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# **SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE**

1st November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a good half term break and enjoyed the sunny weather. It was great to see so many of you at our Annual Fireworks Display and a real surprise for me to see the scale of the event and the success in terms of enjoyment and funds raised for the school. A huge thank you for attending but also to the PTFA committee and parents led by Lisa Iles for organising the evening. If any of you are interested in joining the PTFA, the AGM will be held at 7pm at the school on Thursday 8th November and all are welcome.

Thank you also for supporting your child at our Harvest Festival at Staunton Church. Once again, it was super to see so many people and to celebrate Harvest in such a positive way with food and money raised donated to the Lord's Larder food bank in Newent.

This term promises to be busy and lots of fun with the run up to Christmas. If you would like to volunteer to help at school, please speak to your child's teacher. We are always keen to welcome adults in to school who can listen to children read.

As ever, please don't hesitate to pop in if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Jon Tibbles, Headteacher

#### **Learning about Baptisms**



A big thank you to Reverend Steve who came into school to talk about baptisms and christenings with the children in Class One. Thank you to the children who were able to bring in Christening objects and items which enriched the children's learning about this Christian celebration.

## Open the Book—opening minds



Every Tuesday our Open The Book team seek to promote a Christian value through drama and acting in assembly. This term we have been learning about perseverance. The children often dress up and act out a story from the bible which reinforces our Academy's social and moral curriculum. The children love to take part and love the dressing up!

#### **School Uniform**

We would be grateful if you can ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform for school. Thank you.

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#### **Skilled Staff**

I would like to thank all staff at the Academy for their skill, dedication and nurturing of the children here. They all invest many hours in school and outside of school to make sure that each and every child reaches their learning potential and learns the importance of the Values that we promote here. Our INSET day was spent learning how to use Numicon, a mathematical manipulative that contributes to helping children conceptually understand numbers in greater depth. Staying at the cutting edge of educational practices is important to us and contributes to our ability to provide the best possible learning experiences for children.

# Design, Technology and Teamwork



Class 4 are learning about Explorers and enjoyed building Viking catapults which enabled those gruesome explorers to invade the British coastline. The children worked well together to build catapults which fired objects over eleven metres!

## Our Value is 'Trust' for the coming term

If you are able to have conversations about the importance of trust with your child, this will reinforce our term's value. See our website for help!

## **Happy Homeworks**

You can help your child in a number of ways at home in a way which we hope will be positive and enjoyable.

- 1. Doodle maths online.
- 2. Spelling Shed online.
- 3. Listen to them read regularly.
- 4. Help them to learn their tables (up to 12x12 by the end of Year 4)

### **National Poetry Day**



It's always a pleasure to see what the children have achieved in our Celebration Collective Worship assemblies on Fridays. We see which children have been awarded a place in the Golden Book, award house points for the Dojo points that each team has been given and nominate a child in each class for a kindness star.

As part of this assembly, we also ask each class to show to the school an aspect of their learning from their week in class. As this coincided with National Poetry Day, Class 2 performed an excellent poem for us all to hear which they thoroughly enjoyed, as did the audience!

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Wednesday 31st October 2018 Messy Church Light Party

Thursday 8th November 2018 PTFA AGM at 7pm at the school

Friday 9th November 2018 Remembrance event with Primary Quest Schools

Thursday 15th November 2018 Open day at school
Friday 16th November 2018 Children in Need day

Friday 23rd November 2018 Internet safety trip for year 6 children

Tuesday 4th December 2018 Christmas performances—KS1 at 1.30pm and KS2 at 6pm
Thursday 6th December 2018 Christmas performances—KS1 at 6pm and KS2 at 7pm

Wednesday 12th December 2018 Carol concert at church am Thursday 13th December 2018 Christmas lunch at school

Wednesday 19th December 2018 School disco. 1.15pm for KS1. 2.15pm for KS2

Thursday 20th December 2018 Flu vaccinations YR—Y5
Friday 21st December 2018 Last day of Autumn Term

Monday 7th January 2019 Term 3 begins

Friday 18th January 2019 Young Voices Trip

Monday 18th February 2019 Half term begins

Monday 25th February 2019 Term 4 begins

Thursday 7th March 2019 World Book Day—pyjamas day

Tuesday 12th March 2019 Parents' evening
Thursday 14th March 2019 Parents' evening
Friday 5th April 2019 Last day of Term 4

# Listening to your child read

Please, please listen to your child read. It is important whatever their primary school age. We know it makes a difference to their progress in all subjects at school and in the longer term at secondary school. Just a few minutes every day is all it takes. Thank you.

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