



'Together, with the love and joy of God, we will discover, develop & maximise our unique potential.'

Dear Parents,

Tuesday 24th October 2023

Information Letter 5 – Autumn Term 2023

Eco Committee News

Last week, our Eco Committee visited Worcester Parkway station to find out about its sustainable design and how it supports local wildlife. Some of the features include: ample charging points for electric vehicles, wetlands for wildlife, a purpose-built bat house (the little wooden hut you can see from the roundabout), many 'bug hotels' around the site and a green roof on the station itself! We all felt inspired to make more use of the railway as part of our ongoing efforts to be more environmentally friendly. Anyone can get involved with helping maintain the planters at the station by getting in touch with the Bee Friendly Trust. We can't wait for our next visit!

School Closures

Thank you all so much for your cooperation last Friday when the roads outside school flooded. It was a difficult start to the day for many however pupils arrived cheerily in their wellies, and we then completed a normal day in school. Having kept a close eye on the weather in the morning we were able to keep school open for all pupils plus after school football club and our wraparound care! A few of our families collected pupils early (after 1.30pm) due their personal circumstances. The decision to close school is never taken lightly and the safety of our staff, pupils and families is always our main priority. I had a look back over the past 5 years at our forced school closures. On 14th November 2019 we had to send pupils home early due to flooding and the school remained closed the next day and in 2022 we closed for 2 days in July due to a red weather warning for heat. Even during COVID once schools had reopened following the pandemic, we were lucky enough to have just one bubble (class) closure in July 2021!

Harvest

Our Harvest service took place on Thursday 19th October. This year we supported Worcester Street Café making 55 'goody bags' with meals for people who are in need.

Prior to the Harvest Service, parents and pupils came into school from 7.30am-8.45am to help staff make the 'goody bags'. Mrs Pasmore very kindly took them to Worcester Street Café later that day.

Parent Consultation Evenings - Autumn Term 2023

We look forward to seeing you all at our Autumn Parent Consultation Evenings tonight and tomorrow. Our new Chair of Governors, Daisy Reese-Evans will be on hand to meet and greet you and offer directions to the correct classrooms.

Pre-loved Uniform

Our pre-loved uniform will be on sale during Parent Consultation Evenings in exchange for a donation to the PTA.

Celebrating Black History Month

All pupils were invited to complete projects about Black and Mixed Heritage British women who have shaped history. Tomorrow, they will be presenting their work to each other where they will hear inspiring and interesting stories about women who have fought for their families or social justice, dared to become artists and succeeded as sporting heroines.

Remembrance Sunday – Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Poppies will be on sale when we return after half term.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that the drop off times for Breakfast Club are: 7.45am (early slots must be booked in advance), 8am and 8.15am. Staff members will be available to let pupils in at these specific times.

A reminder that school is closed for pupils on Friday 27th October as the whole staff team will be joining their colleagues from the other trust schools for an Avonreach Professional Development Day. Next week, is the half term holiday, and we wish you all a relaxing and enjoyable break. We look forward to welcoming you back Monday 6th November.

Kind regards



Mrs J Dean
Headteacher