

Friday 23 October



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Dates for your Diary:

Mon 26-Fri 30 Oct - Half Term

Mon 2 Nov - INSET Closure

Tues 3 - First Day back

Weds 4 - Hedghogs on Meon Valley River trip am



Photo: Year 1 and 2 wanting to promote recycling



We end this half term on a windy, rainy day – those hot sunny days of September seem a distant memory! With the usual Halloween over half term, Squirrels children have become concerned over the wastage that happens once pumpkins are finished with. They have come up with some suggestions of how to recycle your pumpkins, if you intend to carve out the centres. Please have a look at a couple of the posters they have designed, attached to this email. They suggest:

New Policy re Mobile Phones

A new requirement for all schools from September 2026 was to have a Mobile Phone Policy, essentially to ensure they do not come to school. We have never allowed (or needed) mobile phones in school so nothing has dramatically changed for us. There are a few children who require mobiles as part of their ongoing health management and those families are already well aware of this. The policy also details other smart devices, such as smart watches. Some of these devices can record audio, or take photographs. It is our expectation that children do not use these functions at all if they wear the watch in school. There is a level of trust and responsibility around this, part of the encouraging independence aspect of our vision, and all children currently with these sorts of devices follow these rules perfectly. However, just so you know, if a child didn't follow these rules the device would be confiscated and returned to the collecting adult at home time.

- Collecting the seeds to eat
- Plant the seeds
- Feed seeds to the birds
- Make pumpkin popcorn
- Compost
- Make soup
- Make pumpkin pie

Reminder:

INSET Day
Monday 2 Nov

First Day back
Tues 3rd



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INSET Days left for 26/27

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

Communications this week:

- **Thurs** – Email letter to Hedgehogs parents re Geography trip 4th Nov
- **Thurs** - QR code slip for individual photos

New Lunch Menu for After Half Term

There is a new menu from our caterers for after half term. A link to this was sent home earlier in the week. Please note that on the document there are five options but only the usual first three will be available in school – the meat, the vegetarian and the alternating jacket potato/ tomato pasta option. We are not providing the cold sandwich lunch though I'd be interested to know if anyone thinks this might be a good idea to perhaps explore in the future. Drop us an email if you have thoughts.