

A NOTE FROM MRS HEFFER

This week we have been focusing on Harvest and the act of giving:



AND SO THE WINNING CONTINUES! – This week the netball and football teams yet again won their games. Mrs Heffer and Mrs Pallot were the sporty pair this week, escorting the teams to their tournaments in the absence of Mr Teasdale and Mr Collett. Clearly their loud and very enthusiastic yelling from the side line had the desired affect! A great game was had by both teams where challenge was with determination. More detail in the match reports is now available on the school website with some great pictures of the players in action. Well done to all the players involved.

SING ALONG HARVEST WAS A GREAT HIT! – Yesterday the children delighted a hall filled with parents and grandparents and lifted the roof with their enthusiastic singing and Harvest poetry recital. The children clearly enjoyed entertaining their audience and much fun was had when the grown ups showed willing and all joined in with our favourite Harvest action songs. We would like to thank parents for their very generous donations of produce towards the local food bank. The perishables and home grown produce this year were a sight to behold with so many wonderful home-made goodies on offer. The auction of produce raised an incredible £158 which will all be donated to a charity chosen by our school council. Well done to all the children for singing with such gusto and speaking so clearly. A wonderful first concert of the academic year that our youngest pupils were very keen to be part of.

URGENT! - It is with great concern that we need to remind parents once again about the importance of ensuring your children do not walk or run across the carpark at the end of the school day. Following an incident earlier this week when a young toddler ran out through the main gate and almost came into contact with a car coming into the carpark, we feel it is vital that you are made aware that this is a real issue and need your support to address it. Please could we also ask parents with young children to keep them close. A young pre school age child was found, by a member of staff, running up and down the narrow alleyway behind the school kitchens. Please, please work with us to keep your children safe! Thank you.

BARN DANCE IS FAST APPROACHING - Don't forget to buy your tickets for this fund raising event which will be great fun for all the family! Tickets are now available from the school office. We look forward to seeing you there!

HALF TERM ALREADY? - Indeed, there goes the first 6th of the academic year and how quickly it has gone. It has been a busy and exciting time with a lot of new children joining us as well as a new member of staff and of course the launch of Fabulous Friday has seen a real change to the end of a typical week. We look forward to seeing you all back with us on Monday, 31st October.

CANCER RESEARCH FUND RAISER – Well done to our year 6 girls for a most successful and well run organised cake sale which raised an incredible £96.42. A big thank you to all those cake bakers out there who helped to make this a great success.

PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS- After half term the staff will be preparing for the parental consultation meetings which will be due to take place the week beginning 7th November. Please be sure to sign up for when you can attend a meeting. The sheets with available times and dates will be displayed in the school foyer as from Monday, 31st October. As previously, if you are unable to make any of the dates and times available or you are unable to pop into school to sign up for a meeting, please feel free to contact the office where Mrs Read or Miss Braddon will be happy to find a date for you. Thank you.

Year 6 Secondary Transfers: URGENT! There are still 3 children left to apply for a secondary place. Please do not miss the deadline which is the 31st October 23.59pm. If you do not apply on time there is a chance they may not get their preferred school.

Fabulous Friday T-Shirts shrink with tumble drying – Unfortunately we have had a few reports of t-shirts shrinking when they've been tumbled dried – so please may we ask parents not to dry them this way if possible? Thank you.

Tempest photo's orders - back to the school office by 1st November with your cheque payable to Tempest Photography. If you miss this deadline, you may post your order direct to Tempest but this will incur a £4 postage/late payment fee. Alternatively you may wish to place your order online and information on this is given on the attached sheet under 'to place an order.'

Plea from Mr Anderson – Mr Anderson would like any old kitchen utensils (pots, pans, spoons etc), guttering, and any old tyres. Pop in and speak to Mr Anderson in Puffins if you can help. Thank you.

WE WISH YOU ALL A LOVELY HALF TERM!

Club News

1. **Netball with Mrs Woodrow** – There are matches coming up over the next few weeks and so netball **club will continue for years 5 and 6 children only** - from 31st October until 28th November (5 weeks).
2. **Basketball club with Mr Teasdale and Mr Collett** – letter sent home with children. Starts 7th November until 12th December (5 weeks).
3. **Animation with Mrs Pallot:** This week was the last week for the current group. The second group starts on 3rd November and runs until 1st December (5 weeks)
4. **Archery / Crossbow with Go Active** will commence on 4th November. There are spaces available – please enquire at the school office if your child is interested.
5. **Street dance with Go Active** – unfortunately due to low numbers this club will not now run. Go Active have made refunds to parents. In some instances they have returned cheques and requested a new cheque be written out to cover the 2 sessions that the children did have.
6. **Cross Country** – continues until 9th December (please speak to Mr Teasdale if your child is in KS2 and would like to join.)
7. **KS1 football with Go Active** – continues until 29th November with the current group of children.
8. **Gymnastics with Go Active** – continues until 30th November with the current group of children.

RAK club nominations: Well done to Oscar McConnell who has been nominated by another child for being seen helping another child in need at playtime. Well done also to Lily Murphy who had been nominated by Mrs Heffer for offering to give one of her items for the harvest festival to another child who had forgotten. Well done to our Random Acts of Kindness pupils.

TEAM POINT CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK – Well done to these children for gaining 50 team points so far this term: Shannon Hennessy, Grace Macindoe, Theo Michell, Philippa Kneebone, Lily Murphy, Poppy Davies, Sophie Woodrow, Tom Woodrow, Saul Warr, Mawgan Howell, Noah Farrell, Harry Baker, Noah Butler, Florence Dodge, Jonah Hampton, Tallulah Tidman and Florence O'Neill. Well done to the following pupils for gaining the silver certificates for receiving 100 team points so far this term: Eli Guimaraes, Sol Guimaraes, Amelia Vincent and Miles Cameron.

FOPS UPDATE

Just a reminder that tickets for the **Ceilidh Barn Dance** on Friday, 11th November are available to purchase from the school office. Adult tickets are £5 and children are £1. Live band "Whippletree Ceilidh", BYO refreshments and there will be a BBQ selling burgers and hotdogs. School Hall from 6.30pm-9pm. Hope to see you there in your dancing shoes!

Also, for information, this years **Christmas Fayre** will be held on the 2nd December. If any parents or your friends would like to have their own stall, please can you let myself, Rona King or Susie Matthews know in advance so that we can plan room layouts etc. There will be a £10 stall contribution payable on the day.

Further details to follow!

Have a lovely half term break! Sarah McConnell, FOPS Secretary