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## European Day of Languages

We had a wonderful day last Monday celebrating European Day of languages. We learnt songs, numbers, Geography, History and many were treated to a food tasting session to fully immerse us in the culture of our country.



## Harvest Festival

Should you wish to support our Harvest 2024 collection then please read below for further information from Swindon Food Collective

**HARVEST DONATIONS 2024**

**WHAT WE DON'T NEED:**

We do not need pasta, cereals and shower gel.

**WHAT WE DO NEED:**

Regular sized Tins, Jars, Bottles, Cartons or Packets of the following:

*" Potatoes; Meat; Fish; Tomatoes; Soup; Vegetables; Fruit; Puddings; Pasta Sauce; Cereals; Small Jars of Coffee; Tea (40 bags); Small Bags of Sugar (500g); Biscuits; 1L Bottles of Squash; Washing Up Liquid; Toothpaste; Laundry Pods; 2 in 1 Shampoo & Conditioner; Male and Female Deodorants"*

We will be accepting donations from Monday 7th October until the morning of the 9th October.

Harvest Festival Service will be in the church on Wednesday 9th October at 9.15am



### Attendance up to 27th September

Class	Attendance
Pine Class	90.5%
Willow Class	98.5%
Silver Birch Class	98.3%
Sycamore Class	92.1%



## Message from Mrs Hendry

Dear Parents,

It has been truly wonderful to be back in school this past two weeks! One of the joys of working in a school is that once you are back it is as if no time has passed and you live very much in the present with the children. It has been so lovely to see them in their new classes and marvel at just how much they have all grown since I saw them last!

The school year has gotten off to a strong start with clear focus on this year's priorities which we will share with you in future newsletters. I am delighted to see both new staff and pupils settle in beautifully and are very welcome additions to our school family.

Mr Conlan and I led a very busy open morning last Friday for both parents of prospective 2025 Reception pupils and also those wishing to transfer to South Marston in the year groups where we have space. I am always very proud to show people around our school, hear their impression of our wonderful community and tell them all about what makes South Marston unique.

This week in school, we have been revisiting our expectations around conduct and behaviour. The staff at South Marston have a shared belief that our children's behaviour in school could and should be excellent. Our behaviour ethos of 'Ready, Respect & Safe' is clear with new mascots this year to help remind us of what each means. We have discussed 'calm corridors' and the conduct we expect to see during Worship with the children and also what positive behaviour for learning looks like in classrooms. Please be reassured behaviour in school is good with very few incidences that are dealt with quickly – however we have high expectations and want this aspect of school life to be the very best it can be to enable pupils to flourish and fulfil their potential.

Wishing you a lovely weekend when it comes.

Best wishes,

Mrs M Hendry

## Safeguarding when school is closed

The information below is from Swindon' Connect (formerly MASH) which may be of used when school is closed. Please note that school staff will have their 'out of office' notifications on and may not see messages that are urgent in this way. Please contact Swindon Connect (formerly MASH) if you are concerned about a child. If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please ring 999 and speak to the police. If are concerned about a child or young person: E-mail: [contactswindon@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:contactswindon@swindon.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01793 464646 (during normal office hours which are 8.30am to 4.40pm Monday to Thursday,

## Dates for your diary

- Wednesday 9th October**  
Harvest Festival—donations being collected 7-9 October, see above—9.15am Service in Church
- Wednesday 16th October**  
Reception and Year 6 Nurse Screening—more information to follow
- Thursday 17th October**  
School Disco—More information to follow
- Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October**  
Parents Evening—information has gone out
- Wednesday 23rd October**  
Non-school uniform day—raising money for music equipment—Please donate on ParentPay
- Wednesday 23rd October 2024**  
Last Day of Term—Normal finish time
- Monday 4th November**  
INSENT Day—School Closed to children
- Tuesday 5th November**  
Back to School—Term 2
- Thursday 7th November**  
Flu Vaccinations—more information to follow
- Thursday 8th November**  
Braeside Residential trip—Parents meeting 9.00 in the hall
- Thursday 21st November**  
Animal Care Talk by the Blue Cross
- Friday 29th November**  
PTA Christmas Fayre and Non Uniform Day
- Friday 20th December**  
Last day of term—12.30pm finish

