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Newsletter – 13th October 2017

This week it has been wonderful to see some of our older children in Key Stage 2 step forwards and share their many wonderful qualities with our school in order to be considered for our new House Captain and Vice Captain roles. Our pupils have focused in on their own strengths and thought carefully about what they could each bring to these new roles. Speeches were written and nerves were set aside to deliver those speeches to the rest of the school. I think the skills our children have shown by taking part in this process have been fantastic – public speaking, persuasion, democracy – all qualities, skills and values we need in the world. I am very proud of every single child who put themselves forwards – the winners of each role are announced later in the newsletter.

Please can I mention our Harvest appeal for which further information can be found below and remind everyone that school is closed to pupils next Friday as it is Teacher Training Day.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Suzie Wilson - Head Teacher

Harvest 2017

As we head into October we will be celebrating the harvest season and we would like to think of those who are not as fortunate as us. We would like to ask for donations of food to come into school next week – tins and packets only please - nothing fresh or perishable. We will hold a mass in school on Thursday October 19th to give thanks to God for all that we have and we will then be donating the collected food items to the Leamington and Warwick food bank later that day.



Diary Dates

Key Dates

Friday October 20th – school closed – inset day

Mass Dates

19.10.17 – 10am Whole School led by Y6 at school to celebrate Harvest

Open Afternoons

Thursday November 2nd and November 9th 2pm-3pm – open afternoons for prospective parents

Secondary School Admissions

Parents of children in year 6 the deadline for secondary school applications is October 31st 2017. You can apply for a secondary school place online

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>

Our partner secondary school Trinity have already held their open mornings and evenings but if you would still like to see the school you can call them to arrange this – visits are warmly welcomed.

Silly Socks Day

Next Thursday, October 19th, we are asking all children to wear a pair of silly socks along with their school uniform in order to raise funds for our 'Let's be Friends' project. We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 per child or £1.50 per family but whatever you can give would be appreciated. This project is very exciting for our children to be a part of – we have made a link with a refugee camp in Erbil, Iraq and our aim is to promote understanding and share messages of hope.

Attendance

Our attendance target is 96%

Reception – 93.5%

Yr1 – 95.2%

Yr2 – 96%

Yr3 – 94.6%

Yr4 – 94.8%

Yr5 – 98%

Yr6 – 95%

Whole school – 95.4%

Whole school since September – 96.3%



House Captains & Vice Captains



Our houses are based on flowers which go hand in hand with our patron Saint Therese and children will receive house points for fabulous work, great behaviour and displaying our virtues and values.

Roses

Bluebells

House Captain is Eloise McCarthy

House Captain is Tyrone Duke

Brian Stokes as Vice.

Lucie Bidmead as Vice.



Lilies

Sunflowers

House Captain is Tobey Phipps

House Captain is Elisa McGarry

Rosie Brown as Vice.

Ronnie Peters as Vice.



SchoolComms

We are a cashless school – please ensure you have signed up to schoolcomms so that you can pay for dinners, trips, music lessons, after school clubs etc. If you need any help signing up for the system the school office can help you.

Primary Admissions

If you have a child whose birthday falls between 01.09.2013 and 31.08.2014 you need to apply now for a primary school place for your child in September 2018. Apply online at <http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applyforschool>

Closing date for applications is 15th January 2018. Please note the Admissions Policy and how the places are allocated.

Priority is given to baptised Catholics as we are a Catholic school.



We also invite prospective parents/carers into our school to meet our staff and see our fabulous children in action on November 2nd and November 9th between 2pm & 3pm. Our outstanding Y6 children will take you on a tour of our school and give you an idea of who we are and why our school is such a wonderful place to be.

Spooky Half Term Events

There are lots of Halloween themed events on at the Market Hall Museum in Warwick and in libraries across Warwickshire this half term. They have lots of art and craft activities including arty tots and the chance to design your own creepy family crest as well as a revolting recipes food event. Further information can be found at www.heritage.warwickshire.gov.uk Some events are ticketed and tickets need to be purchased in advance so please do check their website.

Children in Need 2017

Two wonderful young ladies in year 5 came to see me this week to ask if school could fundraise for Children in Need as they felt like this was a good cause and something they wanted to get involved with. I was very impressed by the commitment to helping others and the initiative shown by these young ladies and am more than happy to get involved. Mary-Geraldine and Lizzie would like everyone to put the date of November 17th 2017 in your diaries as Children in Need Day and ask that everyone has something spotty ready to wear that day.



The earth is fruitful may we be generous. The earth is fragile may we be gentle. The earth is fractured may we be just. Creating God, harvest in us joy and generosity as we together share in thanks and giving.