

29th September 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Collective Worship

Our theme for this term is love and compassion. Children will also be covering this in class as part of their PSHE, RE or Class Collective Worship. Our bible verse is: *'Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.'* Ephesians 5 verse 1

Class Awards

Class awards will be given out next week, as the Biggest Coffee Morning was held today.

Harvest Service at St Mary's Church

All children and families are invited to the Parish Harvest Service at St Mary's Church on Sunday 1st October at 9.30am. Everyone attending is invited to bring an item of produce, fresh or tinned, which the children will be asked to bring forward to the altar at a special time during the service. The gifts will be delivered later by the church to the Salvation Army in Bicester to be distributed to families and people in need. The money collection in church is being donated to FCN which helps farming families in difficulty.

Children not attending the Parish Harvest Service on the Sunday are invited to bring gifts to school on Friday 29th September and these can then be taken to church for the Sunday.

Rainbow Restaurant

We have been trying to improve the lunchtime experience for all our children and have sought advice from Paul Evans. Paul is an Executive Health Consultant from School Health UK. As a result of his recommendations we have purchased new colourful table cloths and cutlery buckets. We wish to make it more of a restaurant experience and so are calling it the **Rainbow Restaurant**. Paul was very complimentary about the quality of food on offer for all our children. The food is healthy and provides a well-balanced nutritious lunch. Research is available that demonstrates a strong correlation between a nutritious lunch and concentration levels in children in the afternoon. It is much more difficult to provide this in a packed lunch.

I am thrilled that all of our Butterflies are having a hot lunch and would like to encourage the Owls and Dragons to do the same – **it is free**, why not? Think of the money you are wasting by not taking up this offer! Next Thursday is Census Day and we get funding for EYFS and KS1 hot school lunches taken on that day. To encourage you the kitchen are planning a Harvest Themed Hot Lunch. Fresh Start have said that you may order a lunch just for that day. It may encourage your child to have a free hot lunch and then we have the funding if you decide that your child can have a hot lunch in the future. If you would like to book, please contact Fresh start on 01869 [226675](tel:226675) / support@freshstartcatering.uk.

Water is available on all the tables for all our children and is much better than sugary drinks – so you don't need to include a drink in your child's packed lunch.

Harvest Festival

On Monday 16th October in the afternoon, we will be having our School Harvest Festival in St Mary's Church. You are welcome to join us for this service and we will be requesting food donations for the Bicester Food Bank. Further details will follow next week.

PTA Film Night

Flyers for the PTA Film Night on Thursday 12th October will be going out in book bags today. As this is a PTA event, payment must be by cash or cheques made payable to "Marsh Gibbon PTA" only.

Biggest Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

A big thank you to all children, parents and carers for your support at our Biggest Coffee morning today, including generous donations of cakes, cookies, biscuits etc! It has been a very busy and successful event and we will let you know the amount raised very soon.

Bake Off Competition Winners

Thank you to all children who entered a cake into our bake off competition – the talent was very high and our judges had a difficult decision!

In first place was Genevieve in the Owl Class.

Runner up was Hailey in Foxes.



A special mention to Abigail (Hedgehog) and sister Adora (Owl) for their wonderful contribution also.



Well done to you all!

The Tallest Cake Competition Winner

Thank you for all your guesses for this competition! The correct height of the cake was 94cm and the winner with the closest guess of 104cm is Mrs Buckle. Congratulations, you can collect your winnings from the school.