

## Upcoming events

Please find a list of diary dates:

- 16<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Foodbank collection for Harvest
- 21<sup>st</sup> Oct** – PCSO Cyber Safety talk for Year 5
- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Break the Rules Day
- 24<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Last day of term
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- 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov** – INSET day
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children return to school
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Odd Socks Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Anti-Bullying Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parents' Evening
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Parents' Evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Children in Need Day
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov** – School photographs
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec** – WOWSA discos for Reception (4.00pm) and Y3&4 (5.30pm)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec** – WOWSA discos for Y1&2 (4.00pm) and Y5&6 (5.30pm)
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of term
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- 5<sup>th</sup> Jan** – Children return to school
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jan** – INSET day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb** – INSET day
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- 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** – Children return to school
- 26<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Travelling Bookfair arrives

## Reminders

We have a growing amount of lost property again at the moment, much of which is unnamed. If your child is missing a jumper (or two), please do pop in to the foyer any time to have a rummage!

Foodbank items can be brought to school on the morning of Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October and left in the foyer. Thank you!

## Congratulations Tithe Tigers!

This week it was the turn of Tithe Tigers (the **red** house) to take the winning position in our weekly house point round up. The children were very proud of themselves and enjoy seeing the numbers for their house rise each week!



## Football Success!

Huge congratulations to a team of Year 6 girls who entered a North Somerset football tournament last week. They did incredibly well, reaching the quarter finals and showing amazing determination and resilience throughout the morning! Shannon was so proud of you all, well done!



## Census Day Lunch Fun

We would like to say a huge thank you to Jane and her team in kitchen who brought a lovely atmosphere to last Thursday's special Census Day lunch! They always go to such an effort to make these themed days fun for the children and it was great to see them all enjoying their rodeo meal.



## Term Time Holidays and Attendance Policy

Please do remember that unauthorised absences (including holidays) will reach the threshold for a penalty notice from the Local Authority if a child is absent for 10 or more sessions (one session being either a morning or afternoon) within a 10 week period. The fine is £80 per child, per parent if paid within 21 days. These 10 sessions do not have to be consecutive so could add up if there are one or two days' unauthorised absence here and there. Please do click [here](#) to read the LSP Attendance Policy as this gives you all the information regarding term time absences and their impact.

We fully appreciate that holidays taken in term time are less expensive than those in school holidays but please can we impress upon you the difficulty that many of our children experience when off school for a whole week, or even just a few days. It is not easy for them to catch up on an entire week of missed learning and when this is needed for the following week's concept, it really does put a child at a disadvantage. Thank you very much for your consideration with this.

## Navy blue polo shirts for Grove children

Following some feedback and requests from parents regarding white polo shirts, we have asked the uniform supplier if they would start producing Whiteoak polo shirts in navy blue as well as the white. They are happy to do so and these will be ready for families to purchase (if you wish) very soon.

As you know from our uniform guidelines, there is no obligation for the polo shirts to have a logo, however, so please do feel free to source plain navy polo shirts from the usual supermarkets, if you wish. (As an example, the image below shows two polo shirts for £4.00 from ASDA.)



This is very much personal choice, if you and your child are happy to continue with white polo shirts, please do!

## Foodbank Collection for Harvest – 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

Don't forget we are collecting items for the Clevedon District Foodbank on Thursday morning (16<sup>th</sup> October). Much needed items are listed below:

- Tinned fruit
- Tinned custard
- Hot chocolate
- Tea bags
- Coffee
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned salmon
- Savoury crackers
- Biscuits



If you are able to donate any of the above simply by you or your child dropping items into the school foyer on the **morning of 16<sup>th</sup> October**, the foodbank would be incredibly grateful. Thank you.

## Year 6 Residential to Kilve Court

At the time of writing, our Year 6 pupils and a team of six staff are on their way back from a three day residential stay at Kilve Court. They have had a fantastic time and taken part in activities ranging from abseiling, buggy building and kayaking to grass sledging and the much anticipated disco! The staff are very proud of the behaviour of all pupils and know they will remember this experience for years to come. Thank you very much to the staff team who will have been on duty 24/7 since Wednesday morning to ensure the children had the best time and felt safe and happy!

I hope you all have a great weekend.  
Victoria Reyes, Headteacher