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'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
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Dear Parents

School Lunch Dinosaur Competition

Congratulations to William Castle who won the dinosaur colouring competition last week.

Photographs

A reminder that all children will have their individual photograph taken next Thursday morning. If you wish your child to have their photograph taken with brothers or sisters then there will be an opportunity for this before school. The photographers will be in school from 8.30 a.m

Volunteers Meeting

Thank you to all the parent volunteers who attended the meeting and offered their services in school. We really do appreciate the help and support.

New Computer Network

Our network which runs our classroom (curriculum) computers is extremely outdated and decided to die on us last term. As a result the children have only been able to work from and save to individual hard drives and we have only been able to teach a limited ICT curriculum for a few months now. We are pleased to announce that a new Vanilla Server is being installed in school next week with new classroom computers in Reception and Year 1. This will enable the teachers and the children to work much more efficiently and enable us to teach the children the email and online elements much more successfully.

Unfortunately things like this do not come cheap and is costing the school approximately £11,000 for the server, computers, updated licenses and versions of Windows and the installation.

Travelling Book Fair



The Travelling Book Fair will be in school from Thursday 18th October until Wednesday 24th October. The fair will be held in the school hall and will be open from 3.00pm until 3.45pm every day. Travelling Books will be sending books suitable for children of both Infant and Junior age and they always have a super range available, with many books in their 'bargain' book range with prices starting from £1.00. The school will be earning a good rate of commission from the fair so we are hoping to be able to stock up our classroom book boxes with some lovely new books afterwards! We are hoping to see as many people as possible popping along to see what is available - you might find the perfect book to keep your child occupied over half term!

Dates to Remember for the Next Two Weeks

Parent consultations - Tuesday 16th October

Open Day for prospective parents 2013 - Wednesday 17th October (9.30 - 11.00 and 1.30 - 3.00)

The Travelling Book Fair in school from Thursday 18th until Wednesday 24th October (3.00pm - 3.45pm)

School Photographs - Thursday 18th October

Harvest Festival - Friday 19th October 9.15 am (For a maximum of 2 family members please)

2K Parent Lunch - Monday 22nd October at 12 noon.

Parent Consultations - Thursday 25th October

Break up for half term - Friday 26th October

Reception Class Nativity

A few Reception parents have been querying the date for the nativity. This will be held on Wednesday 5th December at 2pm.

Workers of the Week

Our well deserving children for 'Worker of the Week' this week are:

2K - To be advised next week

2M - Mollie Harrington for fantastic story writing

1W - Emily Hall for working hard to write a story

1S - Benjy Mills for an excellent story of the Three Little Pigs

RR - Amelia Whiteford for fabulous reading

RL - Johnny Thompson for super reading

Keep up the super work children!

PTA

We hope you enjoyed the coffee and chat on Wednesday morning. The Reception children did a wonderful job of entertaining the parents with their songs and were very brave when they had to say goodbye and return to class. Thank you to the PTA volunteers who enabled the event to go ahead.

Boden Fashion Show to be held at school - Thursday 25th October at 7.30pm

Children's pumpkin / Halloween party at the village hall - Friday 26th October

Mrs Bird' Retirement

After spending the last 25 years crossing our children safely over Station Road, Mrs Bird will be leaving us on Friday 26th October to enjoy her well earned retirement. She has worked through all weathers to ensure our children are kept safe, so we would like to say a huge thank you and good luck. Parents, old and new are invited to contribute towards her leaving present. Donations can be sent to school in a labelled envelope in your child's book bag or brought directly to the school office. Thank you in anticipation.

Barton Bonfire and Firework Evening

This popular annual event is taking place on Saturday 3rd November. Gates open at 6pm, bonfire lit by the Cubs and Beavers at 6.30pm and the firework display will take place at 7.15pm. Adult tickets £6.50, children £3.50, family tickets £18 (2 adults and 2 children), extra child £2. There will be hot food and drinks, gift stall, sparklers, Spin Off (Fire Eaters), bouncy castle, Walton Lions Rifle Gallery, Farm Yard Favourites, Jolly Jesters Slides and Lazy Turtle Clothing.

Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend
Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer
Co-Headteachers