



## Diary Dates

1st October 2021

Dear Parents & Guardians,

It is hardly believable that the school has now been back for almost a month and that children have spent four weeks learning and growing in their new classes! As we are now well and truly into the autumn term, please may I take this opportunity to request that warm, waterproof (and named!) coats are with children in school.

This week, we have celebrated the European Day of Languages as well as Merlin and Pendragon raising awareness of personal safety through the NSPCC's PANTS initiative. Each class were able to learn about their assigned country's culture, language and place in the world.



Thank you to all who have donated thus far to the Lord's Larder harvest hamper, we will be displaying your generosity in the coming days in the hall window. A list of appropriate donations can be found at: <https://www.ycstyeovil.org.uk/harvest-information/>

Next week sees the Scholastic Book Fair return to Countess Gytha Primary and on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October, the PTFA will also be in attendance at the fair in order for other

parents to meet our PTFA and understand the important work they do in supporting children here at school.



I would like you to join me in congratulating the following children who were recognised this week by their teachers for excellent hard work and dedication:

Pendragon – It is lovely to hear that Enes has remained on task all week and shown others the benefits of good sitting and listening, well done Enes.

King Arthur – Congratulations to Betsy who is this week's star for always being polite and sharing a smile. Praise is also due to Henry, who is this week's star worker for his superb efforts in maths, particularly column addition.

Excalibur – The worker of the week in Excalibur is awarded to Indie, who has tried exceptionally hard to use her punctuation learnt already this year in her extended write. The star of the week was awarded to Daisy-May, who has been a friend to any in need – lovely praise to hear, well done girls.

Lancelot – Well done to Isabella who this week has been a role model to other peers, assisting in learning and being a good friend to many. Bien Fait to Cole too, you are the star this week for being brave and tasting the French cuisine of snails – according to Cole, very garlicky!

Daisy-May and Freddie have been graded in their Karate classes this week and I am delighted to share that both have been awarded their orange belts – well done indeed! Sammie deserves a special mention too, for passing his level 5 in his swimming classes.

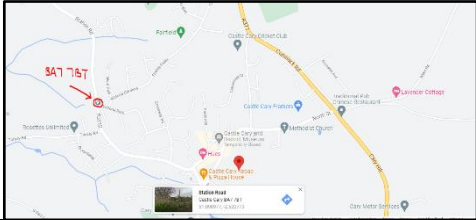



Mr Gordon





## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please note that this will be updated weekly.

Every Friday	 <h3>HEALTHY TUCK</h3> <p>Every <b>Friday</b> morning breaktime - 20p</p>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Lancelot Class Swimming
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Deadline to book school meals and breakfast club via ParentPay for week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Deadline to book After School Childcare via booking forms available from the office for week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October.</p> 
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>PTFA Autumn Fair</p> <p>See poster below for details.</p> 
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October, Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October and Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Scholastic Book Fair in School Hall from 3.30pm – don't forget, we receive 20% of all takings to put back into developing reading in school. Children will have opportunities in class on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> to attend the book fair and share a story together.</p> 
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Merlin and Pendragon Classes are hosting a Healthy Eating Café between 2:30 and 3:15pm. Please return the reply slip or contact the office to book a space.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Hello Yellow Day. See Poster below.</p> 
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Lancelot Class Swimming
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 1 and Reception Phonics Parent Meeting 5pm in the School Hall.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Deadline to book school meals and breakfast club via ParentPay for week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October.</p> <p>Deadline to book After School Childcare via booking forms available from the office for week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> October.</p> 

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Countess Gytha Lantern Parade – All children will have made a lantern as part of their Hellow Yellow Day activities. We would be delighted to parade them to parents at 3:15pm in the playground. Children will then be dismissed by their class teacher.</p> 
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Castle Cary Carnival and Lantern Parade – Please meet Mr Gordon at the marshall's gazebo, on the junction of Station Road/Victoria Gardens (BA7 7BT) at 6:30pm – don't forget your lantern! Please note, parents to accompany.</p>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Lancelot Class Swimming
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	In-person Parent Evening Meetings in all classes* between 3:40pm and 6pm. Details regarding booking will be sent in a separate email next week.
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	<p>Lancelot Class – 1940's Day Dress up as evacuees. Letter sent out 28/09/21.</p>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Telephone Parent Afternoon Meetings in all classes*. Details regarding booking will be sent in a separate email next week.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Evening Meetings. More details to follow.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<p>PTFA Fundraiser Mufti Day .. details to follow.</p> 
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<p>9am Bags2School Collection</p> 
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	In-person Parent Evening Meetings in all classes* between 5pm and 7:30pm. Details regarding booking will be sent in a separate email next week.
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	School will be closed on this day.
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	New Menu on Parentpay – to be uploaded shortly.
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	<p>Vision Screening for Y1 children Details to be sent out shortly.</p>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	<p>Lancelot Class visit to Nothe Fort, Weymouth. Please arrive in school by 8.20am, coach departs 8.30am.</p>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	<p>Children in Need 2021 More details to follow.</p> 



Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week 2021	
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Road Safety Week	

\*Parents' afternoon and evenings will be hosted by all class teachers. Merlin Reception children have already met with Mrs McLeod for the autumn term, so we request appointments are made only for Year 1-6 parents. If your child is in reception and you would like to speak further with Mrs McLeod, please arrange to do so at the school office.



