

## Parents' Autumn Newsletter No: 4

### Harvest Service

Thank you to Year 3 for a lovely Harvest Service and to all our families who were so generous. The Shoe box tally reached 70+ and these are to be collected over half-term by the Rotary Club. Over £80 was raised to 'Send a Cow' to Africa and we received substantial produce which was gratefully accepted by L'Aumone Residential Home.



Thank you to Mrs Sarah Baker, Mrs. Michaela de la Mare, Mrs Claire Frith and Mrs Gillian Cowley-Grimmond for delivering all the produce and all PTA members that gave their time to sort and check the shoe boxes.

### PTA –AGM

The Annual General Meeting was held last evening and was well attended. We have five new committee members and the names of the full committee will be circulated once finalised. I am extremely pleased to inform you that Mrs Michaela de la Mare has kindly agreed to be Treasurer and Mrs Cowley-Grimmond will be our Secretary.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Sue Patch for her excellent service to the PTA over the years and for acting as Treasurer for an additional year following the resignation of our Treasurer designate. Also, I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Joy Knight for her years of service to our school and for undertaking the difficult task of PTA secretary.

### 'Been There- Done That'.



Please do all that you can to support the PTA by completing as many challenges as possible from the task list. Completed and partially completed envelopes with funds enclosed should be returned by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November which is the Friday after half-term.



Those forms which have been fully completed will go forward to a draw with the winner of the draw receiving £50, the second place £30. Also, pupils that return a completed envelope will go forward to a separate pupils' draw with a special children's **prize**.

### Christmas Performance DVD

We are hoping to film the Christmas Nativity and Carol Service. Please complete and return this slip below:-



**I would buy a Christmas DVD if one were made available.**

### PE and Games Kit

I am sorry to report that there has been little improvement in the number of pupils that are arriving at school without the correct sports kit. Just this week I noted eight pupils from one class missing their PE as they had no kit. This is really not acceptable as PE and games are a vital, legal aspect of the school curriculum and imperative in developing healthy, balanced pupils.



You can help by ensuring that they have the correct kit for games, PE, and swimming. If there is a satisfactory explanation why your child should be excused PE, Games or swimming please be kind enough to send in a letter for the teacher concerned.

### Shoe-laces

We are seeing a significant increase in the number of pupils who cannot tie/untie shoelaces, even as far up the school as Years 5 and 6! Staff have to spend considerable time tying laces at the start of each lesson or before a match.



I understand that Velcro fastenings are easy and quick but tying laces is a vital skill that all pupils should have mastered before the age of seven.

**URGENT Please teach your child how to tie their own laces over half-term if they have not yet mastered the technique.**

### Please Collect Nestle Box Tops



We are collecting Nestle box top coupons which the school can exchange for books for our Library. Please will you cut these from the various cereal boxes and other confectionary labels and place them in the special collection box in the main entrance.

**Goodbye and Thank you to Mrs Veloso** Mrs Veloso is leaving our school having been a super Infant Lunch-time Supervisor for the past three years. We wish her all the very best.

Thank you,  
K.M. Hinshaw

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Name.....

Signed.....