

2nd October 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

Class Awards

The Awards Assembly will be held on Monday, due to photographs being held in the hall this morning.

Update on Building Work

Please see important information attached regarding the building works and access to the school.

Year 5 & 6 Fundraiser

As part of their RE Learning, the Eagles and Foxes will be holding a fundraiser for Burkina Faso, Christian Aid Linked with St Mary the Virgin Church, today, Friday 2nd October, from 2.30-3.30pm, in the school hall.

The children have been working very hard in planning and organising this event and will be running various stalls for you all to enjoy.

It would be wonderful if you could show your support for their efforts and we very much hope to see you here.

Scholastic Book Club

Mrs Crowther (parent) has kindly arranged the Scholastic Book Club in the past and would now like a volunteer to take up the task.

It's easy and doesn't take up much time and Mrs Crowther can show anyone taking it up how to do it. If you are interested, please message her on 07876113224.

School Harvest Festival Service

On Friday 9th please join us for our first special school harvest festival celebration in St Mary's Church at 2.30pm. All our children will be involved in this service and you are warmly invited to join us.

We invite you to bring gifts of fresh or tinned produce to the service. These will be delivered afterwards to the Salvation Army in Bicester to be distributed to people in need (children can bring these into school in the morning to take with them to Church). If you are able to join us then you may collect your child/ren from the Church after the service, otherwise we will walk children back to school for normal collection.

St Mary's Harvest Service & Lunch

Also you are invited to the St Mary's Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 4th October at 12.30pm and to stay for a Harvest Lunch in the church at 1.15pm. There is no charge for the lunch but donations are invited and all profits will go to the Salvation Army.

Travelling Book Fair

The Travelling Book Fair will not be in school next week as planned, due to the limited access to the school hall. We apologise for any inconvenience.

Music

If your child is in Years 4, 5 or 6 please could they bring a recorder to school for music next week. Miss Pardoe will be teaching recorder to the Hedgehogs, Foxes and Eagles. If your child hasn't got a recorder we do have a few spare ones in school but for hygiene reasons we would prefer them to have their own.

School Governors

According to our Parent Questionnaire many of you are unaware of what our Governors do. So to address this we are including information in our Newsletter.

Mr Peter Ferens, Governor – A Profile

Born in Newcastle upon Tyne and brought up in Southern Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) and Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. Educated at Terrington Hall and Sedbergh schools and then at the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies, Edinburgh University.

I worked as a vet in mixed practice in Selby, Yorkshire and then in Bicester. The latter practice was mainly large animal at first and slowly changed to mainly small animal by the time I retired in 2007. Personally I was a large animal (farm & horse) vet, but also doing my share of consultations in the practice centre in Victoria Road, Bicester.

I have lived in Marsh Gibbon for 42 years. My two sons both attended MG school, but I have to admit that I was not a frequent visitor to the school at that time, due to early start and late finish at work.

I was invited to become a foundation governor in 2010 and I accepted so that I could finally give back to the school the time I missed earlier. I am thoroughly in favour of the school's expansion to enable the school to survive, but realise that any major expansion will cause worry and problems for parents, staff and governors. We must persevere through problems to reach the ultimate goal of stable pupil numbers and high pupil achievement.

PTA Updates

PTA Marsh Masquerade Saturday 17th October 2015

The PTA are holding a Marsh Masquerade on Saturday 17th October, from 7.30pm, at Marsh Gibbon Village Hall. There will be a live band, raffle, games, nibbles, bring your own drinks and food available from Howe & Co Fish & Chip if you wish to purchase food. The dress code is black tie/lounge suite and masks are optional! Tickets are available from Katy Kelly on 07780 670607, at £20 each. Forms have been given out in book bags.

The PTA would welcome any donations of raffle prizes for the event please; they can be brought in to the school office. Thank you.

PTA Merry-go-Round Today, Friday 2nd October 2.30pm, School Hall

The PTA Merry-Go-Round takes donations of pre-loved school uniform and sells it at very reasonable prices.

All items will be available to view and purchase in the school hall from 2.30pm, do pop along and see what we have to offer.

Enclosures

- Important information about next week.
- Netball /Hockey Academy Information

Calendar Dates:

- Friday 2nd October – School Photographs
- Friday 2nd October – Year 5&6 Fundraiser, School Hall from 2.30pm
- Friday 2nd October – PTA Merry-Go-Round, School Hall from 2.30pm
- Sunday 4th October – Harvest Lunch at St Mary's Church
- Friday 9th October – Year 5 Hockey Tournament
- Friday 9th October – School Harvest Festival, 2.30pm at St Mary's Church
- Saturday 17th October – PTA Marsh Masquerade Event
- Tuesday 20th October – Harvest Tea at School for Senior Residents
- Friday 23rd October – Last Day of Term
- Monday 2nd November – Back to School