonderful parents for their support in ensuring such a phizz-whizzing day was had by all.



If you go Down to the Woods Today...

Things are afoot in the Ruskin Junior School forest area. Huge yellow monsters have been sighted tearing up the Earth and a hairy monster and his team of beasts have been digging holes and re-shaping the landscape. Ok, the monsters are diggers and our beats are a team of fantastic human beings galvanised by the Friends of Ruskin who are presently landscaping part of our forest area. When the work is complete, they will have created an amphitheatre where the children can rehearse and perform in the open air. We're all really excited about this and can't wait to see the project come to fruition. An extra special mention to FEM Fencing for their generosity and hard work: we can't thank you and the Friends enough. Incidentally, if you were wondering who the hairy monster might be he can usually be spotted by the main gate in the mornings...



Cloudy with a Chance of Meteors

Our budding young scientists in Year 5 have been studying the Earth and Beyond as their Big Idea this term. Aside from some wonderful work creating mind maps based on the Solar System, they have also been studying the effects of meteor strikes on the Earth's surface using slow motion video technology with the aim to write reports on their findings. Inquisitive minds indeed.

Football Focus

The boys' football team got their season off to a flying start this week with a thumping 9-0 cup victory over King William Street Primary. With the boys proudly sporting their brand new strip, Mr Edmondson was looking to build on the success of last season. If this result is anything to go by, it looks to be a very promising one indeed.



Neighbourly Matters

Can we remind all parents and children to please be respectful of the school's neighbours who live in the flats on Wordsworth Drive. There is rarely an issue but there can be problems with blocking access to the flats, especially in poor weather. Many thanks for your support.

A Note on PE Uniform

Unfortunately, there seems to be some ambiguity over the colour of t-shirts required for PE lessons. They need to be white and the letter that went out at the end of the last school year stating that any colour would suffice was an error. Huge apologies for this. However, please do not worry if you bought a coloured t-shirt: that's our fault and we wouldn't expect you to go out and buy a white one to replace it. However, please be aware when replacing t-shirts for PE in the future that they will need to be white.

Earrings

We have noticed there seems to be a rise in the number of 'non-regulation' earrings occurring in school. We would like to remind everyone that only studs are permitted and these must be taken out for PE. Many thanks.

Feeding the Community

This year sees the launch of our community lunches where parents and relations get the opportunity to join their children in sharing a school meal in the school hall. Beatrix Potter class hosted the first community lunch of the school year and the turnout and atmosphere was fantastic. The meal consisted of roast gammon with all the trimmings. Naturally I did not shirk my responsibility as headteacher in sampling the food on offer and I agree whole-heartedly with the adults who attended: the food was lush! The next lunch will be CS Lewis class on Wednesday 11th October so if your child is in that class, you're in for a treat!

Club Protocol

Please remember to inform the school office if your child will not be attending a club they have been booked in for. Children telling us themselves is not enough proof that parents have told them not to attend.

BEAVERS

Right now 17th Swindon (ST Barnabas) Scout Group are recruiting new Beaver Scouts

If your child is aged between 6 – 8 years old
And are available (Term time only) on
Tuesdays 5.15 – 6.15pm
St Barnabas Church Hall Gorsehill
Bring them along to Beavers....



We have fun, play games, craft activities and have lots of fun badge work to do

If you are interested, please call / text Amanda

On 07719532291 or 618210

(Weekdays after 2pm)

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