



## Hello everyone and a very spooky welcome to the October newsletter!

The garden party on the 17th of September was a lovely day, and fun was had by all, as well as some enormous bunches of flowers for the staff! (thank you so much Julian) The weather was great, the atmosphere was a relaxing and enjoyable, and it was an honour for Manteca (my jazz trio) to come and play for this special event.

As well as your old favourites this month, I have got some very interesting and fun activities lined up for you. I will be getting us some pumpkins to carve for Halloween, and I am planning some autumn themed arts and crafts, also, some great trips and music events. 'Funny-bone' is going from strength to strength, whether it be chair dancing with scarves, fun with parachutes, balloons and fly swats, or skittles, it is a fun and energetic way to kick start your day and earn a hearty lunch! So I do hope you will find something that you can enjoy this October.

I have downloaded some really fun apps on the giant iPad in the dining room, and I would love to begin to show each of you how to use it to play jigsaws, chess, quizzes, mind puzzles, and also how to watch anything that you would specifically love to watch on YouTube. There is such a lot of fun stuff on the iPad for you to do, especially over the weekends, and it makes a great alternative to TV.

There will be four outings this month, two trips to Westonbirt Arboretum, and two boat trips on the canal, so don't forget to put your name down on one of the posters in the hallway near the front door if you would like to go. To that end, here are some photographs from one of our September boat trips just to wet your whistle, it really is a lovely day out. Cooking forward to sharing time

