



Autumn Newsletter 5
29th September 2017

Dear Parents,

A message from the Interim Head teacher

Thank you for the warm welcome I've received from parents, children, staff, governors and the community. I am delighted at the way school is settled, working incredibly hard and still moving forward despite this time of slight change. I've been impressed by the resilience of all children and staff.

There's an exciting buzz around school and it is indeed a vibrant village school.

I would like to thank you as parents for your generosity regarding the harvest donations, and to all the children for producing such wonderful harvest boxes.

I would also like to express my thanks to the children who are currently busy making and decorating cakes for the Macmillan coffee morning. How wonderful!

Your continued support as parents is highly appreciated. The children are a credit to the whole school community.
Mrs Jatinder Sembi

Message from Louise Imm, Chair of Governors

I wish to inform you that Mrs Hopkins will be off school for a further two weeks. She has had a minor operation and has been instructed to rest for a further two weeks. She has told me to tell you all, she is missing school terribly and can't wait to be back. In her absence we will continue to be covered by Acting Executive Headteacher Mrs Sembi.

We all wish her a speedy recovery.

Miss Geeson's baby

We have just heard the good news of the arrival of Miss Geeson's baby boy. We wish her and her family well. More news to follow as we get details!

Reception Class Photo – Grantham Journal

The Grantham Journal will be coming into school on Wednesday 4th October to take a photograph of this year's Reception class for their special 'Starting School' supplement. If you do not wish your child to take part in this, please let Mr Jackson know. Thank you.

Individual / Sibling photos

Wrates photographers will be in school on Tuesday 10th October to take individual and sibling photographs. Please make sure your child is wearing tidy school uniform and has their hair brushed that day. Sycamore and Holly class should also bring in their PE kits for Dance. Thank you.

In Class this week

Beech Class

This week in Beech class, the children have been recognising and making repeated patterns in maths. In literacy, we have been looking at the book 'Farmer Duck' and acting out the story for Harvest. In Read Write Inc, we have learnt the sounds e, l, h, sh, r. In project-based learning, we have been looking at our pets.

Holly class

In Holly class this week we have been very busy. In literacy, we have been learning about proper nouns and common nouns, as well as describing the setting for our Traditional tale. In numeracy the year 1s have been adding two single digit numbers together by counting on, using either their fingers or a bead string to help them. The year 2s have been adding and subtracting tens and finding number facts for 100 using a bar model. We have been preparing for our harvest festival as well as baking and decorating cakes for the Macmillan coffee morning. Phew!

Oak class

This week we have been working with Sycamore to design, make and decorate cakes in preparation for the Macmillan coffee morning. This also links to our project based learning topic as we are looking at how we can help people. In literacy, we have been using our speaking and listening skills to practise for the harvest festival. In maths, we have been using compact and expanded addition.

Sycamore class

We have been designing, making and decorating cakes for the Macmillan coffee morning. In maths, we have been continuing to develop our knowledge of fractions. In literacy, we have finished our book reviews based on our class novel and are busy typing them up to send off to Redmile Primary School for the children there to read before they start on the book.

A reminder regarding spare clothes on PE days

On PE days, please ensure your child **has a waterproof coat and a change of socks / shoes / trainers** in case they get wet on the field. Thank you.

Harvest Boxes

Thank you again for your donations for the Harvest boxes which were beautifully decorated and generously filled. After being displayed in the church during our Harvest Service yesterday they were delivered to Tescos for the Melton Storehouse food bank.



Special Lunch Days Menu

School Food Support are offering two special Lunches:

Menu on Census Day, Thursday 5th October:

Sausage, chips and beans with jelly and fruit for pudding.

Menu on Thursday 12th October:

Chicken pie and gravy

Farmhouse Cheese Flan/ Roasted Vegetable Wrap

Mashed potatoes, New potatoes

Carrot batons and broccoli

Salad platter, Farmhouse slice

Apple and winterberry crumble with custard

Chocolate sponge cake

Please order in the usual way via the school office (free for Holly and Beech class children, £2.20 for Oak and Sycamore children). For harvest, please specify if your child would prefer one of the vegetarian options, otherwise we will request chicken pie. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you for your support at the Macmillan Coffee Morning this week. We hope you enjoyed the delicious bakes that your children made and decorated. We raised an amazing £200.00 from the sale of tea, cakes and the weekly cake raffle tickets so thank you!

Girl's Football tournament

The Year 5/6 girls had a fantastic afternoon last Friday taking part in the Girls football tournament at Asfordby Amateurs Football Ground. The girls played brilliantly and their sportmanship and teamwork shone through during every game. It was a nail biting end as we played Redmile for third and fourth place, with a 0-0 score at full time, which meant going to a penalty shoot out!

We came third overall with Isla and Aureenna both scoring penalties, with a brilliant save from Olivia.

Congratulations to all the girls who played, you should be very proud of yourselves! Also, a huge thank you to Mr Smith for his support managing the team.



School Nurse Drop-In Sessions - change of date

Our school nurse, Tamsin Lenton, will be offering a monthly drop-in session for parents at Waltham Primary School, on the third Wednesday of each month from 2-3pm. The sessions will provide an invaluable opportunity to discuss, in confidence, any health concerns or issues you may have about your child.

Due to half term being on Wed 18th October, there is a drop in session at Melton Mowbray hospital 2pm-4pm on Monday 16th October. Alternatively you can contact Tamsin directly on 01664 855561 for an appointment during half term week.

Year 6 Assembly - message from Mrs Sembi

The year 6 children performed an assembly on the theme of Respect to the whole school. It was exceptional in its presentation and performance. I was very proud of all year groups and really impressed with their responses as well as their behaviour. Well done everyone!

Wishing you all a great weekend,

Mrs Jatinder Sembi
Acting Interim Head Teacher