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'Our children blossom through nurture & challenge'
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Dear Parents

Harvest Festival

Thank you to all of the parents and relatives who attended our harvest this year. The children sang beautifully and certainly made us feel very autumnal. Thank you also for the kind donations of food which made our harvest sale a huge success. A few year 2 children will be delivering half a dozen harvest hampers to a number of elderly residents in the village on Monday, while the rest of the food was sold to many kind parents. From the sale of this we raised £83.47 which will be donated to the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal, supporting vulnerable children in the African state Rwanda.

Book Fair

Many children and parents have enjoyed browsing through the books on offer at the book fair this week. If you haven't had chance to visit yet then it will be in the school library after school Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Bug Club Online Books

Mrs Moore has been busy trying to get the children's online books up to date so that the children can once again gain access to them, but unfortunately she has been experiencing some technical difficulties. We apologise for the delay and hope to have this up and running again after the half term break.

School Calendar

The PTA are kindly producing another calendar for 2013 with photographs of all the children. A huge thank you to Mr Morley, our caretaker, who will be taking the photos during next week.



We would appreciate support of parents by asking you to send your child to school with a prop, by Wednesday 24th October, to match the theme for the month of their birthday, as follows:

If your child's birthday is in,

January please can you bring in, hat, scarf, gloves for a winter theme

February, red clothes and love hearts for a Valentines theme

March, toy lambs, rabbits and flowers for a Spring theme

April, umbrellas and wellingtons for a rainy theme

May, we will use the Maypole for this month

June, tennis rackets for a Wimbledon theme

July, picnic rugs/toy picnic sets, etc.

August, summer hats, sunglasses, beach toys etc for a summer holiday theme

September, back to school theme, no props needed

October, Halloween/Autumn theme, witches hats, pumpkins

November, hats and scarves, homemade paper fireworks for a Bonfire night theme

December, Christmas props, baubles, tinsel etc for a Christmas theme.

Please feel free to use your imagination where props are concerned.

All props will be returned and the calendar will be on sale well before Christmas ready for fantastic Christmas presents.

Samaritan's Purse

We are once again pleased to be able to tell you we are taking part in the 'Shoebox Appeal'. We thought that this would be a fantastic activity for all our children to be involved with during the October half term. Leaflets are in the children's book bags explaining the activity and we were hoping you can take part in this international appeal. We envisage that this would be a wonderful community activity as John Taylor Academy has included us in their appeal for the same charity. Some of our children will be invited to the John Taylor Academy on collection day to be involved in the distribution of the boxes. A very exciting and meaningful activity.

Please can all filled shoe boxes be returned to school by Friday 9th November 2012.

Crossing Patrol

As you are aware, Mrs Bird is due to retire next week after 25 years of crossing our children safely. We hope you find chance to wish her the very best over the next week before she hangs up her fluorescent coat and lollipop for good.

Mrs Hollender will be continuing in Mrs Bird's footsteps from the beginning of November.

Bonfire Night Lunch Menu

Monday 5th November sees our next lunchtime themed event. The dinosaur lunch was certainly very popular. Letters for this have already been sent home but if you still wish to book your child a lunch please do so by Monday 22nd October by sending in £2.10 stating that it is for the bonfire lunch.

Remembrance Parade

It has been a tradition for many years now that a number of our year 2 children take part in the Parade on November 11th and lay a wreath at the memorial in the village. This year is to be no exception although it does actually fall on a Sunday and this is when they are planning to

hold the parade. A staff representative will be attending but we would be grateful if year 2 parents could let us know if you are also planning on attending so that we can make arrangements for the laying of the wreath. Thank you.

'First Day at School'

A reminder to parents of Reception children that the pictures of your children will appear in a special souvenir supplement in the Burton Mail on Tuesday 23rd October.

Barton Churches Together

Barton Churches Together invite the whole family to 'Saints and Angels', an alternative Halloween at Barton Bowls Club on Wednesday 31st October at 6.30pm. The theme of the evening is promoting goodness and kindness rather than darkness.

Workers of the Week

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

2K - Thomas Mayes for super addition work in numeracy

2M - Finley O'Brien for super use of adjectives in his story writing

1W - Katie Brant for accurately using a ruler to measure

1S - Georgina Hiatt for working hard all week

RR - Ethan Lawson for knowing all your word ring words

RL - Elliot Milner for knowing so many sets of ring words

Keep up the super work children!

PTA

Boden Fashion Show - Thursday 25th October from 7.30pm at school

Children's pumpkin / Halloween party - Friday 26th October 5.30 to 7.00pm at the village hall.

Quiz Night - Friday 9th November at 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start, in the school hall.

Wishing you and your family a lovely weekend

Mrs Burton and Mrs Farmer

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