



Newsletter 6

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SPOOKY HALLOWEEN DISCO -

Wednesday 18th October



The PTA will be holding the annual spooky disco next week.

Tickets are £2 per child this includes a drink and a snack.

KS1 4pm - 5pm

KS2 5pm - 6pm

Tickets will be sold outside the school gate after school by the PTA.

NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

We are delighted to announce the installation of our new playground equipment has begun! Many thanks to the PTA and the National Lottery Awards scheme for funding this exciting new piece!



END OF TERM – This term will end next Friday 20th October. We will return to school on Monday 30th October.

MISS LEE - We send our best wishes for the future to Miss Lee who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Miss Lee has worked in both Year 4 and Year 1 at our school, as well as coordinating Special Educational Needs work for many of the children. Miss Lee has also helped at a number of extra curricular activities, including after school camps and cinema club. She has been an asset to the school and we wish her well in her future pursuits!

Next week Year 1 will be meeting their new teacher and have an opportunity to work with them. Please see next week's newsletter for further information.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – Please ensure all photo orders are returned to the school office by next Monday 16th October. Thank you.

POPPIES – In the first week of next term Year 6 will be selling poppies and other items for Remembrance Day. Minimum contribution for a poppy is 20p, this year we also have snap on wrist bands, bracelets, flexi rulers, bugs, hair clips, pencils, erasers and tattoos – ranging from 50p to £1.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – As in previous years we would like to take part in Operation Christmas Child. This involves filling and wrapping a shoebox to send as a Christmas present to needy children in other countries. It may be the only Christmas present the children will receive, some may be very ill or live in war torn countries. We are able to provide pre-printed labels and boxes this year which are 40p each. We will be ordering these this week and will send a text out when they have arrived.



Please help us to achieve a target of 60 shoe boxes.

Boxes will need to be in school by Monday 13th November. For details of what to include etc please go to the charity website: www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/

YEAR 6 - The closing date for secondary transfer applications to be submitted is 31st October 2017.

Parents who make late applications significantly reduce their chances of securing a place for their child at one of their preferred schools.

CHRISTMAS CARDS – Once again this year the children will be designing their own Christmas cards which will be printed for you to purchase if you wish. We will send home the samples for ordering next term.

YEAR 4 – SWIMMING – There will be no swimming next Thursday 19th October as the pool is closed. Children will be swimming on Friday 20th October instead. Please remember your kit!

PTA COFFEE MORNING – Thank you for attending our coffee morning this week. The PTA play an important role in our school and organise several fund raising events throughout the year. If you would like to offer your support to help at events, please contact the school office. Thank you.



WHITCHURCH UNITED REFORM CHURCH – We have been informed that the traffic control bollards at the church next door have been damaged. If anyone witnessed this, please contact the school office. Thank you.

DOGS – We have children in school that are afraid of dogs and have been scared recently by dogs barking at the end of the school day. Please keep dogs clear of the exit gate at the school for the safety of our children. Thank you.

SHOES - Please could we remind parents and children that school shoes should be just that: shoes. Please do not wear black trainers to school, such as all black Pumas or Nikes, as this then opens the door to black Pumas or Nikes with 'just a bit of yellow'.

CAUTION – Please take care when driving to school near the new pedestrian crossing, a parent has had a near miss recently. Thank you.

THIS WEEKS' ATTENDANCE RESULTS!

RECEPTION: 90%

Year 1: 96.3%

Year 2: 93.9%

Year 3: 97.9%

Year 4: 87.2%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 94.4%

THE WINNERS THIS WEEK ARE YEAR 5!

Year 5 will receive 10 minutes extra play time!

THE HOUSE WITH THE HIGHEST ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK IS **WILLOW** WITH 97.6%

PRAISE AND SHOWCASE!

Each week the school rewards children from each class with special certificates!

One will be awarded for excellent behaviour, the other for superb work, which will go into a 'showcase' book for visitors to view in the school office. Photos can be viewed on the website shortly!

This week's children are:

YEAR 1: Shyann has been praised – Louie has received the showcase award

YEAR 2: Kian has been praised – Sylvie has received the showcase award

YEAR 3: Jamie has been praised – Louis has received the showcase award

YEAR 4: Arthur has been praised – Charlie has received the showcase award

YEAR 5: Thomas has been praised – Lauren has received the showcase award

YEAR 6: Oliver has been praised – Harrison has received the showcase award