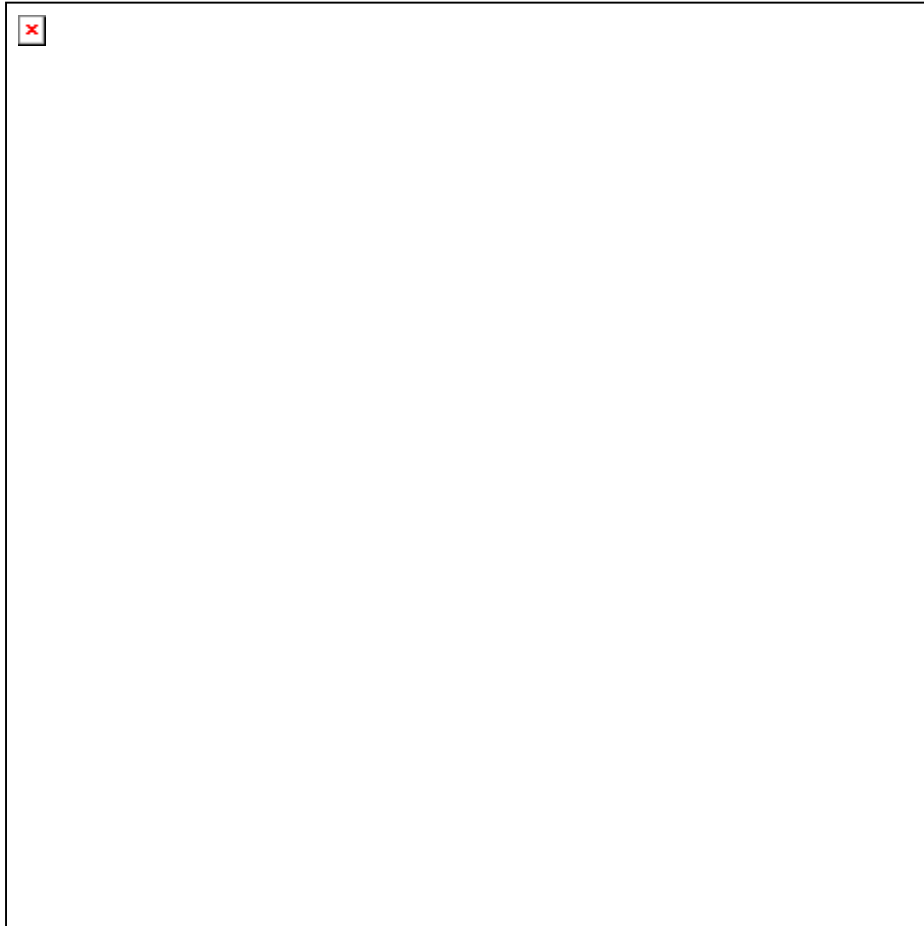


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Dear Parents,

Thank you for all of your support for the Harvest celebrations this year! Lots of dry goods were collected for the Open Door charity and enough money was raised by selling of the fresh produce to buy 5 goats for an African community supported by OXFAM.

Half term falls in this month and this seems a good opportunity to remind you all that the school will also be closed on Friday 20th October for staff INSET. The first day back after half term will be Monday 6th November.

We had a fantastic Super Learning Day on 21st September and information about learning styles and how your brains work will be available at Parents Evenings on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th November. I think you will find it really interesting to find out how you, yourself best learn!

Kind regards,

Kirsti Nelson
Headteacher

School Prefects

I am very pleased to announce the appointments of my 2006 Prefects. They are Jessica Walford, Hamish Wilson, Andrew Mundy, Jessica Chaffey, William Hull, Joe Walton, Sam Blows, Michael Palmer, William Sebastianelli, Bethany Mooney, Jasmine Parsons and Lucy Lidster-Drury. They wrote me fantastic letters of application to be awarded the position and have already attended their first official duty. I'm sure you will meet them when they take you to your appointments at parents evening in November.

After School Club

There will be a letter coming home tonight informing you of the opening of our After School Club. I hope that this will be a useful service and help parents with childcare needs. Please see the accompanying letter for more details.

Jeans for Genes day

As you are all aware, Jeans for Genes day will be on Friday 6th October and we will be raising money for the charity to enable them to help children with genetic illnesses. The children will need to pay a pound to entitle them to wear their jeans to school. They do need to wear their school sweatshirts on the top though however they can wear shoes that go with their jeans if they wish!! There will be collection boxes and stickers in each class.

Christmas Cards

If you are one of those really organised people who is already thinking about Christmas, just hold fire on buying all of your Christmas cards. All of the children will be designing their own Christmas cards in class which a company called "Art Projects For Schools" will print for us. The designs will come home for you to see and if you wish, you can order your child's card which will have their name printed on the back! What a way to impress the people on your Christmas card list!! More information will follow in the next week. The company will also make a donation to the school for each pack ordered

Jeremy Browne, MP has also asked us for children to do some designs for his Christmas card. The theme is the "Snow Queen" and entries will need to be in by Thursday 19th October for judging. The Gazette have also asked us

to provide budding artists. If your child would like to enter for either, details are available at the office!! It would be a great honour if one of our pupils is selected!!

Book Week

The Book Fayre will be open every night after school from Wednesday 11th October until Tuesday 17th October. The children will have the opportunity to work with a real author during the week and also to dress up as a fictional Character on Monday 16th October! I hope the costumes are coming on well!!

Peter Davidson will be the Author who will come in on Thursday. He has written a book called Professor P and the Jurassic Coast and Kelly Mckain is the author in residence on Friday. She has written many books including the Mermaid Rocks series.

The school book club for year 5 and 6 will meet to discuss our summer holiday reads on Thursday 12th October.

Cool Milk

It is brilliant that so many children are taking advantage of the opportunity to have milk in school. This is provided by a company called Cool Milk. They have advised us that the milk now being provided is semi skimmed as directed by the government.

School Photos

Tempest will be in school on Thursday 9th November from 8.00am. If you would like to have sibling photos taken, please notify the office. Individual child photos will be taken during school time. They will then be back in time to be used as Christmas presents!

FOSS

Plans for the Christmas Fayre are well underway at the moment. If you have any good quality toys and books for the toy stall, we have already started collecting. Please catch Nicky Winkworth in the playground who will give you details. The committee work tirelessly to raise additional funds for the school which all children benefit from. If you would like to help them, they are always looking for new members and helpers.

I would like to say a big thank you to everybody who help and particularly the committee who are Nicky Winkworth, Cathy Wilson, Heidi Thorne, Louisa Sweet and Janet Coates.

Old School Uniform

If you have any old school uniform (particularly sweatshirts) that your children have grown out of and are still in good condition., Could you pass them on to school so we can run a second hand uniform service . We hope that the uniform can be sold at the FOSS after school cake sales and the proceeds will go to the school. What a fantastic idea! Thank you Mrs Berkley.