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Our Harvest collection. Thank you for your generosity.

Harry Potter Day

We are having a Harry Potter Day on Friday 13th October. It is a major school development focus for us to promote and support reading wherever we can, and this day should highlight this wonderful set of books and hopefully enthuse some new readers. To make it a little special, we are encouraging all the children to come into school that day wearing their best Harry Potter costumes. For younger children, who might not know about the series, they can wear wizard, witch or magician costumes as well. All children in costumes are asked to donate £1



which we will then spend on school books (larger donations are always welcome). If you do donate you will be entered into a raffle with some great prizes. First prize will be a ticket for a family of 4 to visit Harry Potter studio tour, other prizes include: Waterstones vouchers, Dobby Lego set, Harry Potter story cubes and a Harry Potter colouring/sticker book. This should be a lovely day to inspire some more new readers of this popular series.

The school kitchens are also cooking

Harry Potter cup cakes for lunchtime that day.

Coming Into School

Can I please remind parents that you really mustn't just walk into school and go to see a teacher in their classroom at the start or end of the school day unless this has been pre-arranged. Aside from the safeguarding challenge that this presents, it also makes it quite difficult for staff who have early morning groups to work with, meetings to attend and resources to prepare.

We will always want to support parents, and have time to listen to concerns and ideas. However, it really is best to book an appointment through the office, or catch the teacher to arrange a time when they are collecting in the mornings or letting the children out in the afternoons. You can also contact them via Dojo to arrange an appointment or to ask a simple question.

Thank you for your support in this.

Harvest Festival

Thank you all so much for sending in all the items for the Harvest Festival today. The items will be very gratefully received by Gatehouse and will support families who are struggling with the cost of living. If you did miss the chance to send anything in, then you still can since we will not be sending the boxes of donations to them until later this week.

This is a very worthy cause, so please be as generous as you can afford to be.

Staff news

As some of you further up the school will know, on Friday we said a temporary goodbye to Mrs Nicholson. She is leaving us to have her baby, we look forward to seeing the baby pictures and her returning to Year 6 later in the year. In the meantime Miss Covill has already started covering her role with the Jaguars class.

We also have a two day a week position for a Teaching Assistant in Year 5 for Thursday and Fridays. Details of this post are available on the school website.

National Poetry Day

Alongside the other events this week to share, on Thursday 5th October it is National Poetry Day, so the children might well be involved in some class based poetry at some point that day. I know that some children have written some lovely poetry already this year, and we will find some way of sharing great examples of these with you all.

New Website

Hopefully you've all managed to get a good look at the new school website. The school calendar section is now the route you should take to see a full list of diary dates for up-coming events. As these are updated very regularly, these will no longer be included in the school newsletter. Therefore you should check that you can access this page of the website. Aside from this, there will be a growing number of documents being made available to parents to help you support your child's learning.

Donated furniture

We have been very grateful to a company called UL in Cambridge, who kindly donated loads of free furniture to the school last week. This has enabled us to put some sofas in the library, Reception classrooms and the Year 6 reading area. It has also enabled us to add adult furniture across the school, which we have used to improve the staff areas and the entrance foyer of the school.

House Points Trophy

Congratulations the Diamonds and Rubies houses for winning the last two week's House point trophies.



Visiting Author

On the 16th-19th of October, we have arranged for KS1 and 2 to have a writing workshop experience with author C. S. Clifford. The children in all year groups will receive a writing challenge followed by class workshops linked to the visiting author's books.

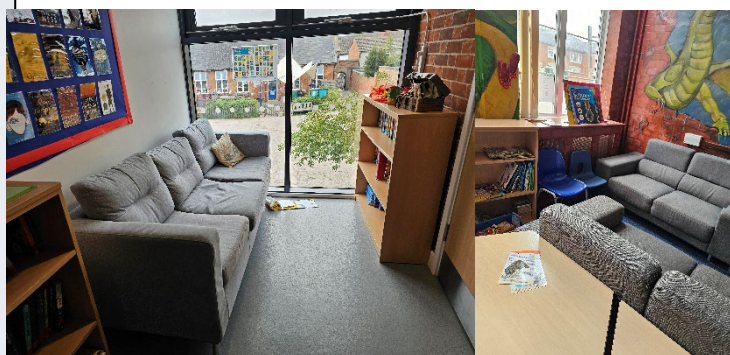
He will be available to buy signed copies of his book every day afterschool in the playground. Please see the attached flyer.

Reading Workshops

It was great to so many parents attend the two phonics workshops delivered this week by Mrs Thompson. These were really informative events that should have clarified the methods that the school uses to develop phonics in the early phases of the school. If you were unable to attend then please let us know and we will be able to direct you towards suitable materials to assist you.

Parent Governor Post

Please be aware that we have a position available for a Parent Governor at the school. The closing date for applications for this important role is 16th October. Please look out for the letter from the office detailing how to apply for this post. If you would like to find out more about this post then please come and speak to myself or the school office.



As I mentioned in the last newsletter, we have also been developing the outdoor courtyard area. Please see the picture below to see how this lovely new learning space in the school looks.



Friends of Feoffment news

The Friends are planning a number of events this term, the next being a Halloween event on the 31st October. If you would like to be part of planning this and future events then please feel free to come along to the Friend meeting tonight at the Dog and Partridge at 7pm.

Update from The Mix

We have been rolling out the new breakfasts in The Mix for the last couple of weeks and these have been popular with many children. If you would like to upgrade your morning provision to include breakfast for your child then please get in touch with the office.

In other Mix news the children have been practicing their sewing this week. Below are some pictures of what they have been doing.



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