



4<sup>th</sup> October 2017

### Star Learners

Each week, the teachers select one child who has worked particularly hard and shown themselves to be a 'star learner'. It may also be that the selected child has shown important skills such as perseverance, independence or resilience. Last Friday, the star learners were:

**Kestrels:** Ruby

**Falcons:** Rosie and Ruben

**Eagles:** Dan

Well done to all children for all of your hard work this week.

### Harvest service

Are you able to join us at the church harvest service **this Sunday** at 9.30am? Mrs Lyall has been working with the children to prepare two songs to sing at the church and we need as many children as possible to come and help us make a good sound! Some children have also volunteered to write and say prayers.

### Children's entertainer

Acton Aid are organising for children's entertainer, Colin Dymond to provide entertainment to your children on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 11.30 – 1.00pm. All children are invited to this free event but tickets must be purchased from the Acton Aid website first.

### Volunteers needed

Mrs Lyall and Mrs Wood have asked for volunteers to come into school on a regular basis to listen to children in Year 1 read. If you are able to help the children to develop this incredibly important skill please let one of the teachers know.

### Walk / scoot to school

Walk / scoot to school begins again this Friday. If you want to get involved, please meet at Iron Acton Green (opposite the White Hart pub) at 8.40am on Friday.

### Spelling information session for parents

Ms Bagnall has recently introduced a new spelling resource in school. She is holding a parent information session **next Tuesday** (10<sup>th</sup> October) at 2.45pm in the school hall. The aim is to keep you informed about the strategies we are using in school as well to let you know how you can support your child at home.

## **Bag2School**

Friends of Iron Acton School has organised a clothes, bag & shoe collection with Bag2School in order to raise funds for the school. In the coming weeks, your son/daughter will bring home a collection bag for this purpose.

Bag2School is the UK's leading textile recycler and fundraiser working with schools and, since its inception in 2001, it has now paid out over £27 million.

As well as raising vitally needed funds for the school, it also helps the environment by helping to divert unwanted textiles away from landfill sites. A recent DEFRA report has shown that textile collection schemes are helping to reduce the volume of textiles discarded as municipal solid waste. However, it is a sad fact that as a nation we still send 350,000 tonnes of textiles to landfill every year.

By getting involved in our Bag2School collection, you have an opportunity to sort out and donate unwanted textiles in the bag provided – this can include adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys (please refer to <http://uk.bag2school.com/> for full details). In addition to raising much needed funds, it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

If you fill the bag we send out and still have more to give, then you can use any other bag to donate your items. You may also like to ask grandparents, friends and neighbours to have a sort out as well.

Bag2School will be collecting from the school on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November. We will send out more information nearer the time but on the day you will need to bring your bags to school by 9am. For now, start collecting and if you have any questions, please do ask any member of Friends.

Many thanks for helping us with this fundraising opportunity.

Annie King, on behalf of Friends.

### **Breakfast club**

We are very pleased that breakfast club has grown considerably in popularity this year.

It would help us a lot if you could pre-book when possible by letting Mrs Allen know or by contacting the school office.

We understand that this is not always possible so please do come along even if you haven't informed us in advance.

### **Term dates**

Please note: the end of term is fast approaching! The last day of Term 1 will be Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. We will begin Term 2 on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Reminder: we have an INSET day on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October. This means school will be closed to all children.