

Friday 2 October



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Dates for your Diary:

Thurs 8 Oct – 9.15am
Info for Dormice parents re
phonics & classroom
Fri 9 Oct – 9am Harvest
Festival at Blessed Mary
Church
Tues 13 & Thurs 22 Oct
– Parents Evenings
Fri 16 Oct – 3.30pm FUS
AGM in hall
Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct Half
Term
Mon 2 Nov INSET
Closure
Tues 3 First Day back



INSET Days left for 26/27

- Mon 2 Nov
- Mon 4 Jan
- Mon 22 Feb

Communications this week:

- **Fri** –Email to all new
parents re church
service routines



Photo: Badgers Class clay sculptures of 'Christ the Redeemer' in Rio (part of their Brazil Topic)

We will be holding our Harvest Festival at The Blessed Mary Church next Friday which is the first experience Dormice Class (YR) children will have of how we use the church. Please can you drop off at the church at the normal time – staff will be there to receive your children.

Breakfast club will run as normal and we will walk those children up to church. If you would like to, you are welcome to stay and participate. It is an act of collective worship which means we are all invited to come together to join in.

As part of the service we will ask the children to bring up any gifts of food. Children in Year 5 and 6 have been doing some research this week and would like the gifts to go to Meon Valley Food Bank – see a letter from them below. IF you would like to send your child in with a food gift, they can just sit with it in the church.

Parents Evenings Available to Book

Parents evenings are approaching in a few weeks time. You can book an appointment within the Arbor App. It will go live at 6pm tonight so that it is fairly available to all.



Badgers Church Practice

To prepare for the Harvest service Year 5&6 may pop up to the church, weather permitting.

Reminder:

FUS AGM Meeting
After School Friday 16th
3.30pm
Everyone welcome

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be collecting donations for the Meon Valley Food Bank as part of our Harvest Festival. In worship, we have been talking about helping people and were worried about people in our local community without enough food. It would be amazing if you could bring in a food donation to the church on the 9th of October/Harvest Festival. Lots of food is welcome although the Meon Valley Food Bank need:

- Jars of pasta sauce
- Tinned peaches
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned corn beef
- Dishwasher tablets
- Small bags of sugar

Thank you very much.

Zoe and Riley (Year 6)

Phonics Info for Dormice Parents

A reminder to Year R parents that you are invited into class on Thursday 8th October for 9.15am for some information about how we teach phonics and early reading and some of the other class routines.

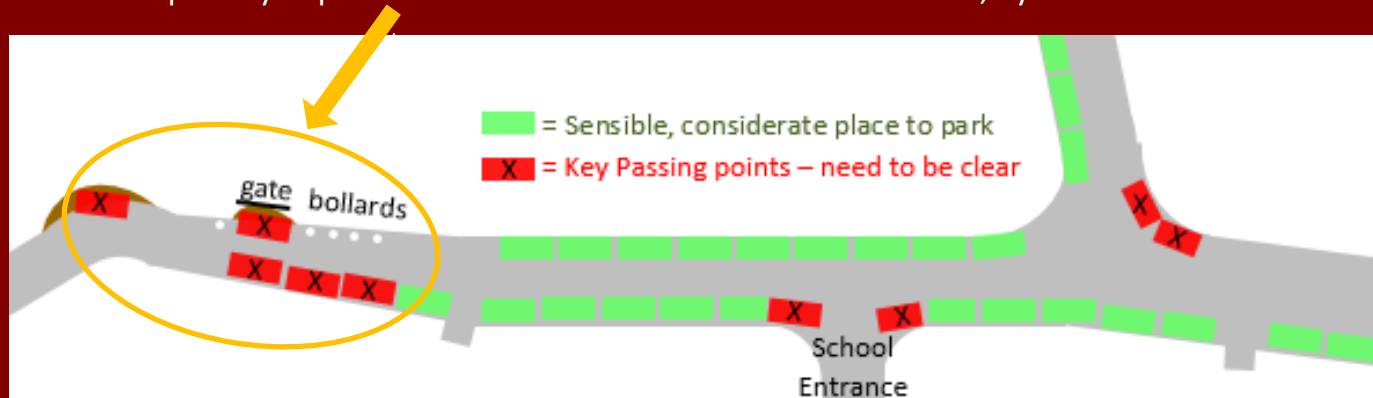
Drop off as normal and let your children go in. Once they have been registered, they will relocate to the hall and then Mrs Mason will come and get you from the gate – around 9.10am.

Benedict's Law and Allergy Policy

You may be aware of Benedict's Law which is about recognising the risk of anaphylaxis due to an allergy. This has come into force from September this year and I thought I'd update you. Firstly, we have developed an Allergy Safety Policy which is attached to the email with this newsletter for your reference. This details procedures and key approaches. The policy requires us to plan for those children with known allergies where there is a risk of anaphylactic reactions but also have regard for every child, staff member and visitor who could experience an anaphylactic reaction to an allergy they don't yet know they have. For this purpose, we have spare emergency Adrenalin Dispenser Pens (EpiPens) should they ever be required in an emergency. All staff have also received training to recognise symptoms of anaphylaxis. Our processes and procedures around lunchtimes, cooking in DT and those children with known allergies is all up together but we will share a little more guidance as the weeks pass over some areas, such as when children bring food in which they've made at home as a homework – more to follow!

Information for New Families and Reminders for Everyone

At collection, it can become congested outside the school. Please make sure you park, leaving enough access (think enough space should an ambulance need to come through). This is especially important in the narrow section below the school, by the bend.



The key principle is that everyone needs passing spaces. There should always be one in front of the school entrance (don't park over the bends) and the entrance to Oak Close. The areas below the school (to the left on the map above) by the gates also need to remain clear for access, they are not parking spaces. **Please do not park in the locations illustrated above – note that if you are rushed or late this does not mean you should choose one of these spaces.**