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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents

Harvest Celebration

Thank you to all the parents and friends of the school who attended our Harvest Celebration. Your tremendous support and generous donation of gifts was greatly appreciated. The Barnardo's Charity was delighted with the number of goods donated and have written to thank everyone.

Year 6 visited and chatted to our neighbours on St Alkmunds Close before presenting them with a box of harvest goodies. The pleasure they gave to the majority of residents was clearly immense. In return Year 6 have received several 'thank you' letters. Congratulations Year 6 on a job well undertaken – as one resident wrote "they were a credit to the school and their parents".

Pumpkin Winners

Congratulations to Bethany and Oliver Johnston in the Juniors, Emily Warner in the Infants and Alice Warner in the Foundation Stage for growing the largest pumpkins this year. Well done to everyone who took part.

School Uniform

Despite the mild weather autumn is creeping up on us and when term restarts on Monday 2nd November all pupils need to be in full winter uniform. This means a collar and tie for everyone with the appropriate trousers, skirt or pinafore dress; and shoes not boots. Please note only red or navy blue jumpers or cardigans are allowed and girl's tights should only be plain red, navy, grey or black. Your co-operation and support with our uniform is always appreciated.

School Dinners

The Governors recently agreed that the cost of school dinners should be increased to £1.85 per dinner in line with the Local Authority. The increase will take effect after half term.

Open Evening

Thank you to all parents, family members and carers who attended the opening evening last Tuesday. We received very positive written and verbal feedback and it was very pleasing to see the children so proud and excited to show their work and classroom activities to you. If you need to let me know any further feedback please call in or write to me.

School Clubs

After School clubs will be running as normal when we restart from Monday 2nd November. Please note that the 5-a-side football competition begins on Monday 2nd November. The selected team will be playing at Belper Sports Centre and all club members are welcome to attend for support. Whilst Mrs Stevenson is at Belper with the team I will make every effort to keep the 5-a-side club going so the club will continue as normal.

Charity

Thank you for your support during last academic year to raise a total of £1245. Two cheques were presented to Mrs Warner to be passed onto the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation and Derby Diabetes Fun Club.

Our chosen charity for this academic year is 'Headway' the brain injuries association. We hope to remember our ex pupil, Tom Donaldson and his family, as this charity is very close to their hearts since Tom would have used their services in his rehabilitation if he had survived. We hope through

learning styles and, of course, the importance of safety helmets and protecting their heads when they are riding bikes and scooters etc. We will inform you of fund raising events in due course.

Congratulations Mrs Backler

We are thrilled to congratulate Mr & Mrs Backler who are expecting their first baby in February.

New Caretaker

We have appointed a new caretaker, Mr White, who will be joining the school as soon as his necessary paperwork and checks are in place.

Half Term Holiday

School will close to pupils on Friday 23rd October at 3.30pm and re-opens to all pupils on Monday 2 November. I hope everyone enjoys the half term break and returns to school feeling rested and ready for the run up to Christmas!

Best wishes

S J Whyld