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Yew 1	Samuel G
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Oak 1	Oscar D
Oak 2	Chloe K
Cherry 1	Honey-Rose W
Cherry 2	Mason J
Beech 1	Elodie H
Beech 2	Charlie M
Maple 1	Bluebelle P
Maple 2	Orla T
Red 1	Shahnawaz M
Red 2	Ellis W

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Well Done!

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FROM MRS GASCOIGNE, HEADTEACHER

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

Thank you to everyone for their continued support with drop off and pick up. Please can I ask you not to congregate by the gates but to socially distance close to the walls. Also following the latest announcements, it would be advisable to wear masks at these times. Please can I ask EYFS and KS1 parents to leave the site as soon as possible after drop off and collection and not to stay around to chat.

The weather is turning now and it is becoming quite chilly. Please make sure that children have a coat each day, which is NAMED. Several people have approached me about lost sweatshirts - often these are not named. If we find one that is named we return it to the child. We are not collecting lost property at the moment. Please check all uniform to make sure it is named clearly. Children need to take responsibility for collecting items at the end of breaks and lunchtimes and after PE.

In addition, as we are required to keep the school well ventilated, we have open doors and windows. This means at times the school is chilly. Please ensure your child has **layers** on each day so that temperature can be adjusted as the day progresses.

We wanted to share some good news with you. Mr and Mrs O'Neill are expecting their first baby! We are so delighted for them. The baby is due in the Spring. I know you will share in their excitement.



I hope that you all manage to enjoy the weekend - it looks as if it will be sunny and dry! Enjoy kicking through those leaves, which are definitely showing us that Autumn is here!

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Contact the PTA via combedownpta@gmail.com
Contact the Prayer Group via prayergroup@combedown.com

Bath Spa University Teacher Training Programme

At our school, we proudly work in partnership with Bath Spa University in supporting their Teacher Training Programme. We are pleased to say that we will be having four student teachers this academic year, working alongside our Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y5 team. Whilst you are aware that we have strict control measures and risk assessments in place to make our school Covid-19 safe, we just wanted to reassure parents that our four students will be well informed and prepared. Before starting their school placement, they will have:

- Read and confirmed they understand the Bath Spa Community Pledge.
- Read and confirmed they understand the DfE's 'Guidance for the Full Opening of schools' document.
- Participated in discussions during University sessions about what to expect when they are on placement regarding the school curriculum and environment during Covid-19.
- Read and confirmed they understand our own school risk assessment and had an opportunity to discuss this with their school mentor.

We are really looking forward to hosting out students!

Virtual School Library

The National Literacy Trust NLT have launched a Virtual School Library to provide all primary school children in the UK with free access to an online book or audio book each week.

Every week, a popular children's author or illustrator will provide free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

Having access to the library is really important for children as they nurture a love of reading and can enrich children's literacy skills, academic achievements and mental well-being. As our school library is not able to be in full use at the moment, this is a great way to ensure that children are able to continue to access the magical world of stories!

Just click on the link below:

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/virtual-school-library/>

Thank you!


Upcoming Dates (subject to change, please always check the website):

October 2020		
06 OCT	Year 5 visit to SS Great Britain 🕒 08:45 - 15:15 📅 Year 5	📅 ✉️
23 OCT	End of Term 1, 3.15pm 📅 Term Dates	📅 ✉️
23 OCT	Inset Day - school closed to pupils 🕒 08:45 - 15:15 📅 Staff Training Day	📅 ✉️

Letters home this week:

Book Band System update	KS1
Obstacle Course	FS

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