

Newsletter 7 - Friday 18th October 2019

Dear Families,

Autumn is in full swing with the weather we've been having, all the fallen leaves around and listening to the children's wonderful singing in preparation for our Harvest Festival next week. We had a special Harvest lunch menu on Wednesday which consisted of a traditional Cottage Pie or Vegetable Pie which all went down very well with the children (and I especially enjoyed the Vegetable Pie!) Next Friday, the children will enjoy a special Halloween lunch which I'm sure they will enjoy just as much.

Multi-Skills Festival for Key Stage One: This was a great success and all the other schools that attended loved our school and thought our children were brilliant. They represented us so well and we were very proud of their behaviour and sportsmanship - well done Year One! See photos below.

Parent Survey: The results of the parent survey have been evaluated and we are absolutely delighted with the results. Thank you first of all for taking the time to complete the survey but also for your positivity, it means a lot to myself and the staff, particularly that 100% of parents would recommend our school. Please see the results of the survey on the additional sheet.

Parent Governor: Thank you to all those who voted for this, it was great to see so many of you want to make your voice heard. As the newsletter goes to print in the morning, the count had not taken place; therefore, the results will be announced via text.

Official opening of Fruit Orchard & Allotment: This was a lovely event attended by the Argos representatives that did all the hard work, the school and the Burton Mail so we're looking forward to reading that article! We will let you know as soon as we are told when the article will be in the paper and online. We shouted a great big thank you which we hoped reached all the way down the A38 to the Argos Burton Depot to all the other workers that helped but we're unable to come to the opening. We look forward to watching it all grow over the coming year!

Reception Class Photograph: All schools were asked to send in photographs of their new Reception intake's first class photograph to the Burton Mail. It will be published on **Wednesday 23rd October**. Don't forget to get your copy! Also on the subject of photographs, the deadline for returning your child's photograph order to school has been extended to Wednesday 23rd October.

Harvest Festival: Our Harvest Festival is on **Thursday at 2:30pm**. The children have been rehearsing and it is sounding great! You are in for a treat! Following on from my text earlier this week, please send in any non-perishable food donations from Monday onwards. These will be displayed and make a focal point for the Festival itself. During the Festival, Paul Laffey will accept the donations on behalf of the YMCA and explain what they are used for. Dig deep into those cupboards and anything that has a shelf life into the new year will be greatly received. Many thanks.

Pre-owned uniform rail: Don't forget to send in any pre-owned uniform that we can add to our rail. For a small donation, it's a great way of having a backup cardigan or jumper! The rail will be

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out at our Harvest Festival so do come and have a browse, most things have hardly been worn and look brand new. Not only a great way to save money but also a great way to support our sustainable lifestyle.

Little Stars After School Club: I am delighted to let you know that the Little Stars Club will now operate from school as of **Monday 4th November**. Hours of operation are 3:15-5:30pm at the moment but do speak to Kirsty (Club Manager & Leader) if you have different requirements. On Monday 4th November, Kirsty is running an open event so parents can drop in and see what's on offer. As the club has use of the school's facilities, there will be opportunities for the children to use the playground, both halls and a designated classroom with IT facilities. At £7 a session including refreshments, this really is a great deal! We are so happy that Kirsty has chosen to run the club from here and know this will make it even more convenient for parents who require after school care. If you want to find out more please contact Kirsty on: 07487 638083.

Harrier Award: This week the teaching staff in Reception Class have chosen Youssef Alsaramigy for using good manners when working as part of a group. Youssef sits quietly while his friends speak and has the confidence to also share his own ideas. In Class One, the teaching staff have chosen Wills Willett for fantastic listening during English lessons and producing some very neat writing. He also did really well during our Spelling quiz. Well done to both Youssef and Wills, you are working so hard!

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday for the start of our last week of this half term - where has the time gone?

Mrs Hopkins
Head teacher



Class One having fun at the Multi-skills Festival last week with the parachute and table tennis which were just some of the many activities!