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Harvest Festival

The children had a wonderful time celebrating Harvest Festival. The church was full of brilliant singing, poems, stories and tongue twisters. Thank you all for your amazing generosity for the Swindon Food Collective—it has been gratefully received.



Football Update

Fantastic football news!

The newly formed team from Sycamore class have made it through to the next round of the Swindon schools Cup . Last week we claimed a 2-0 victory over Wanborough and this week we built on that form and won against Red Oaks , this time by 7-4 .



We had a squad of 10 at each match with 7 players on the pitch so Mrs Hamilton Gill and Mrs Doughty made sure everyone had time on the pitch, whilst also trying to make some sound tactical decisions !

Goals were scored by Leo , Felix, Reece and Reagan. Bodhi was again such a reliable keeper and Erin , Joey , Grace and Rosie were solid in defence . Ronnie instructed the team brilliantly as this week's captain and worked tirelessly and skilfully for the team.

Keep it up team !

Attendance up to 17 Oct 2024

Class	Attendance
Pine Class	92.9
Willow Class	97.9
Silver Birch	97.7
Sycamore	96.1

PTA Update



PTA Events
What have we got planned

- 17th October School Disco**
- 29th November Non-school uniform day in exchange for Cakes and Raffle prizes**
- Christmas Cards**
Cherry, Pine and Willow will be making Christmas cards which will be printed and available for you to order.
Cards will be sent home with details of how to do this after half term
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**
If you are able to help us with set up or manning a stall at the fayre please speak to Ashleigh or email FSMPS@outlook.com
- Tombola Prizes**
If you have anything which you would like to donate to the tombola, there will be a box in Reception at school
- 29th November Winter Fayre 6-9pm Supermarine**
PTA will run:
Secret Christmas shop - for children to buy gifts for parents all gifts £3
Tombola
Sweet's
Santa's Grotto
Craft making stall



RAFFLE PRIZES AND CAKES
IN EXCHANGE FOR NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM ON 29TH NOVEMBER
CLASS 3&4 RAFFLE PRIZES
PRE-SCHOOL, CLASS 1&2 CAKES

Message from Mrs Hendry

Dear Parents,

As we approach the half term break this will be the last newsletter of this term. This first term feels like it has flown by! It has been a pleasure to see the children embracing their learning and settling back in so quickly. After half term, it will feel like Christmas and all of the exciting things it brings, will be just around the corner. A scary thought indeed!

A huge thank you from me for your support with Harvest recently both in terms of giving so generously to the Swindon Food Collective and for your attendance at the Harvest Service in church. The children made us very proud with their efforts in church and our special thanks go to Reverend Tim for being absolutely fantastic too.

As you will be aware, Mrs Bourne is moving on to pastures new very shortly, her last working day with us is next Wednesday. Mrs Bourne has worked tirelessly for us since joining South Marston in January. She has provided me personally with a huge amount of support in my time working with her and I know she will be missed. Mrs Bourne has shown just how much she cares for our community and I know the children are very fond of her. We wish Mrs Bourne all the very best for her next venture and know our paths will cross again soon.

As it is parents evenings next Monday and Tuesday evenings I look forward to seeing many of you then. If you do still need to make an appointment to see your child/ren's class teacher please contact the school office to do so.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful half term when it comes. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 5th November.

Very best wishes,

Mrs Hendry

Safeguarding when school is closed

The information below is from Swindon' Connect (formerly MASH) which may be of used when school is closed. Please note that school staff will have their 'out of office' notifications on and may not see messages that are urgent in this way. Please contact Swindon Connect (formerly MASH) if you are concerned about a child. If you think that a child is in immediate danger, please ring 999 and speak to the police. If are concerned about a child or young person: E-mail: contactswindon@swindon.gov.uk

Telephone: 01793 464646 (during normal office hours which are 8.30am to 4.40pm Monday to Thursday, and 8.30am to 4.00pm Friday) The Emergency Duty Service (EDS) is available outside office hours on 01793 436699

Dates for your diary

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October

Parents Evening—information has gone out

Wednesday 23rd October

Non-school uniform day—raising money for music equipment—Please donate on ParentPay

Wednesday 23rd October 2024

Last Day of Term—Normal finish time of 3.15pm

Monday 4th November

Inset Day

Tuesday 5th November

Back to School 8.40am

Thursday 7th November

Flu Vaccinations—information sent out to parents

Glamorose Cakes afterschool

Friday 8th November

Braeside Residential trip—Parents meeting 9.00 in the hall

Monday 11th November

Olympian visit—remember your sponsor ship forms

Friday 29th November

PTA Christmas Fayre and Non Uniform Day

Friday 20th December

Last day of term—12.30pm finish

Monday 6th January

Inset Day

Tuesday 7th January

Back to school—normal time