



PARENTS NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2016

Welcome to Billy

Panda class in KS2 will welcome Billy into KS2 next week. We look forward to getting to know you Billy.

Dates for diaries this term

Tuesday	11 October (7:00 – 8:30)	Autumn Disco
Friday	14 October	Harvest Festival
Thursday	17 November	Parents Evening
Friday	18 November (9:20)	Certificate Assembly
Friday	18 November	School Photos
Tuesday	13 December (am)	Secondary Performance
Tuesday	13 December (pm)	Nativity
Thursday	15 December	Christmas Lunch
Friday	16 December	6 th Form Christmas Lunch

Harvest Festival

You will see from the dates above that we will have our harvest assembly on 14 October. We will be joined by Barry from Jimmy's Night Shelter again and we will be donating our harvest offerings to them.

Hydrotherapy and school based swimming

Thank you for your patience over swimming sessions this term. Unfortunately, despite our comprehensive maintenance programme, last week we encountered two unexpected mechanical difficulties. We are working hard to resolve those as quickly as possible. Please be assured that pupil safety is our overriding consideration each day and we will swim whenever possible.

Several classes have invited parents to join their sessions with their own child regularly this term. This provides not only adult support but is a happy opportunity to enjoy the session with your child and also a chance to get to know school better. If you would be interested to do this please let your child's class teacher know in the diary.

Parent sessions

This term already we have enjoyed our first Saturday family session on Sherborne movement with Olga, our specialist teacher. Everyone felt it was a worthwhile and enjoyable occasion and so please do look out for the next date and join us if you can.

We have also begun our British Sign Language course for families and staff together and my public thanks to Enza for making this a reality. Enza is a former member of staff who is giving her time to Granta very generously, as so many volunteers do, all of whom make our school the special place that it is.