

# St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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***A reminder that next FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER is an INSET day so the school will be closed to children on that day and there will be no breakfast or after school club on that day.***

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Harvest Service:**

We're now into Autumn with some seasonal rain to go with it. We did, however, have some lovely weather to start our week with our walk to St Mary and St John church for our first service of the year, our Harvest Service. We had our usual warm welcome from Father Phil and his team and the children shared harvest thoughts, prayers, song and dance. Thank you to those who were able to take the time to support this and thank you for your harvest contributions for donating to The Porch which provides meals for vulnerable people locally. We are still taking donations so any spare tins, biscuits, coffee, tea, pasta etc. are warmly received. We'll collect all through next week.

## **Parent Teacher Association:**

We had our Parent Teacher Association Annual General Meeting on Monday evening where we heard an excellent report of all the past year's activities which raised nearly £13000. This is wonderful and a huge credit to the work of our amazing PTA. It's great to have such impressive fundraising but the overall impact of our PTA on our school community is significant. The sociable weekly teas stalls and sharing assembly refreshments are all led by our PTA. Our PTA is also a good chance to share ideas about how we can work together to improve our school or share what's going well. Please come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 13 November at 7.30 to find out more. I often comment on our PTA coming out as the star of the show when compared with many other schools I've worked in. Thank you.

## **Eco Council:**

I've received a large number of wonderful applications by letter and poster for a role as an Eco Councillor this year. We feel that we can do lots at school level to raise awareness of the environmental agenda and reduce waste. Our children are amazingly well informed. On this theme; a plea for reducing lost property which becomes volcanic each term! Very little lost property is labelled so we cannot return it. We do recycle but we'd prefer the items to go back to their rightful owners. Please label clothing – a marker pen works fine if you don't feel like the job of sewing on name tapes!

## **Cycling in school:**

Thank you for respecting the no cycling in school sign. This was a request from a parent at our last PTA meeting as this parent felt there was some erratic cycling on the school premises.

## **Parent Consultations:**

These will be on **Tuesday 26 November from 3.30 – 6.30** and **Wednesday 4 December from 3.30 – 6.30**. Further details will follow nearer the time.

## **Christmas Play:**

The Key Stage 1 led play will be performed in the school hall on **Tuesday 17 December at 2.00** and **Wednesday 18 December at 10.00** in St Mary and St John church. The rest of the school will sing carols and the choir will perform too. Again, further details nearer the time.

Please check our school website for further dates and class teachers will send out information about class specific trips.

Best wishes, Liz Burton