



Bowness-on-Solway Primary School Newsletter



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Friday 6th October 2023

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A fantastic £175.50 was raised for this vital charity!
Thank you for such generosity.

Please Check for Nits

A timely reminder that everyone can be affected by head lice and nits (whether their hair is long or short) and many schools experience outbreaks at this time of the year. Please remember to check your child regularly and to treat where necessary).

Key Diary Dates

Thu 12th Oct – Harvest Festival, 13:30
Fri 13th Oct – Dress up day / movie night
Tue 17th Oct – Parent consultation evening
Fri 20th Oct – Last day before half term
Mon 30th Oct – Return to school
Wed 1st Nov – 1st of four Wednesday PE lessons with Mr Jefferson - Kestrels

Harvest Festival

Thursday 12th October, 13:30



You are invited to this year's Harvest to be held in the school hall. We are now accepting donations of food products which will be auctioned off by our resident auctioneer Ian G!

There are bugs going around! Children should be off school if they are unwell but otherwise please send them in.



Missed lessons can have a significant negative impact on learning due to the sequential nature of teaching.

Week beginning Mon 25th September

Owls: **100%** Ospreys: **96%** Kestrels: **96%**

Week beginning Mon 2nd October

Owls: **81%** Ospreys: **100%** Kestrels: **100%**

Parent Consultation Evenings

Teachers are available for consultation meetings on **Tuesday 17th October** from 15:30. Please see the booking slip which has been sent home and return it at your earliest convenience.

Eco Corner

Introducing our fantastic new Eco Committee!



Every child has been given a wildflower seed packet, kindly supplied by Eden's National Wildflower Centre. Huge thanks to Tracey Robbins for facilitating this.

Wildflowers Autumn Sowing

Can I really sow wildflowers seeds in autumn?

Yes, you can. In fact, the early autumn is an ideal time to sow wildflower seed. They naturally produce their own seed at the end of the summer and left to their own devices, they'll sow themselves in autumn anyway.

Sowing from mid-September ensures the soil is warm from soaking up all the summer sun – they'll germinate in a couple of weeks and then grow a few small leaves before hunkering down for the winter. Their roots will also be busy getting established so that come spring they should be raring to go.

On lighter soils, autumn-sown seeds generally germinate and establish quickly, although some will not come up until the following spring. This delay makes it advisable to wait until March or April on heavy soils, as waterlogging may cause the seed and seedlings to rot during winter.

Your autumn-sown plants should withstand anything Mother Nature throws at them in the winter but there's no harm in having an insurance policy, so sow some seed in the spring as well. That will also ensure you get flowers over the longest period possible.

<https://www.rhs.org.uk/lawns/how-to-sow-a-wildflower-patch>