



## Autumn Newsletter 5 30th September 2016

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week of prayer, singing, giving thanks and fund-raising this week, as well as plenty of other learning! Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in our wonderful Harvest Service and Macmillan fund-raising activities. Your support is very much appreciated. Dove Cottage Hospice were delighted to receive all the Harvest Boxes which some of the Owl Ministers and I delivered yesterday afternoon.

The Owl Ministers' collection towards a Church flagstone raised £20.07.

I am delighted to announce that the Macmillan Coffee Morning and Cake Sale raised an amazing **£256.46**, over £100 more than last year's event. The lucky winner of the cake raffle was Olivia White. Congratulations to Mrs Garnett and Sycamore class for their brilliant fund-raising. And a big thank you to everyone who contributed for your generosity and support at this annual charity event.

### In class this week

#### Holly Class

##### Reception, Years 1 and 2

Holly class have been discovering all about Harvest this week. They learned a special poem and the song, 'Big Red Combine Harvester', in preparation for the Harvest Festival. Every child in Reception class was formally welcomed into the Waltham school community at the Service and received a presentation Children's Bible, kindly sponsored by 'Bibles For Children' and the St Mary Magdalene Church, Waltham.



#### Oak Class

Oak class have been undertaking assessments in reading, maths and grammar this week. They worked hard on their Harvest Festival performances and learned the song, 'What A Wonderful World' with actions. They have been writing and acting out play scripts. In Science Oak class have been building circuits. The children have also been busy designing and making their own castles.

#### Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been working on Myths in their Literacy lessons this week. They have undertaken an assessment in Maths. They have also been busy preparing for the Harvest Festival and Macmillan Coffee Morning, making invitations and posters to advertise the event. The class also had their regular Dance, Spanish, ukulele, PE and DARE sessions this week.

### Hockey Tournament

Good luck to the children who are taking part in the hockey tournament at Melton today. We look forward to hearing all about it!

### Student Visitors

There will be two Year 4 students from Nottingham Trent University joining us throughout next week for an introductory visit prior to their placement with us after half-term.

### School Census

Next Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October it is the School Census Day. To assist funding of the free school meal initiative, all Key Stage 1 children (i.e. all of Holly class) will be ordered a hot meal that day, unless specifically requested not to do so.

Children in Oak and Sycamore class are also encouraged to try a hot lunch on that day at the usual price £2.20 per child. Please order through the school office. Thank you.

### Lost Property

Two medium-size hoodies from Oak class have been mislaid. Please check at home and see if your child has brought home an extra one by mistake. Thank you.

### Viking Challenge

Redmile's Viking Challenge cycling event is this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October. Registration opens at 8am and closes at 10am. Full details at [www.vikingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.vikingchallenge.org.uk) or visit the Facebook page.

### Reverend Beverley

Reverend Beverley is retiring and some of us said our farewells at the school Harvest service this week. The children presented her with a beautiful hand-made card and some gifts to remember us all by. We wish her and David all the very best in their exciting new chapter.

### Workshop for Parents

#### Early Years Foundation Stage (Reception Class)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm to 3.45pm

There will be a short workshop for Reception Class parents, to help you support your child's learning, on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 3.15pm to 3.45pm in Holly Classroom. All Reception class parents are welcome.

Wishing you all a happy and relaxing weekend.

Mrs J V Hopkins,  
Executive Head teacher.

