



20th September 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: Caiden

Falcons: Kiara

Eagles: Lily

Well done to all children for such a positive start back at school but in particular to the star learners.

Parent information session

Our English leader, Mrs Bagnall, has recently introduced a new spelling scheme of work called 'No nonsense spelling' for children in Years 2 – 6. We would really like to share some of the approaches and strategies we use with you at a parent information session. This is planned for Tuesday 10th October, 2.45pm in the school hall. **All parents from Years 2 – 6 are invited to come along and find out more.**

If your child is in Key Stage 1, they continue to receive daily phonics teaching.

Snacks

During morning break, children are able to buy toast, juice, fruit or a yoghurt from Mrs Wilding in the kitchen. Alternatively, you are welcome to provide a healthy snack for your child to eat during this time.

Home time arrangements

If your child is going home with someone that is unfamiliar to school, please let your child's class teacher know. It also helps if your child knows this too. If home time arrangements change during the day, please phone the school office and Mrs Hall or Mrs Parry will inform the class teacher. The clipboards by the back door will no longer be available.

Harvest service

This year's harvest service will take place on Tuesday 26th September at 2pm in St James the Less Church. All families are invited to come along. The children will be sharing a variety of songs and presentations.

Afterwards, Friends will run an auction to raise money for charity, as chosen by the children. Please see the Friends newsletter for more details about how you can contribute.

St James' harvest service

All children have been invited to sing at the church harvest service on Sunday 8th October, 9.30am. Mrs Lyall will be busy practicing songs with them in preparation. If you are able to bring your child along to the service we would be grateful for your support.

Children's entertainer

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

Inset day

Our next Inset day will take place on Wednesday 11th October when teachers and teaching assistants will be working hard to further develop our mathematics curriculum. On this day, children will not need to be in school.

Online payment system

As you may already know, Mrs Hall has set up an online payment system this year. This has already been introduced to parents of children in Eagles class and all other parents will receive a log in eventually.

At the moment, parents are able to pay for school meals using this facility and before long trips can also be paid for.

We hope you find this useful. Any feedback would be gratefully received. Please speak to Mrs Hall if you have any comments or questions.