

NEWSLETTER

Issue 2, Monday 2nd October 2017

Dear Parents, thank you for all your support at our Book Fair. We raised an amazing **£865.23**, this will give us **£460.00** worth of free books. This has been our most successful Book Fair to date and I would like to thank Miss Grogan for organising this and all the staff that helped.

HARVEST 2017

We will be celebrating Harvest this school year on Thursday 19th October (week 7), with Reverend Dickin and the whole school. Parents are invited to attend our celebration that will start at 1.45pm. Please see the letter attached for more details about our collection and celebration. Thank you.

Our school Value for October is INDEPENDENCE

This value gives us the opportunity to focus on the importance of *making decisions for ourselves* and taking responsibility for our behaviour and learning. Please use any opportunities to reinforce this value at home.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS – YEAR 6

Please can I remind **Year 6 parents that the deadline for secondary school applications is Monday 31st October.**

Any parent requiring help or support should see Miss Maryon.

Lost property: Please can I ask all parents to ensure all items of school clothing are labelled so that they can be returned to children. We already have a large number of new jumpers with no names!

Attendance – Every School Day Counts!

Thank you all for your support at the start of the school year. Our whole school attendance is currently **97.3%**. Please help us to reach our target of **97.5%**. It is essential children are not taken out of school during term time for non-urgent appointments or holidays.

Finally I am delighted to inform you that **Mrs Saunders** Year 5 Teaching Assistant is back with us!!
Kind regards, Miss Lavelle – Head Teacher

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2017-2018

Year 1 - Olaf and Bella
Year 2 - Polly and Harrison
Year 3 - Lyla and Eva
Year 4 - Mysti and Tom
Year 5 - Connie and Lily
Year 6 - Elizabeth and James

SCHOOL LIBRARIANS 2017-2018

Pupils from Year 5:

Ray, Amelia, Connie, Jaida, Freya, Oliver and Matilda.

Pupils from Year 6:

Toby, Daisy, Nieve, Evelina and Deryn.

HOUSE CAPTAINS & SPORTS CAPTAINS 2017-2018

At the start of the school year **House Captains** and **Sports Captains** were elected by the children following presentations. I am delighted to announce that the following children were elected:

HURRICANES

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Ellie / Elliott

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Daisy / James

MOSQUITOS

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Thomas A / Cameron H

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Maya / Cayde

SPITFIRES

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Oliver / Luke

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Toby / Lewis

TYPHOONS

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Aston / Deryn

SPORTS CAPTAINS

Harry / Harrison

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OPEN DAYS 2017 for new Reception Parents.

It is that time of year when parents look for a school for their child for September 2018. We have arranged our OPEN DAYS and would be grateful if you could help us to promote these. The dates are: 10.11.17, 16.11.17, 30.11.17, 15.12.17 and 09.01.18. **Flyers are available from the school office and further information is available on our school website.**

School Dinner payments for 2017-18

School meals must be paid for in advance; this can be done via SCOPAY. The new Edward and Ward policy is '**No money, No meal.**'

Late Collection

The school day finishes at 3.10pm for KS1 children and 3.20pm for KS2. We ask that all parents call the office and inform us as soon as possible if they are going to be late, so that we can pass on this information to the child and Class Teacher. Any child not collected before 3.25pm for KS1 children and 3.35pm for KS2 children will be taken to the After School Care Service and a charge of £5.00 per child will be made.

Parent Helpers

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Helper, hearing readers, supporting the running of our School Library or School Clubs, please register your interest with the school office. We are immensely grateful for the support we already receive but welcome any extra support or time that any parent or grandparent can offer the school.

Donate a book on your birthday – We would like to encourage children and parents to donate a favourite book on their birthday for their class. This will be shared with the children and is a great way to support our *LOVE OF READING* focus and an alternative to bringing in cakes and sweets. Thank you.

Hearing your child read at home

We place a very high importance on **reading** and particularly the partnership between home and school in establishing a culture of daily reading. All of our pupils have a reading folder and reading journal and we ask that you hear your child read on a regular basis, signing the journal to record that the reading is taking place. This includes all children that are 'free' readers and in Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. Thank you.



INFORMATION & UPDATES FROM FOMS

FOMS held their annual AGM meeting last week at school and I am delighted to announce that they have a comprehensive plan of fun events and activities for this school year for the whole school community to enjoy. *Please see the school website for more information and for how money was spent last school year.*

FOMS dates:

Children's Film Night:

Friday 14th October 2017 (5.00-7.00pm)

Winter Festival & Santa's Grotto:

Saturday 25th November 2017 (12.00-3.00pm)

EASY FUNDING:

Please register at

www.easyfundraising.org.uk to support the school in raising money every time you shop at a wide variety of stores including AMAZON, JOHN LEWIS, M&S, ARGOS... If you would like more information please visit the FOMS page of the school website.

THANK YOU

FOMS have provided new BLUE MEREWORTH WATER BOTTLES for this school year. All money raised generates a pot of money for our playtime equipment. To date the scheme has raised **£400.00** for new equipment that has been ordered for this school year. Thank you for purchasing a new school water bottle.