



Dear Parents and Carers

The Sponsored fancy dress fun run on Wednesday was blessed with bright sunshine amidst a week of rain. The children had great fun, loved the music and activities and looked amazing in their fancy dress outfits. Mr Male took photographs of all the children which have been posted on ClassDojo.



Thank you for your extremely generous donations which is already over £1500. If you would like to contribute, this can be done through the just giving page: <https://gofund.me/07b605c5> or by sending cash/cheque in to your child's class teacher in an envelope with the completed sponsor form.

Thank you to Premises Committee Governors Jane Paul, Jane Crabb and Dan Oldroyd for their hard work last weekend clearing out the school pond. We spotted many snails, insects and frogs which I know the children will love studying over the coming year.

Today we said a sad goodbye to our school cook Paula Cousins who is leaving us. She will be hugely missed by us all for her cheerfulness and lovely meals. Many thanks to those parents and staff who made a contribution towards her leaving gifts. Paula was very grateful and overwhelmed to receive a beautiful glass cake stand and slice, chocolates, flowers, balloons and a gift voucher for the Ivy Restaurant.

## COVID UPDATE

We are extremely grateful to parents for continuing to be vigilant for symptoms of Covid-19 especially as we are now beginning to see the winter colds creeping into school. If you are in any doubt, we would continue to advise parents to err on the side of caution and test their children/themselves.

**Next week** we will keep the children in separate Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 bubbles and unfortunately we will not be able to invite parents in to school for our Harvest Festival or Harvest lunch. Please can we keep to the one way system for drop off and collection around the school with the double green gates used for exiting only. Please note the slight time changes below, which will allow us to lengthen the school day by 15 minutes:

	<b>Drop off</b>	<b>Collection</b>
A-H	8:45-8:55am	3:20pm
I-H	8:50-9:00am	3:30pm

From Monday 4 October, the wearing of face mask at drop off and collection will be optional. I would be very grateful however if you could keep a 2 metre distance from staff.

It has been lovely to see the sports clubs, music and swimming up and running again this week. There are still places available for the Dance club which will be starting after half term. If you would like your child to attend, please email [natalie@integr8dance.com](mailto:natalie@integr8dance.com) or call 01962 808398.

We are intending to go ahead with face to face **parents meetings** on 19 and 21 October and the **KS1 and KS2 discos** on 15 October, further details will follow.

We will be holding our **OPEN DAY** for prospective parents on **12 October**. If you already have a child in school and were thinking of popping along, we would encourage you to make an individual appointment to look around the school to reduce the number of visitors at any one time.

### **HARVEST**

We would be extremely grateful for donations for the Winchester Night Shelter this **Thursday 7 October**. You can find a list of suggestions on the school website.



### **SOLAR PANELS**



A reminder that our solar panels will be installed this Monday and Tuesday 4 and 5 October. We apologise in advance for any disruption this may cause, but feel the benefits will outweigh the disturbance.

Take care and keep safe

Kind regards

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