**Headteacher Update**

**Friday 27th September 2024**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a fabulously fun finish to our week with the PTA sponsored bounce this morning. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported this event to raise money to replace our large playground equipment. We have been staggered by how much some families have managed to raise! When all predicted funds have been sent in, we should have made over £2000, which is AMAZING! We will keep you posted on the final figure next week.

**Drop Off**

Please can we remind parents and carers that children from Year 1 onwards should be left at the green gate to walk independently to their classrooms. Only parents of reception children should come through the gate onto the pathway. This includes dropping scooters and bikes off at the bike shelter. Becoming independent is an important part of the children’s learning which is why, from an early age, we encourage them to organize their own resources and learn to follow routines.

On the occasions when children are upset or injured, we will always take care of them and escort them into their classrooms. Equally, we will pass important messages onto teachers. But we ask parents not to walk to classroom doors to speak to staff or to show children into their rooms as this can disrupt the busy start of the day. Furthermore, it can send mixed messages and cause upset to other children whose parents follow our rules.

We thank you for your support with this matter.

**Library Visit**

Children in Year 4 enjoyed their visit to the local library today. Miss Heath reported that they all showed a genuine interest in all that the library has to offer, and they represented school beautifully with their wonderful manners and sensible behaviour. Well done Year 4!

**Harvest Assembly**

Our junior children (years 3 – 6) will be taking part in a Harvest Festival at Emmanuel Church on Monday 7th October. We would like all children to bring one item to be donated to the food bank as part of the celebration. Children do not need to bring more than one item, as they will have to carry this to the church. Thank you.

**Attendance**

Congratulations to children in Reception, who have won our class attendance competition for the first time this year with 99% - well done!! They won a sweet treat which they were given this afternoon.

Reception: 99%

Year 1: 87%

Year 2: 96%

Year 3: 91%

Year 4: 94%

Year 5: 93%

Year 6: 92%

Whole school attendance is 94.9%.

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards,

Mrs C Harrison and Mrs L Guy

**Dates for your diary:**

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| **Date** | **Event** | **Time** | **Classes involved** |
| Monday 7th October | Harvest Festival | 1.30pm | Years 3, 4, 5, 6 |
| Tuesday 15th October | Parents’ Evening | 3.30pm – 6pm | All years |
| Thursday 17th October | Parents’ Evening | 3.30pm – 6pm | All years |
| Friday 25th October | Break up for half term | 3.15pm | All years |
| Tuesday 5th November | PTA Fireworks Night | 5pm – 7pm | Community |