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Dear Parents,

On-line safety: I want to alert all parents to a free online chat website which has been brought to my attention. This website is only available to adults but we have had incidents of children using it. It allows strangers to have unfettered access to your child and in my opinion would be an ideal website used by someone attempting to groom children. The website is called **Omegle**.

It is probably a timely reminder for all parents to have a conversation with children about their online access and to monitor what content they are viewing and which chat rooms they may be visiting. If they are using Omegle, my advice is to block access to the website. I know we all share the same desire to keep our children safe both in the real world and the virtual one. Thank you.

Parking: As part of our continuing safety, I need to explain that we have to restrict parental vehicles access during drop off and pick up times, when the pressure on the carpark is potentially at its highest. We have disabled parking for those requiring it. For all other parents at the start and the end of the day, if you have to drive (and I urge everyone to consider whether they do have to drive), parking should not be on the school site. Thank you for your support and cooperation in this.

Open Days: Due to high demand, our forthcoming open day /visits to the school are now full. We are therefore setting up two more additional times of: **Monday 8th November at 1.30pm** and **Wednesday 10th November at 9.30am**. Please contact the School Office to book your place.

If you know of anyone who will be new to the school, with reception age children starting school next year, please urge them to get in touch to book an appointment as soon as possible.

Parent Evenings: On Wednesday 20th October and Thursday 21st October, we will be holding our Parent Evenings via the same virtual platform as we did last time. The feedback we had from these were extremely positive although we shall be extending the time for consultation. Details of how this can be booked will follow next week.

Harvest: We shall be posting our Harvest Celebration on Google Classrooms on Wednesday 13th October. We will also be acting as a Harvest Collection Point for Stroud District Foodbank. Attached to this letter are the details of the items they are desperately in need of. We shall take collections either in the School Reception or in class from **Monday 11th – Friday 15th October** and display the collection we have. Your support is greatly appreciated.

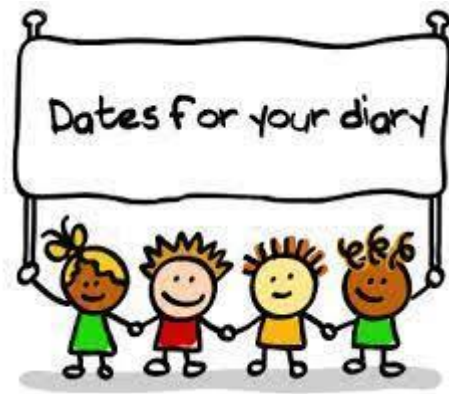
COVID 19: I have read that over 200,000 children in the UK missed school last week due to isolation. The pandemic is still very real and we will continue to do all we can to follow measures like those above to keep everyone safe. Thank you.

Christmas Fayre : This year the Christmas Fayre is going to be Sunday 21st November 2-4pm. It will be an outside Christmas Market; think mulled wine, mince pies, craft stalls, Christmas games and lots of festive fun!

The response to our request for help running stalls has been amazing! Thank you all so much, it really is going to be a whole school effort this year. From next week there will be a box in the Office for donations for the Book Stall and the Adult Tombola. Any unwanted books, smellies, chocolates, bottles and gifts will be gratefully received! Thanks!

Kind regards

A Ferguson
Head Teacher



13 th October	Harvest Assembly Performances on Google Classrooms
15 th October	Deadline for Foodbank donations
18 th October	Open Day 1.15pm
19 th October	School Photographs
20 th October	Open Day 9.30am
20 th October	Virtual Parents Evening
21 st October	Virtual Parents Evening
25 th – 29 th October	Half Term
1 st November	All Clubs after school to start this week
8 th November	Open Day 1.30pm
10 th November	Open Day 9.30am

