

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear all,

The weather has been a bit wet this week so unfortunately the Cross-Country race was cancelled. However, Mrs Turner and Mrs Jukes still persevered with Forest School and the children had a fantastic time learning to light a fire and then enjoying a Hot Chocolate warmed over the fire.

Thank you to everyone who attended their child's parents evening this week. We hope you found them useful and informative. If you ever have any questions or concerns about your child at any time please speak to the class teacher rather than wait for the next set of meetings.

**Harvest**

Thank you to everyone who sent in food donations and attended the Harvest liturgy in school yesterday. It was a lovely liturgy and the children read and sang beautifully. All the food donated will go to Exmouth Community Larder to help local families in need. KS2 also attended a Harvest Mass in Church today which was a lovely service and food collected at the Church is also going to the Community Larder.

**Christmas cards**

The Children's Catholic Education Society came in and spoke to the children on Monday and asked them to take part in a Christmas card designing competition. The children were really excited to take part and pleased to know that funds raised from the sale of the winning designs go towards helping families in Devon that need support. Please ensure their designs are back by Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October so I can send them in.

Also this week or at the beginning of next, your child will come home with a Christmas card they have designed at school. These designs can then be made into packs of cards for you and your child to send out at Christmas. Please return the form and payment to the office by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at the latest. All money raised goes towards the school.

**Ruc-sacks and bags**

This is a reminder that children do not need to have big bags or ruc-sacks in class. We appreciate that for children who walk to school they may need a ruc-sack to carry their things easily. However, for most children they do not need a big bag, particularly in the younger classes. We are finding that they put big bags on the pegs which take up a lot of room and then everything else falls off and gets moved and they can't find it. On their pegs they only need a coat and PE kit, in the older classes they only need a coat as their PE kits are kept separately. Lunch boxes and water bottles are also kept separately in all classes. Thank you for your support with this.

**Lunchtime Heroes!**

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, we will be introducing the children to our new lunchtime incentive in our dining hall. Each week there will be a lunchtime target. "Golden tickets" will be given to those children that are recognised by our Meal Time Assistants for achieving those expectations e.g.:- good manners, trying something new. The tickets will then go into a gold box and 2 tickets will be drawn out each half term. The prize will be for those 2 children to invite an adult of their choice for lunch. This can also include a member of staff.

**Next week:**

Tonight - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October – PTA school disco

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Group from Maple and Beech Class Hi5 Netball competition

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Bags2School collected 8.30am

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 9.10am, Maple Class parent activity session

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – 2.15pm – Cherry Class parent activity session

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Group from KS2, Cycle cross competition

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Oak Class eye tests

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 9.10am, Sycamore Class parent activity session

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Afternoon, Rec – Yr 6 Flu vaccinations

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October – 2.15pm, FSU parent activity session

**I look forward to seeing you all at the PTA disco later.**

**Best wishes & many thanks for your continued support**

**Mrs Taylor-Bashford**

**Headteacher's Awards:** Rowan – Liam

**Bronze Awards:** Beech – Lola N, Laila, Izzy

**Stars of the week:** Oak - Seb, Rowan - Jonah, Sycamore - Emily, Cherry – Annie, Willow - Ellis, Maple - Rose , Beech – Olivia S.

**Breakfast Club star of the week:** Catriona