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Dear Parent/Carer,

Wow, where did September go? Welcome to October, it's almost time for Halloween and it's also the time of year when Homesense at Greenbridge open their Christmas section: I kid you not. It's been a monstrously busy first month for us here at Ruskin. Our Year 3s have settled in brilliantly and their Farm to Fork Big Idea is well underway. Year 4 have been studying the human tragedy of the First World War as the 100th anniversary of the November armistice approaches. I have had the pleasure of hearing some superbly written and profound poetry the children have been writing inspired by this apocalyptic conflict. It's all about Space in year 5 where I have been extremely impressed by the children's scholarly knowledge of our Solar System and it's back to the Elizabethan era in Year 6 as they study the life and works of Shakespeare. Would you like to know more? Then read on...

Anyway, get out there and enjoy the autumnal sunshine while it lasts, all the best,

Mr Beadnell

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Dates for Term 1:

Monday 1st October

Year 6 Morfa Bay Residential

Wednesday 3rd October

Year 3 Farm Park Visit

Thursday 4th October

National Poetry Day

Tuesday 9th October

Book Fair Arrives

Parents' Evening (all years)

Wednesday 10th October

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Friday 12th October

Sir Isaac Newton class
assembly

Monday 15th October (Week Beginning)

Science and Technology
Week

Wednesday 17th October

Year 6 Community Lunch

Friday 19th October

Science Fair (3pm)

Wednesday 24th October

Last day of term 1 (3:10)

Monday 5th November

Return to School

Value for Term 1:

Democracy



Joe Wickes and Go Noodle



Our Year 3s have been participating in a nationwide workout alongside British fitness coach, TV presenter and author, Joe Wickes. They joined hundreds of other Primary Schools from across the country exercising to a live and interactive feed from Joe Wickes. It proved to be hugely popular and the children I spoke to really enjoyed it, even if they were tired out by the end of it!

We are also continuing with GoNoodle at breaktimes this year. This provides children with the opportunity to be supervised in the

school hall where they can dance to music from the GoNoodle programme. It's proving to be really popular and is a fun way to stay fit and healthy.



Sports Desk

The boys kicked off the new season with a home fixture against St Catherine's Primary last week and continued in the same vein as last season in demonstrating great teamwork and perseverance. St Cat's ran out as 3 – 1 winners and it was great to see a game played in such spirit and enthusiasm. The match was followed up by a visit to Wanborough Primary School for a first round cup game.

Beating the Street

Swindon's new 'Beat the Street' initiative is proving to be highly popular with lots of our families participating on a daily basis. We made our first presentation in assembly this week to our top performer and are looking forward to seeing more children step up and 'Beat the Street!'



Is This a Library?

Our library is something we are very proud of as a school and is a fantastic place to celebrate and promote a love of reading. However, it gets a lot of use and unfortunately can't look after itself. Luckily, we now have a group of children who have volunteered to become library champions. They will help keep the library tidy, make displays, check books in and out and also make decisions on what to spend the library budget on. Miss Stevenson has briefed them fully on their duties and they are raring to get to work in their new roles!



After School Club

Our new after school club is up and running and is becoming increasingly popular. Details can be found on the ParentPay website where you will also be able to complete your bookings.



Meet the G.A.L.S

Our new science lab welcomed its latest pupils earlier this week. They tend to take life quite easily and are very partial to healthy snacks like fruit and veg. They're not going to win any races on sports day but they are brilliant climbers! I am of course referring to our new Giant African Land Snails – or GALS for short. They were donated by a very kind parent and we have housed them in their very own tank in our science lab. The children will get the chance to see them whenever they visit the lab and will be able to experience first hand how these creatures grow and live. I am sure updates on their progress will be forthcoming, so watch this space!