### Breakfast Club and Afterschool Childcare

Please could all breakfast and afterschool booking forms be handed in to preschool by the Wednesday before you would like your child to attend for weekly bookings and by the last Wednesday of the month for monthly bookings at the absolute latest.



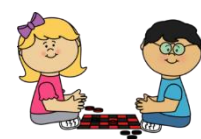
When booking, please use one sheet per month. For example, if the 1st is a Wednesday, please start a new form from the Wednesday onwards. If you have more than one child, please use separate booking forms and add the totals up separately, please do not put them on the same form.

Unfortunately, if we do not have booking forms in on time then we will be unable to except your child.

Emergency bookings may still be accepted if staff/child ratios can be met.

Thankyou,

Mrs Flagg



We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes. But the little things you do can make a **BIG** difference.

Wear something yellow to school on **Friday 8th October 2021** and donate **50p** to **YoungMinds**. Together, we'll show young people they're not alone with their mental health.



Because a little yellow... goes a long way.

[youngminds.org.uk/helloyellow](https://youngminds.org.uk/helloyellow)

**YOUNG**MINDS





## Welcome to It's Good to Grow

At Morrisons we want to support you to get the next generation growing, because the more kids know about how food's grown and made, the better they'll eat, now and in the future.

In this pack are some items to place around your school to tell parents and children that you're collecting.

Included are...

- An awareness Banner to place at the front of your school
- An awareness Poster to place around the school entrances
- A collection goal Poster to show parents and children the equipment you're collecting for
- A target Poster to update parents and children on your school's progress

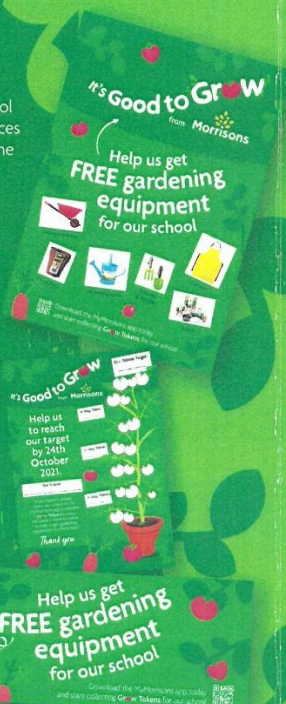
You also have your own school dashboard on [itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk)

Here you can...

- Find helpful resources
- View your token count
- See how many people are collecting for you
- View the products you'll be able to redeem

And much more!

Visit [itsgoodtogrow.co.uk](https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk) to download resources



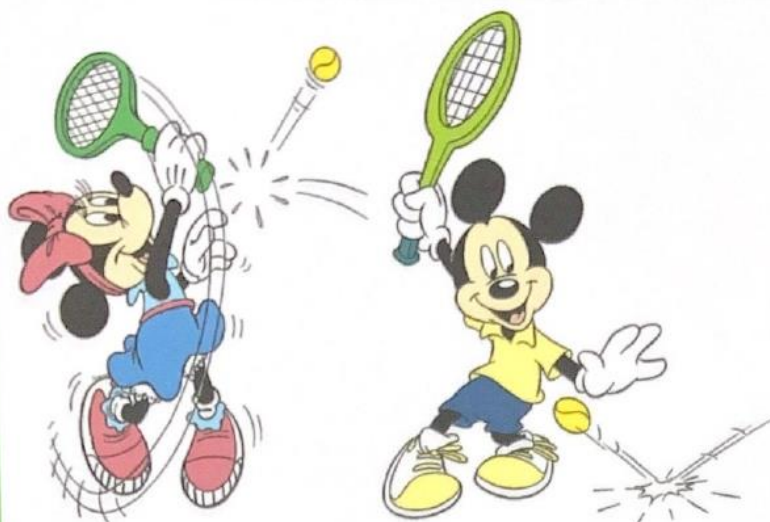
## How it works...

- 1 Morrisons customers download the MyMorrisons app
- 2 They sign in or register to MyMorrisons and select the school they wish to collect for
- 3 They scan the app at checkout or use online when shopping
- 4 For every £10 spent they will receive a **Grow Token** to donate to their chosen school
- 5 Your school can exchange your **Grow Tokens** for free gardening equipment after the collection period

## Grow Tokens can be exchanged for things like...







# TENNIS OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

Come and join our LTA-qualified tennis coach, Antonia Corp, at Queen Camel Tennis Club and discover the joy of playing tennis – it's great for mental and physical health and anyone can play – no experience necessary and you're never too young or old!

Free Open Morning for juniors' sessions (ages 5-18) – come and see what it's all about and discover if you're the next Emma Raducanu or Andy Murray!

**Please email Antonia for more info or with any questions, or to sign up!**

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**9am to 10am:  
Ages 8-10**

**10am to 11am:  
Ages 11+**

**11am to 11:45am:  
Ages 5-8**

**12-1 Meet the Coach and  
have a 10-minute  
assessment/hit**

## AUTUMN TIMETABLE

Monday 4:15-5pm  
Mini Red Performance  
(ages 6-8)

Wednesday 4:15-5pm  
Mini Red Improvers  
(ages 5-8)

Wednesday 5pm-6pm  
Mini Green  
(ages 10-12)

Wednesday 7-8pm  
Adult Improvers

Wednesday 8-9pm  
Cardio Tennis

Saturday 9am-10am  
Mini Orange  
(ages 8-10)

Saturday 10am-11am  
Juniors Mixed Ability  
(ages 11+)