HARVEST FESTIVAL
Tewkesbury Abbey service
Just to remind you that our Harvest Festival for Years 2 to 6 will take place at 2 p.m. on Wednesday 11th October at Tewkesbury Abbey. We will be happy to accept non-perishable items for the Harvest display, thank you to those who have already given so generously. This year, the food bank have put out a plea for the following items of food where their stocks are running low; BISCUITS, SPONGE PUDDINGS, SOUP, PASTA SAUCES, TINNED MEAT. Of course, they welcome any other foods but at the moment their stocks are running high of pasta, rice, baked beans and tinned tomatoes. Please can you ensure you return your reply slip detailing how your child will be getting home following the service, thank you.

Harvest Assembly – Wrens & Robins
The younger children in Wrens and Robins will be doing a short Harvest assembly on Tuesday 10th October from 2.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Parents are invited to join us. Letters with more details have been sent home to our Wrens and Robins parents earlier this week. We hope to see lots of you there!

PARENTS EVENINGS
We are pleased to invite you to our first Parents Evenings of this academic year. Appointment sheets will be available in our school office reception area from Monday for you to select a suitable time slot:
Monday 16th October 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
Tuesday 17th October 5 p.m. – 7.30 p.m.

SICKNESS ABSENCE REMINDER
Please may we remind you of our policy for sickness. Children can return to school 48 hours after the last sickness episode. Returning before this time will run the risk of spreading the sickness bug. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation with this.

YOUNG VOICES
Thank you to everyone who has returned their slips for Young Voices. Numbers have now been confirmed with the arena. Please may we remind you that the £9 cost of the coach must be paid for before the end of this term. Any orders for Young Voices merchandise or audience tickets must be made to the school with payment no later than Wednesday 22nd November, thank you.

FLU CONSENT FORMS
The flu nasal spray vaccinations are booked in for Wednesday 13th December for children in Reception to Year 4. Please remember to complete the online consent form to allow the Immunisation Team to administer the vaccine, thank you.

CLASS SNIPPETS
Reception class – Wrens – Miss Drake & Mrs Jeffreys
This week we have made leaf pictures using paint with sticks, small brushes and glue dabbers. We have made bonfires outside with big logs and pretended to toast marshmallows on the fire. Next week we might use ‘real’ marshmallows and learn some camp fire songs. We also went on a ‘listen and talk walk’ around the school grounds and tested conkers to see if they float or sink.

Year 1 – Robins class – Mrs Parsons
This week we have been writing about our visit to Batsford Arboretum. We have made water gauges to measure rain fall. In maths we have been comparing objects and numbers and using the language more, less, greater and fewer. We have been practising for our Harvest assembly and we are looking forward to presenting it to you next week!

Year 2 – Blackbirds class – Miss Vickers
This week we have written some super stories! We had a visit from two local PCSO’s; they told us all about their jobs, their uniform and why they are Superheroes! We all sat in a police car and listened to the sirens, they were very loud!

Year 3 – Magpies class – Mrs Dorehill & Mr Brixey
Magpies have worked really hard this week to complete their first BIG WRITE of the year! We have had lots to remember to make a super leaflet. In maths we have been looking at addition and subtraction using pace value charts to help us.

Year 4 – Owls class – Ms Rogers
As part of our science work on animals, we had a special visitor, Abi, who came to tell us all about the work of the Vale Wildlife Hospital. She showed us beautiful photos and told us interesting facts. We even met one of the hoglets! In maths we now have super skills, comparing and ordering four digit numbers.

Year 5 – Kestrels class – Mr Smith
We have been very busy in English this week preparing our persuasive poster (to convince people to leave Earth and live on Mars). Kestrels have found some great facts and will aim to use these to persuade!

Year 6 – Eagles class – Mrs Troughton
This week we have been multiplying three-digit numbers by two-digit numbers. We have completed our research on Dickens and were surprised that some of his most famous characters were based on his own childhood.
SPORT AT QUEEN MARGARET PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cross Country
The second Cross Country race of the term took place on the Vineyards yesterday. Well done to all our children who took part and thank you to everyone who came to support us.

PE Kit Reminder
Please may we remind all parents/carers to ensure children have a full PE kit in school every day. This must include a pair of pumps/trainers. May we suggest that tracksuit bottoms are included in PE kits now the weather is starting to get colder. Several children are missing out on their PE lesson as they do not have PE kit or suitable footwear. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
Please see below some key dates for this term:

October 2017
 Tues 10th  2.30p.m. Wrens & Robins Harvest assembly
 Weds 11th  2 p.m. KS2 Harvest Festival at the Abbey
 Tues 10th  Yr4 visit to Cheltenham Literature Festival
 Thurs 12th  Yr3 visit to Cheltenham Literature Festival
 Mon 16th & Tues 17th  Parents Evening 3.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.
 (Appointment sheets will be available from Monday 9th)
 Fri 20th  Last day of term – non uniform day £1
 Mon 30th  Start of term

November 2017
 Fri 3rd a.m.  Learning Together sessions* (Reading)
 Thurs 9th  Yr R & Yr 6 Heights & Weights
 Fri 10th a.m.  Learning Together sessions* (Writing)
 Mon 13th  Anti-bullying week
 Thurs 16th  QM Children In Need day
 Fri 17th a.m.  Learning Together sessions* (Maths)
 Weds 29th  Theme Celebration Day
* Further information to follow nearer the time

December 2017
 Fri 1st  3.30p.m. - 5p.m. QMPS Christmas Fayre
 Thurs 7th  Pantomime in school
 Wed 13th  Flu Immunisations Reception to Yr 4
 p.m.  Carol Service
 Fri 15th  Last day of term
 Christmas jumper day £1

January 2018
 Tues 2nd  Inset day – school closed to children
 Weds 3rd  Start of term
 Mon 8th  Young Voices – Genting Arena

NOAH’S ARK
There are currently spaces for children aged 2-3 years old at Noah’s Ark Children’s Centre. Please contact Emma Murray on 01684 276361 if you have a child in this age range and are interested in them attending Noah’s Ark then please contact Emma, thank you.

HOPP Coffee Morning
Thursday 26th
October 2017
Priors Park Chapel
930AM – 11Am
Small donation towards drinks
Plus arts and crafts for kids

Breakfast Club
The Breakfast Club runs every morning in the school hall from 7.40 a.m. to 8.40 a.m.
£2 per session or £6 per week
Healthy Breakfast
Cereals, juice and toast
Fun & games